



Confidence! **From Dojo Lesson 3**

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - CONFIDENCE

Strong leaders find confidence in the fact that God is in control of their life and that they can lean on Him.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that when we are obedient to God we can be confident that He will be with us in whatever we do.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Gideon's story. (*Judges 6 & 7*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: OBEDIENCE IS BEST

Remind your children that, as Christ Followers, when we obey God, He is always with us. Just as Gideon obeyed God and had God on his side, we too, have God on our side when we obey Him. One of the ways God wants us to obey Him is to obey our parents. On a piece of paper, have your children write or draw three different ways that they will obey you this week. Examples could include "I will unload the dishwasher when my mom asks," or "My mom wants me to keep my room clean, so I will keep it clean." Encourage your children to list three areas in which they really have trouble obeying. On the bottom of the paper, write the Main Point. Place the paper somewhere in your home to remind your children to remember what they should be doing this week.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?'" Hebrews 13:6 (NLT)



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Main Point: Confidence - When I am obedient to God, I know He will be with me in whatever I do!

Read the Leadership Story about Gideon in Judges 6:11-16, and 7:1-8, 16-22. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, would it seem like a fair fight if Pastor Mike's friend, Caiden, went up against Joseph in a karate tournament?
2. In the Leadership Story, who was the group of people ruling over Gideon and the Israelites?
3. Were the Midianites nice to the Israelites?
4. One day Gideon was hiding from the Midianites and an angel of the Lord came to him. What did the angel tell him to do?
5. Was Gideon a strong soldier, ready for battle?
6. Even though Gideon wasn't the strongest, he could have confidence to fight. Why could he have confidence to fight?
7. When Gideon took charge of the Israelite army, how many men did he start with?
8. Even though Gideon had 32,000 men to start fighting, which army was bigger - the Israelite army or the Midianite army?



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9. God told Gideon that 32,000 men were too many to fight. So Gideon told the men that if any of them were afraid they could leave. How many men left?
10. Now, Gideon only had 10,000 men in his army, but God said that it was still too many. Gideon then divided the men into two groups. One group had 300 men, the other had 9,700 men. Which group did God want Gideon to take to fight the Midianites?
11. Now that Gideon had his army, it was time to fight. But Gideon and his army didn't bring swords and shields. What did they bring?
12. When Gideon gave the signal, the 300 men smashed the jars, blew on the horns, and held up the torches. How did the Midianites react?
13. Gideon was obedient to God and he was able to have the confidence to fight in the battle because he knew that God would be with him. We can have that same confidence. Who is our opponent?
14. As long as we follow God, He will help us face whatever challenges come our way. Knowing this, we should have confidence that God will help us resist Satan's temptations to do wrong. Below is a list of temptations that many kids your age face. Circle ones that you struggle with, or write down one of your own.

Cheating. Lying. Teasing or bullying others. Skipping church.

Disobeying parents. Disobeying teachers. Not paying attention.

Take time this week to pray to God to help you win the fight when you are tempted by the things you circled. Whenever you are tempted, pray. Then, have confidence that God is with you and do the right thing.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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Main Point: Confidence!

1. No.
2. Midianites.
3. No.
4. To rescue the Israelites from the Midianites.
5. No.
6. Because God was on his side.
7. 32,000.
8. The Midianite army.
9. 22,000
10. 300 men.
11. Torches, clay jars, and horns.
12. They began to fight each other and then ran away.
13. Satan.