

Never Give Up Doing Good! From The Great Skybridge Showdown Lesson 3

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PERSEVERANCE

Strong leaders have courage to do what others are not willing to do, knowing that God is powerful enough to help them.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should persevere by never giving up doing good.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Nehemiah builds the wall. (*Nehemiah 1-7*)

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: CAN DO

Take on a difficult project as a family, such as cleaning up a neighborhood park or playground. Be sure to take gloves and plenty of drinking water for each member of the family. Collect recyclables, such as aluminium cans, separately. Turn in the recyclables for recycling and give the money to your church, or to another local charity. Remind your family when they want to quit that they are doing something good and that they should persevere and complete the job. When you are done, congratulate your family and celebrate by doing something fun. Remind them that they showed God's love to others by persevering and completing the project.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

*"As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good."
2 Thessalonians 3:13 (NLT)*

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Main Point: Never Give Up Doing Good!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Never Give Up Doing Good*
(Filename: Elevate_PERSEVERANCE_SB_L3_NeverGiveUpDoingGood.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story of Nehemiah building the wall in Nehemiah 4:15-23 and 6:15-16. When you are finished, watch the Leadership video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, what did Pastor Mike say was important for getting your job done?
2. Are all tools ones that we can see?
3. What is the important, invisible tool that Pastor Mike talked about?
4. According to Pastor Mike, how can perseverance help us?
5. When we are doing a good job, whose love are we showing to others?
6. Nehemiah wanted to help the people as soon as he heard that Jerusalem was in great trouble, but he had to have perseverance. What did Nehemiah have to wait for after he found out about the trouble in Jerusalem?
7. Nehemiah's perseverance and patience paid off, and the king sent him to help Jerusalem, but what happened before he even got to Jerusalem?

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8. Did this make Nehemiah give up?
9. What are some of the other ways people tried to stop Nehemiah from building the wall?
10. Nehemiah did not give up, he did not let anything stop him from building the wall. How long did it take for Nehemiah and the people to build the wall?
11. What did Pastor Mike say would have happened if Nehemiah hadn't persevered?
12. If we give up on a good task we are doing, it will never be finished. What are you showing to people you are helping when you finish a job?
13. Think of something that you can do to show God's love by helping someone. Here are some examples of helping someone:
 - Helping your sister clean her room.
 - Raking the yard for your dad.
 - Picking up trash at your school and throwing it away.
 - Helping the neighbors pull weeds from their yard.
 - Helping your parents around the house.

Now write down a person's name and something you can do to help that person. Make a plan to do something good that will help someone this week. Write down your plan and then show it to your parents. Ask them to help you put your plan into action.

Nehemiah had something good to do so he persevered and never gave up! When you are doing a good thing by helping someone this week, be like Nehemiah and never give up, no matter how difficult it becomes. When you persevere in helping someone, you are showing them God's love.

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

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1. Having the right tools.
2. No.
3. Perseverance.
4. It will help us once we start a job by giving us the power and the strength to finish that job.
5. God's.
6. To talk to the king.
7. People were taunting him and saying what he was doing was wrong.
8. No.
9. Threatened to attack the city. Insulted him. Lied about him. Scared him by threatening to kill him.
10. 52 days.
11. Wall wouldn't have been built. It would've been the end of all of Nehemiah's good work.
12. God's love.
13. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.