



I Will Encourage Others!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 2

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - ENCOURAGEMENT

Strong leaders encourage others to help them do what God wants them to do.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should encourage other people through our words and actions.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Christmas story through the eyes of Elizabeth. (Luke 1:39-56)

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: UN-DISCOURAGEMENT

When people are discouraged, we can be there to encourage them. Tell your family that we can be "un-discouragers." Play the Un-discouragement Game as a family. Sit in a circle together. One person should take a turn and say something that is not encouraging. For example, you might say, "You will never learn to ride your bike well." Another person should say something encouraging that is opposite of what was said. For example, "I think you will be a great bike rider one day!" Remind your children to think before they speak and make sure that they always use encouraging words. When you hear your children using encouraging words, make sure to praise them and tell them what a good job they are doing.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Encourage Others!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Encourage Others*
(File name: Elevate_ENCOURAGEMENT_PPSW_L2_IWillEncourageOthers.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Mary's visit to Elizabeth in Luke 1:39-56. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What were the situations that Pastor Mike mentioned in which you would need some encouragement?
2. Who was the person in the Leadership Story who received encouraging words?
3. In the Leadership Story, Mary received two pieces of news. What were they?
4. Why was it exciting news that Elizabeth was going to have a baby?
5. Some very cool things happened when Mary went to visit Elizabeth. Cross out the incorrect answers and circle the correct answers.
 - Elizabeth's baby leaped inside of her.
 - Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - Elizabeth started crying.
 - Elizabeth said encouraging words to Mary.
 - Mary high-fived Elizabeth.

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6. Elizabeth used one word several times to describe Mary and the child Mary was carrying. Unscramble that word below.
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7. How did Mary respond to Elizabeth's words?

8. Pastor Mike said that Mary took something from Elizabeth's words. What was it?

9. Elizabeth's encouraging words helped Mary at what must have been a very difficult time in her life. How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

10. After Mary left Elizabeth, what city did Mary and Joseph travel to and what happened while they were in that city?

11. God used Elizabeth to encourage Mary. God used Mary to bring Jesus into the world and accomplish all the amazing things that Jesus did. God wants to use you in the same way that He used Elizabeth. What way is that?

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12. Write down the names of some people around you everyday, who might need some encouragement.

Think of two or three encouraging things that you can say to each of the people that you wrote down. Watch for the chance to use your encouraging words this week. Your encouraging words might be just the thing someone needs to help him or her do something amazing for God.

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

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Main Point: I Can Have Courage Because God Has A Plan!

1. Playing basketball. Getting a bad grade. If a family member is sick.
2. Mary.
3. She would be the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth was going to have a baby.
4. She was old.
5. Cross out: Elizabeth started crying. Mary high-fived Elizabeth.
6. Blessed.
7. She sang a song praising God.
8. Comfort.
9. About three months.
10. To Bethlehem. Jesus was born.
11. To encourage others.
12. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.