



I Will Not Let Others Make Me Do What Is Wrong!

From Epic
Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - COURAGE

Great leaders won't give in to pressure to make a wrong choice.

LEADERSHIP GOAL

Your children will learn that, when faced with pressure from others to do what is wrong, we should choose to do what is right.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego -
Daniel 3

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Not Let Others Make Me Do What Is Wrong*.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON:

- Have your children read the Leadership Lesson, found in Daniel 3.
- Have your children complete the Leadership Questions.
- Watch the Leadership Video as a family.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: HOLD UP

Find a book for each family member. Choose ones that are not too heavy and not too light. Older children may be able to handle slightly heavier books. Have everyone extend their arms straight out from the shoulder to the side. Then place the books on their palms and have them hold the books completely still without letting them lower or raising them up. The book should be light enough that it is easy for a few seconds, but heavy enough that very soon it will become very difficult to hold the book up. Encourage everyone to hold up the books as long as they can.

While they are holding the books, have everyone tell one wrong thing that someone has tried to get them to do in the past. When they can't hold the book any longer, tell everyone that the book represented the wrong thing that the person asked them to do.

Now, have everyone extend the other arm and have everyone hold up one book, together. Use chairs for shorter family members to stand on or have taller family members sit or kneel so that all of your shoulders are at a similar height. Working together you should be able to hold up a book much longer and with less effort.

Afterward remind everyone of the Bible Lesson. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood together to resist the king's command to worship the statue. They relied on each other and stuck together. Each one of us can better resist those who want us to do wrong things if we surround ourselves with friends who will support us in doing what is right.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Many persecute and trouble me, yet I have not swerved from your laws."

Psalm 119:157 (NLT)



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Main Point: I Will Not Let Others Make Me Do What Is Wrong!

Read the Bible Lesson about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3. Then watch the Bible Lesson Video and write your answers to the questions below using the space provided.

1. What must the men do to show allegiance to the king? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. Kill a lion.
 - B. Fight Goliath.
 - C. Bow before the 90 foot statue.
 - D. Run in a marathon.

2. What is the punishment for those who do not bow before the idol? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. Exiled to the desert.
 - B. Thrown into a den of lions.
 - C. They will be stoned.
 - D. Thrown into a furnace.

3. True or false? Standing up for what you believe is always easy.



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4. After throwing the three men into the furnace, what does the king see when he looks inside? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. He sees four individuals and one appears to be a God walking among them.
 - B. He sees three dead men.
 - C. He sees birds flying around.
 - D. He sees nothing.

5. True or false? The three men did not smell like smoke and their clothes were not even singed.

6. What did the king say when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the furnace? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. You must now bow before the statue.
 - B. There is no other god who can rescue like this.
 - C. You must leave the kingdom.
 - D. Go change your clothes.

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

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Answer Key

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1. C
2. D
3. False
4. A
5. True
6. B