



God Gives Us Gifts To Help Us!

From Big Top Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - HUMILITY

Great leaders understand that their talents come from God and use their talents appropriately.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that all of their gifts and abilities come from God, and that He gives them these gifts in order to help them.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Solomon is given wisdom. (1 Kings 3)

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: GIFT BASKET CHARADES

God gives us gifts to help us live the life He wants for us. Solomon was given the gift of wisdom to help him rule as the king. Just like God gave a gift to Solomon, He gives gifts to us. You might have a musical gift, or the gift of athletic talent, or even the gift of intelligence. Whatever the gift is that God has given you, He gave it to you to help you serve Him. This week, have each family member write down their gifts on small pieces of paper and place them in a hat, bowl, or basket. Make sure to write only one gift on each piece of paper, and that each person puts in more than one gift. Then, play a game of charades by acting out the gifts on each piece of paper. When the game of charades is finished, make a poster with each family member's name at the top. Glue the pieces of paper under the family member's name who has that gift. Put the poster up somewhere in the house to remind you what gifts God has given you and that He wants you to use your gifts to live the life He has planned for you.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens." James 1:17a (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about Solomon in 1 Kings 3. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the Leadership Video, what were some abilities and gifts that God has given to circus performers?

2. In the Leadership Story, who was Solomon?

3. What was Solomon busy doing?

4. Solomon was so busy, he knew he couldn't do everything on his own. Who did he go to for help?

5. Solomon followed and worshiped God. One day, he gave 1,000 burnt offerings to God. That night God appeared to Solomon. Circle the correct answer below that shows what God said to Solomon?
 - A. Ask for anything you want and I will give it to you.
 - B. I will help you defeat your enemies.
 - C. There will be a great flood, you must build an ark.



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6. Circle your answer. Solomon said to God that even though he was king, he felt like a little child, so he would most like which of the following things:
 - A. A chocolate chip cookie
 - B. A puppy
 - C. Wisdom
 - D. Great wealth
7. Why did Solomon want great understanding?
8. Was God pleased with Solomon's request?
9. God was pleased with Solomon's request and so He granted him wisdom. Solomon became the wisest man alive. Solomon could now use his gift of wisdom to govern the people and be a good king. Pastor Mike shared an example from the Bible showing Solomon's wisdom. The story involved two women. What were these two women arguing over?
10. Solomon knew that one of the women was lying and one was telling the truth. He came up with a plan to determine which woman was the real mother of the child. What was his plan?
11. Solomon did not plan on hurting the baby, he just wanted to see who cared most for the child. The woman who was the real mom would not let them divide the baby in half. What did she say to do?

Solomon knew that the real mom was the one who wanted the baby to live.



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12. Fill in the blanks below to finish what Pastor Mike said. God gives us our _____ and He gave them to _____ to help us live the life He has _____ for us.

13. Make a list of different gifts that God has given to people. Beside each gift, write down the name of someone you know who you think has that gift.

Example:

Athletic ability - Susie

Piano skills - Bob

Encouragement - Katie

Just like God gave Solomon a special gift, God gives everyone gifts. You may not know yet what your gift is, but God has a special gift He will want you to use. Then you can be all He wants you to be. Write down a prayer asking God to show you the gift He has for your life.

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

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1. Answers may vary, but may include: Balance. Bravery. Strength. Juggling.
2. The king.
3. Building his palace. Working on the wall around the city. Building the Temple of the Lord. Forming military alliances. Getting married.
4. God.
5. A.
6. C.
7. He knew by himself he could not govern his people well
8. Yes.
9. Who was the mother of the baby.
10. He ordered to have the child divided in two so that each woman would have half.
11. Give the child to the other mom.
12. Gifts. Us. Planned.
13. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.