



God Is Our Provider, So We Should Be Grateful!

From Allaso Ranch Lesson 4

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - GRATITUDE

Great leaders understand that all good things come from God. Because of this they are grateful for those things and use them in God honoring ways.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn God provides for our needs, so we should always be grateful.

LEADERSHIP STORY

God provided manna, but the Israelites were not grateful. (*Exodus 16 & Numbers 11*)

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: IS THIS WHAT YOU NEED?

Read the scenarios below to your family and ask the questions after each story.

1. Imagine we are on a long hike in the woods. We are miles away from any cars or buildings, and it is very cold outside. There is snow on the ground and the wind is blowing really hard. Now, imagine that you don't have a jacket or coat. You are hiking in the woods wearing just a T-shirt and jeans and you are freezing! Now, imagine that I notice you are cold and I hold out two things to you. I hold out a big, thick coat and an ice cream cone with your favorite flavor of ice cream. Would you be more thankful for the ice cream cone or more thankful for the big coat? Why?
2. Imagine we are on a long trip in the car and you haven't eaten all day. You are so hungry you feel like you could eat anything. Your stomach is so empty that it actually starts to hurt. Now, imagine that I notice you are very hungry and I hold out two things to you. I hold out your favorite book and a plate of food. Would you be more thankful for the book or more thankful for the plate of food? Why?

Even though you might like ice cream, when you are cold you would want a coat more. And even though you really like your favorite book, when you are really hungry you would want the plate of food more. Sometimes receiving the things we need isn't as exciting as receiving one of our favorite things. But, when we are provided with the things we need, we should be grateful. God knows what we need and He will provide us with those things. We should be grateful to God for providing for our needs.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about God providing for the Israelites in Exodus 16:1-4. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What was Pastor Mike eating on his hike?
2. Was Pastor Mike grateful for the granola bars his mom packed him when he was younger?
3. Pastor Mike thought candy would be better for his hikes, but he learned that he needed the energy from the granola bars to help him get through the hike. He soon learned to be grateful for the granola bars. That's like the people in our Leadership Story. Who was leading the people of Israel?
4. Where was Moses leading the people of Israel?
5. Moses had led the people out of Egypt and they were going to the land God had promised them - the Promised Land. They had been traveling for about a month, and then people started to complain. Why were the people complaining?
6. The Israelites were wishing they had never left Egypt. But, things had not been good for them in Egypt. What were they in Egypt?



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7. The people of Israel left a bad situation and were heading for a good one. What should the people have done instead of complaining?

8. God had a plan for the people of Israel. He wasn't going to let them starve. What did God send for the people?

9. God miraculously provided food for the people. They didn't have to buy it or work for it. The people should have been happy, but what did they do instead?

Just like the Israelites shouldn't have complained about the food God gave them, we shouldn't complain about the things we have. Take some time each day to pray and thank God for the things He's given you. Another way you can show God you are thankful for all the things He's given you is to write Him a thank you letter. Tell Him how thankful you are for the things in your life. Put the letter in your Bible and when you begin to feel you might be acting ungrateful, read your letter to remember all the things you have. Then, you can add to the letter thanking God for more things in your life. Use the letter to help you remember that God provides things for you and you should be grateful.

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

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1. A granola bar.
2. No.
3. Moses.
4. Through the wilderness to the Promised Land.
5. All their food ran out.
6. Slaves.
7. Thank God for their freedom. Ask God for help.
8. Manna.
9. Started complaining again.