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## Lucy Mouse Learns to Obey By: Nancy Quinn

Lucy Mouse peeked around the tree in the little park and giggled, her polka dotted bow drooping over one eye. It was Saturday afternoon and she was playing hide and seek with her friends. The park was right next to the little white church where she lived with her family in the cozy basement behind the Christmas ornaments' box. As Lucy Mouse scampered to the apple tree that she and her friends decided was home base, she heard "Lucy, dinner time!" Lucy Mouse waved goodbye to her friends and raced home. Her tummy was starting to growl and she couldn't wait to see what her mom made for dinner.

As they sat down for dinner, Lucy Mouse bowed her head as her mom prayed to thank God for their food. Lucy Mouse eagerly reached for a piece of bread, and her mom said "Lucy Mouse, did you wash your paws before dinner?" Oops! Lucy looked down and realized she hadn't. She was so hungry, but obeyed her mom and hurried to wash her paws. Lucy Mouse knew this rule was important to keep her from getting sick. After dinner, she started to scamper to her room to read the adventure story she just started the night before, but her mom called out, "Lucy, would you clear the dishes off the table?" Lucy carefully carried the dishes to the sink while she told her mom about the fun she had in the park that day with her friends. She told her mom that Moose Mouse didn't obey his mom that morning, so he wasn't able to play at the park that afternoon. Lucy Mouse's mom said that while it's hard to obey when you want to have fun, it's important that children obey their parents and their elders. "What's an elder?" asked Lucy Mouse.

"An elder is someone who is a trusted adult and you need to respect them by obeying and being polite." Lucy asked her mom if she had to obey all adults, remembering the lessons she learned about being careful of strangers. Her mom said, "Well, you need to remember the rules about strangers. It's OK to disobey an adult if they're a stranger and ask you to go somewhere with them or tell you to do something that you know is wrong."

That evening, Lucy Mouse sat down beside her pile of storybooks and was in the middle of the adventure story when her mom said it was time to brush her teeth and get ready for bed. "Just one more minute." Lucy Mouse called out and continued reading, her whiskers twitching as the book was getting to the most exciting part. "No, Lucy Mouse, it's time for bed." Lucy quickly found a bookmark to mark her page and jumped up to obey. She put on her pink pajamas with the teddy bears and brushed her teeth. She smiled in the mirror. "Yes, nice and shiny!" she thought to herself.

As Lucy Mouse knelt beside her bed and prayed, she thanked God for helping her to obey today quickly and to not complain or grumble once. Sometimes it was hard because she really wanted to play at the park longer, and she didn't like doing chores, or having to stop reading her book when it was just at the most exciting part. But she was happy that she did obey and she knew that God had helped her to do her best that day. Lucy Mouse knows it makes God happy when she obeys!

Is it sometimes hard for you to obey too? God can help you do your best every day too. And did you know that Lucy Mouse loves Jesus? He is Lucy Mouse's best friend and he can be YOUR best friend too! Jesus will be YOUR best friend and will help you do your best every day too! Did you know the angels are cheering in heaven every time someone invites Jesus to be their best friend? Isn't that exciting?

Can you memorize this special verse that talks about obeying?  
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
Ephesians 6:1  
In your own words what does obedience mean:  
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## second step quiz

The word **obedience** means: to quickly follow the request of one in authority.

When we obey our teachers and care givers, we are making the green zone choice!

In the story about Lucy Mouse when her mom told her it was time for bed, what GREEN ZONE choice did Lucy make?

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What is an "elder"?

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Name three ways you can be obedient at home:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Keep making those GREEN ZONE choices!!  
YEEHAW!!

