

Keep God Your Priority! **From The Great Skybridge Showdown** **Lesson 5**

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - CORRECT PRIORITIES

Great leaders make it a priority to keep their focus on godly values.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should focus on God instead of money or things.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The man who built more grain storage. (Luke 12:13-31)

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: YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Have your family look through sales ads, magazines, and newspapers and cut out things that they have, like, or want. Things your family chooses could be MP3 players, game systems, new cars, clothes, shoes, toys, books, etc. Spread them all out on the table or floor and ask your family which of them they could take on a trip. Some places you could imagine taking a trip are a nearby park, Grandmother's house, an amusement park, a foreign country, or a driving trip across the country. Some factors that may limit their choices are, you can't carry all the clothes to the park, Grandma doesn't allow video games, or you can't take a car on an airplane. Once you have imagined several trips, ask your children what things they could take with them to Heaven. Discuss the fact we can't take any of these physical things with us to Heaven. Review the Bible Verse, 1 Corinthians 7:31, with your family. Talk about paying too much attention to things like the ones in the pictures. Remind them that we should not become too attached to our things because they will only last for a short time. Anything we think we can't live without is in danger of taking the place of God in our lives. Remember to always keep God your priority, not things.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away." 1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Keep God Your Priority*
(Filename: Elevate_CORRECTPRIORITIES_SB_L5_KeepGodYourPriority.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about the man who built more grain storage in Luke 12:13-31. 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, when did Pastor Mike know he had a problem?
2. What did the man in the Leadership Story ask Jesus to do?
3. Jesus told a story. What did the man in Jesus' story have lots of?
4. What did he decide to do since he had so much?
5. What did God call the man in Jesus' story? Why?
6. What did Jesus say should be our first priority?

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7. What is more valuable than all the things in the whole world?
8. What does the Bible tell us about putting money and things above God?
9. If we put our focus on our relationship with God, what will He do?
10. How long will we have our relationship with God?
11. It is easy to become attached to our favorite things like the man was attached to his things in the story. Your favorite thing might be a baseball glove, teddy bear, or maybe a really cool video game you were given for your birthday. Think of three things you own that you are attached to and list them below.

It is okay to enjoy the things that we have. However, they should not become more important to us than God. God should always be the most important. Cross out all the items in the list you made and write, "God is more important!"

The Bible tells us that putting money or things above God is wrong. Instead of focusing on any of those things, focus on obeying God and developing a relationship with Him.

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

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1. When he was thinking more about getting things for his life than he was about pleasing and obeying God.
2. Tell his brother to share their father's wealth with him.
3. Grain.
4. He built more places to store the extra.
5. A fool, because he had put all of his focus on his things instead of a relationship with God.
6. Our relationship with God.
7. Our relationship with God.
8. It is wrong.
9. Take care of us.
10. Forever.
11. Answers may vary, but may include: Dog. Toys. Video Games. Hairbrush.