

God Is Our Authority, So I Will Obey! From Allaso Ranch Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - OBEDIENCE

Great leaders understand that they must obey and respect those who are in authority over them.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn to obey God and those He puts in authority over us.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

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: MOTHER MAY I?

The son in the Leadership Story thought that life would be better if he left his father's house, but living by his own rules brought him nothing but trouble.

Play a game of "Mother May I?" with your family. Arrange ahead of time to have one member of the family keep breaking the rules of the game on purpose. Keep sending the rule-breaker back to the beginning, over and over, until someone else wins. Discuss with your family how it was better to follow authority, because it gave you a chance to win the game. If you didn't follow authority, you could never have a chance of winning.

Our lives will always turn out better when we obey the authorities that God has placed in our lives. Disobedience will always lead to trouble.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished." Romans 13:1-2 (NLT)

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Main Point: God Is Our Authority, So I Will Obey!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *God Is Our Authority, So I Will Obey*
(File name: Elevate_OBEDIENCE2_AR_L5_GodIsOurAuthoritySolWillObey.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about the lost son in Luke 15:11-32. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What object did Pastor Mike talk about at the beginning of the video?
2. What would make the Blob not fun?
3. What happened to Pastor Mike's friend who didn't obey the Camp Director's rules for the Blob?
4. In the Leadership Story, the son asks his father for something. What did he ask for?
5. Did the father agree to give the son his share of the estate?
6. The son got the money and, thinking he knew best, moved to another town far from his father's authority. What did the son do in the new town?
7. What happened to the son's money?

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8. What also happened in the land just as the son's money was running out?
9. What is a famine?
10. Because of the famine, the son was in danger of starving to death. The son went to a farmer and got a job. What was his job?
11. This was a low point in the son's life. He had no money, food, friends, or home. What did the son decide to do?
12. When the son got close to the house, who did he see in the distance?
13. What did his father do when he saw the son?
14. The father called the servants and told them to do something. What did he tell them to do?

When the son lived at his father's house, he was under his father's authority and things went better for him. When the son was on his own, away from his father's authority, things didn't go as well for him. It's the same for us. God is like the father in the Leadership Story. He wants the best for us and wants us to obey Him. When we do that, our lives are better. But, when we choose to do our own things, it leads to bad things happening to us in the end. So we should obey God and the people he puts in authority over us.

Make a list of the people who are authorities in your life. After you make the list, pray to God and ask Him to help you obey those people and obey Him. Place the list somewhere you can easily see it to help you remember to obey God and the other authorities in your life.

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

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1. The Blob.
2. If you don't obey the rules.
3. He got thrown off the blob and landed badly.
4. His share of the estate.
5. Yes.
6. Wasted the money on things he didn't need. Hung out with the wrong people.
7. It ran out.
8. There was a famine.
9. A time when there is not enough food in the land for everyone to eat.
10. Feeding pigs.
11. Go home to his father.
12. His father.
13. Came running towards him with open arms.
14. Prepare for a big party to celebrate that the son had come home again.