

For Parents!

As A Follower Of Christ, I Will Work For Peace!

From Altitude
Lesson 7



LEADERSHIP TRAIT - DIPLOMACY

Great leaders help others to settle disputes.

LEADERSHIP GOAL

Your children will learn that we should try to help others to resolve their conflicts.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus - Book of Philemon

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *As A Follower Of Christ, I Will Work For Peace*.

You can stream the video directly from the "My Downloads" folder on ElevateAtHome.com or you can download the video to your computer or another device.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON:

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

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: FRICTION TEST

Rub two objects together until they feel warm to the touch. The objects could be sticks, wood, sandpaper, or even your hands. Explain that heat is a natural result of the two objects being rubbed together and is caused by friction. When people are close together in families, or at school, they often have many small conflicts each day. Sometimes these conflicts are like a kind of friction. This friction does not cause physical heat, but it often causes anger, quarreling, and lack of peace.

Now take a small ball or a cylinder, like a pen, a marble, or a dowel and roll it between the two objects. Explain that the round object rolling between the other two objects, reduces the friction and keep the objects from heating up. Many times engineers use round objects, called bearings, and oil to reduce friction and heat in many kinds of machines. Any machine with moving parts is sure to have bearings in it to reduce friction. We can be like bearings and reduce the friction or conflict around us by being a peacemaker.

Remind your child that when there is conflict they can follow these steps to help resolve it and reduce friction.

- Pray and ask God to help you have the right words.
- Find out what caused the conflict.
- Get each side to calmly talk about what the problem is from their viewpoint.
- Get each side to see the other's viewpoint and compromise by giving up something so that there can be agreement.

Give your child a marble this week to keep in a pocket to remind him or her to be a peacemaker.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

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Main Point: As A Follower Of Christ, I Will Work For Peace!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *As A Follower Of Christ, I Will Work For Peace*
(Filename: Elevate_DIPLOMACY_ALT_L7_AsAFollowerOfChristIWillWorkForPeace.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Lesson about Paul interceding for Onesimus in the book of Philemon. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. True or false? Disagreements can turn into arguments which can turn into fighting. Jesus wants us to try and calm others down and help them resolve their conflict.
2. Fill in the blanks. God blesses those who work for _____, for they will be called _____ of God.
3. True or false? Paul wrote a letter to Philemon.

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4. Why was Paul in chains? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. For preaching the Good News of Jesus.
 - B. He had robbed a bank.
 - C. He had stolen someone's slave.
 - D. He had hurt someone.

5. Who was Onesimus?

6. If a slave stole something, or ran away, what could the master have done to him? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. Have him arrested.
 - B. Have him beaten and tortured.
 - C. Have him put on trial.
 - D. All of the above.

7. What did Paul write in his letter to Philemon? Circle all the answers that apply.
 - A. He encouraged Philemon to choose mercy and kindness.
 - B. He asked Philemon for money.
 - C. He wrote how Onesimus was different now that he was a follower of Jesus.
 - D. He said he did not like Onesimus.
 - E. He wrote that Onesimus had become very helpful.

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8. Fill in the blanks. Paul no longer considered Onesimus as a _____, but he thought of him as a beloved _____.

9. True or false? Instead of staying quiet, Paul got involved and brought peace to the situation between Onesimus and Philemon.

10. How should we have the same attitude of peace as Paul? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. When we see people arguing or a conflict between friends, we need to do our best to work for peace.
 - B. We can help our friends see the other person's point of view.
 - C. We can use kind words and encourage our friends in conflict to show kindness and mercy to each other.
 - D. All of the above.

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Answer Key

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1. True
2. Peace, Children
3. True
4. A
5. A runaway slave
6. D
7. A, C, E
8. Slave, Brother
9. True
10. D