

A Good Friend Is Wise! From Entourage Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - FRIENDSHIP

Great leaders surround themselves with people who believe in the same things as them. These people can be trusted to give wise advice.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should seek out friends who are wise and we should try to be wise friends. Wise friends encourage each other to make choices that God wants us to make.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Jethro's wise advice to Moses. (*Exodus 18*)

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:

HORRIBLE-NO-GOOD-VERY-BAD-ADVICE-DAY

Get an index card or half sheet of paper and write: "BAD ADVICE" on it. Give the card to your child in the morning or after school, and ask him or her to hold the card up when you give bad advice. Spend the day giving your children bad advice that is not harmful and is preferably a little silly. For example: if your child spills something say, "Use your shirt to wipe it up," or recommend that he or she put on dressy shoes for sports practice, or ask him or her to do chores the wrong way. Towards the end of the day remind your family that not everyone will give wise advice. We must always think about what we hear and decide if the advice is wise or not. Encourage your family to remember these three ways of recognizing a wise friend: a wise friend knows God, lives the way God wants them to, and encourages others to please God.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life." Proverbs 19:20 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *A Good Friend Is Wise!*
(File name: Elevate_FRIENDSHIP_Ent_L1_AGoodFriendsWise.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Moses and Jethro in Exodus 18. 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, Pastor Mike compared our lives to a balloon. What did he say that God wants our lives to do?
2. Pastor Mike said that if we have friends who give unwise advice, following that advice will drag us down. What were the three examples he gave of unwise advice?
3. In the Leadership Story, who came to visit Moses?
4. Jethro saw that Moses was spending his days listening to the people's problems which was wearing him out. What did Jethro decide to do?
5. Was Jethro's advice wise?
6. Who benefited from Jethro's advice?

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7. In the Leadership Story, how did Jethro's wise advice help Moses and the Israelites?
8. Jethro was a wise friend for Moses. He saw that Moses had a problem, and he gave wise advice that helped Moses better lead God's people. We need to have friends like Jethro in our lives. The teacher listed three qualities of a wise friend. Fill in the blanks below to finish what Pastor Mike said.

A wise friend is someone who:

- _____ the same as you.
 - Lives the way _____ wants them to.
 - Encourages you to live the way _____ wants you to.
9. Look at the qualities and actions below. Circle the ones you think God would want your friends to have and cross out the ones you think God would not want your friends to have.

Kind
Loving
Helpful
Gossips
Lies
Attends church regularly
Reads Bible
Prays for others
Fights with teachers
Disrespectful to parents
Uses bad language
Good listener
Tries to live a life that pleases God
Watches bad movies
Encourages you
Loves others
Cheats

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10. Think about the friends you have. Write down the names of two friends who fit the three qualities of a wise friend and the good qualities circled in the list above.

When wise friends give you advice, you should probably listen carefully to what they say. Ask your parents if you can play with those two friends this week.

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1. Soar.
2. Cheating. Lying. Unforgiveness.
3. Jethro.
4. Give Moses some advice.
5. Yes.
6. Moses. The people. Everyone.
7. The people got their problems solved more quickly. Moses had more time to spend leading the people.
8. Believes. God. God.
9. Circle the following: Kind. Loving. Helpful. Attends church regularly. Reads Bible. Prays for others. Good listener. Tries to live a life that pleases God. Encourages you. Loves others.
10. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.