



I Will Persevere!

From Power Up Lesson 8

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PERSEVERANCE

Great leaders continue to do what is right even when faced with difficult situations.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should keep on obeying the rules God has given them, even when it is difficult.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Josiah's cleansing of Judah. (2 Kings 22 and 23)

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: KEEP GOING

King Josiah had a job to do and didn't give up until it was finished. He had perseverance. God wants us to have perseverance, too. Make a chart of the days of the week. Have family members write down three things that God wants them to do on each day of the week. Some examples are: read your Bible, pray, obey your parents, take care of your body by exercising. Each time family members spend time doing the three things they chose, mark an X on that day. At the end of the week, discuss with your family how difficult it was to persevere in doing what you planned to do. Sometimes when we are doing what God asks us to do, we might want to give up because it is hard. But, we need to remember to persevere each and every day, just like Josiah persevered in rebuilding the temple of God and following God's rules.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11b (NLT)



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Main Point: I Will Persevere!

Read the Bible Story about King Josiah in 2 Kings 22:1-2 and 11-13, and 23:1-3 and 21-25. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Some video games are difficult and you run up against a challenge that makes you want to quit. According to Pastor Mike, why do we keep playing?

2. What is our challenge from God? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. To eat lots of cupcakes.
 - B. To be a king.
 - C. To win the video game.
 - D. To do what is good and right.

3. God wants us to persevere in doing what is good and right. What is perseverance? Circle ALL the answers that are correct.
 - A. Sweating.
 - B. Keep on working and trying to do our best no matter how hard it gets.
 - C. Never giving up.
 - D. Not getting bored.

4. How old was King Josiah when he became king?

5. True or False. King Josiah only looked out for himself and never tried to do his best.

6. What was in disrepair and being used for things God did not like?

7. True or False. Many people in the land were worshiping idols and false gods.



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8. What was the first step that King Josiah decided to take? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. To start farming all of the land.
 - B. To form a large army.
 - C. To have the temple of the Lord repaired.
 - D. To build a large ark.

9. What was found in the temple when they were repairing it?

10. After reading God's laws to the people, what did Josiah and the people decide to do? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. Pledge to obey God's laws.
 - B. Never to lie.
 - C. To grow only corn.
 - D. To fight the Philistines.

11. What did King Josiah do to fulfill this promise to God? Circle ALL the answers that are correct.
 - A. Removed all of the articles used to worship false gods.
 - B. Got rid of the evil priests and false gods.
 - C. Ate only bread.
 - D. Traveled from city to city removing all the idols and evil priests

12. What did King Josiah do to help the people worship God? Circle ALL the answers that are correct.
 - A. Gave them each a Bible.
 - B. Began to celebrate the Passover as God had commanded.
 - C. Taught them Bible verses.
 - D. Got rid of all household idols.

13. Fill in the blanks. King Josiah _____ gave up trying to help people do what was _____.



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14. True or False. Never before had there been a king like Josiah who turned with his heart toward the things of the Lord and tried to obey all the laws of Moses.
15. God wants us to have an attitude of perseverance in our lives. When God's rules become difficult to follow and we are tempted to give up, what should we do? Circle the correct answer.
- a. Take a nap.
 - b. Take a walk.
 - c. Remember Josiah and keep persevering.

Obeying God's rules was a lot of hard work, but Josiah kept persevering. You might have rules that you forget to obey, or just have a hard time obeying. List two or three rules that are difficult for you to obey. Some examples are: going to bed at bedtime, reading your Bible everyday, obeying your parents, telling the truth. Work hard to follow the rules you listed from now on. Look at this list every morning and ask God to help you to follow the rules you listed with perseverance, just like Josiah followed God's rules with perseverance.

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

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1. To experience the victory.
2. D.
3. B. C.
4. Eight.
5. False.
6. The temple of God.
7. True.
8. C.
9. The book of God's laws.
10. A.
11. A. B. D.
12. B. D.
13. Never. Right.
14. True.
15. C.