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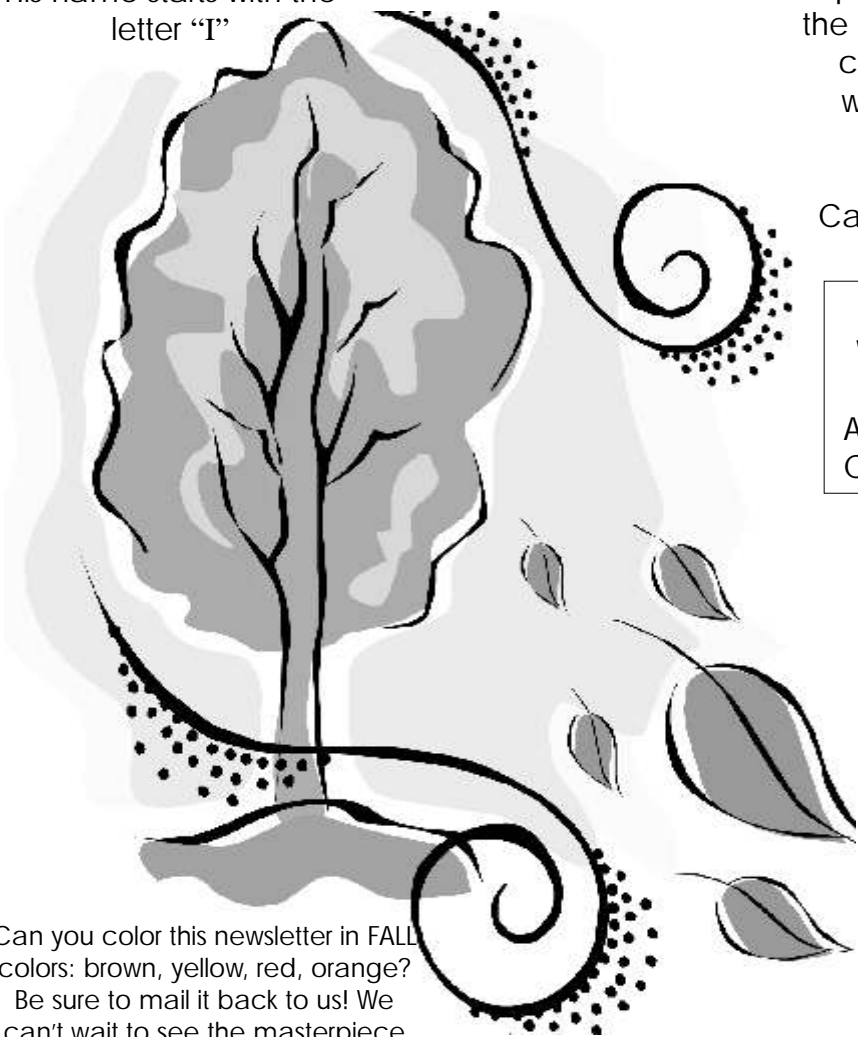


Name That Wrangler!  
 Here are some clues:  
 His favorite sport is Baseball.  
 He really likes helping at the horses. He has 2 older wrangler sisters. His mom is Wrangler Gina. His name is a book in the Old Testament!!

**BIG HINT:**

Good Luck!!

His name starts with the letter "I"



Genesis 1:!  
 "In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth"

Have you noticed a change in the seasons? Seasons are different times of year. In the Spring Season, the flowers are starting to grow you may see some baby animals. In summer, its warm outside, some of us don't have to go to school and it's when we get to visit the ranch. In the season of winter, it's very cold and everything stops growing but just for a season. We are now in the season called Fall or Autumn. The leaves are changing color and falling off the trees, the weather is getting cooler and soon we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Can you draw a picture of each season in the boxes to the right?

SPRING	SUMMER
FALL	WINTER

Camp Trivia:  
 What kind of ranch did Calicinto use to be a long time ago?  
 A. Horse Ranch    B. Goat Ranch  
 C. Sheep Ranch    D. Lizard Ranch

Name that HORSE!!  
 Can you name the horse in this picture?



His owner is Wrangler Sophia and he likes to do tricks!!

Good Luck!!

# Bible Quiz

Why should we obey Government officials, teachers, parents, and care givers?

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This is a 3 point Question!!

Can you color this newsletter in FALL colors: brown, yellow, red, orange? Be sure to mail it back to us! We can't wait to see the masterpiece you have colored!!