

Praise God Instead Of Yourself! **From The Great Skybridge Showdown** **Lesson 4**

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - HUMILITY

Humble leaders avoid prideful attitudes at all costs.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that, when they do something well, they should praise God rather than be prideful and take the praise themselves.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Tower of Babel. (*Genesis 11:1-9*)

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: I DID IT MYSELF

Get your whole family to help you do something for another family member, or for a friend of the family. For example, Dad and the children can cook dinner and clean up for Mom. Afterward, try to take all of the credit for doing it yourself. Arrange ahead of time for the person you do the favor for to be in on the joke. For example, Dad would tell Mom that he did all the work himself without any help from the children, and Mom could thank him and go on and on about what a great job he did to fix dinner and clean up all by himself. Eventually, the rest of the family will get upset and start to clamor for some of the credit. At that point, acknowledge the truth, that you could not have done it without help. Just like you needed to give credit to them for their help, we need to praise God and give Him the credit for giving us our abilities. Discuss with your family the fact that we can do nothing without God. Remind your family that we should always praise God instead of praising ourselves because there is nothing that we can accomplish solely on our own.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor." Proverbs 29:23 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Praise God Instead Of Yourself*
(Filename: Elevate_HUMILITY2_SB_L4_PraiseGodInsteadOfYourself.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Why did Pastor Mike say he had the ability to build things with his hands?
2. What are some things that Pastor Mike said you can build?
3. Fill in the blank: Pastor Mike said _____ can become dangerous the more you build on your ability and the better you get at things?
4. Pride means that you praise yourself more than you praise whom?
5. What did the people in Babylonia become good at?
6. Why did the Babylonian people decide to build the tower?

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7. Why did Pastor Mike say that God might have stopped the Babylonians from building the tower?
8. How did God stop the people from building the tower?
9. Why is it dangerous to think we are better than God?
10. How can you keep pride from being a problem for you?
11. All of us have abilities. List five abilities that you have. (Examples: shooting a basketball, reading, running fast, or painting.)
12. When we are prideful, sooner or later, God will put a stop to our boasting. But our story doesn't have to end the way the Babylonians did. There is a way to keep pride from taking over our lives. Look at the list of your abilities that you just wrote. Beside each one of the abilities write "a gift from God."

It feels good when you do something well. But it is dangerous when you forget that the ability to do those things comes from God. Keep pride from taking hold of your life by remembering that all of your abilities come from God. Whenever you do something well, stop and take time to praise God for your ability to do it.

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

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1. Because God gave him the ability to do that.
2. Thoughts. Memory. Artistic talent. A picture. Ability to play basketball.
3. Pride.
4. God.
5. Building with bricks hardened by fire.
6. So people would notice them and see how great they were.
7. God knows how bad pride is. He knew people would be full of pride if they completed the tower and would think they were better than everyone else and God.
8. He made them all speak different languages.
9. We stop listening to God and following His commands, which can only lead to bad things.
10. Always remember that it was God who gave you your abilities.
11. Answers may vary, but may include: Dancing. Singing. Conducting orchestras. Writing sonnets. Juggling cats.