

For Parents!

Christmas Is About Jesus; It Is Not About Me!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 6



LEADERSHIP TRAIT - HUMILITY

Great leaders are humble and avoid prideful attitudes at all costs.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should focus on Jesus instead of focusing on ourselves.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Christmas story through the eyes of Herod. (*Matthew 2:1-18*)

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: SHARE WITH OTHERS

As a family, choose something to share with someone else. You might bake a batch of cookies and take it to your neighbor or the local Fire Station or Police Station. You can go grocery shopping and take some non-perishable items to a local food bank. Just as the Wise Men gave their gifts and shared what they had with Jesus, we should share what we have, too!

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Can Have Joy And Share It With Others!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Christmas Is About Jesus; It Is Not About Me!*
File name: Elevate_HUMILITY_PPCSW_L6_ChristmasIsAboutJesusItIsNotAboutMe.mp4
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story in Matthew 2:1-18. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What are things that you love about Christmas?
2. Despite all of those things, Christmas is not about us. Who is Christmas about?
3. Who worshiped Jesus when He was born? Circle the correct answers.
A. Shepherds.
B. Clowns.
C. Wise Men.
D. Angels.
E. Soldiers.
4. Pastor Mike said they worshiped Jesus because they understood something about Him. Who was Jesus that made people want to worship Him?
5. Not everyone felt like worshiping Jesus. Who was the king who did not want to worship Jesus?

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6. Why did the Wise Men come to Jerusalem? What or who were they looking for?
 - A. The new-born King of the Jews.
 - B. A good Italian restaurant.
 - C. Directions to their homeland.
 - D. A long-lost relative.

7. True or false? Herod wanted to get rid of the new king.

8. Herod found out where the child was to be born. What town was it?

9. Herod told the Wise Men to find Jesus and report back to him. Herod said that he wanted to worship Jesus, but he was lying. What did he really want to do with Jesus?
 - A. Put Him in school.
 - B. Kill Him.
 - C. Let Him be the new king.
 - D. Invite Him to a party.

10. God saved Jesus from being killed by Herod two times. Circle the correct ones below.
 - A. Parted the red sea.
 - B. Warned the Wise Men in a dream not to go back to Herod.
 - C. Warned Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt.
 - D. Warned Herod in a dream to leave Jesus alone.

11. Herod was only concerned about himself and did terrible things because of his selfish attitude. We can be the same way. Circle the actions below that are focused on Jesus and cross out the actions below that are selfish.
 - Only give presents to people who will give a present back.
 - Bug my parents over and over for the best toys.
 - Use Christmastime as a chance to tell others about Jesus.
 - Give the best gifts I can because Jesus is the greatest gift.
 - Make sure Jesus is the center of all I do at Christmas.
 - Invite everyone to come worship at church at Christmastime.

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12. As we celebrate Christmas, we need to remember that it is Jesus' birthday party, not ours. If a friend came to your birthday party and hogged all the attention and took some of your toys for himself, how would you describe him?

- Selfish.
- Humble.

Make yourself a Christmas Card.

- Decorate the outside in any way that you want.
- On the inside, write, "Christmas is about Jesus!"
- Send the card to yourself, or have your parents give it to you on Christmas morning.
- Remember that Jesus should be the focus of everything we do at Christmastime.

That is the kind of thing we are doing when we selfishly make Christmastime about us instead of about Jesus! Instead of being selfish, like Herod, we need to be humble. One way to do this is to keep the focus of everything we do at Christmas off of us and on Jesus.

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Main Point: Christmas Is About Jesus; It Is Not About Me!

1. Answers may vary but could include: Presents. Decorations. Parties. Songs.
2. Jesus.
3. Circle the following: Shepherds. Wise Men. Angels.
4. God's Son.
5. Herod.
6. A.
7. True.
8. Bethlehem.
9. B.
10. B. & C.
11. Cross out the following: Only give presents to people who will give a present back. Bug my parents over and over for the best toys.
12. Selfish.