

Keep On Serving God! From The Great Skybridge Showdown Lesson 8

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PERSEVERANCE

Great leaders never give up.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that thinking now about future hard times will help them not to give up when hard times come.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The builder who did not finish. (Luke 14:25-30)

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: THE GAME OF LIFE

Play a board game with your family that everyone enjoys. Part way through the game get angry when something doesn't go your way and quit the game. Recount the bad things that have happened or difficulties that you had in the game so far. Say that you thought when you started you would be able to win all the time and easily go through the game. Arrange ahead of time to have one family member convince you to keep playing. After a while, stop acting and tell your family what you were doing. Talk about how silly it is to expect to play a game and have everything go your way. Then, talk about how it's the same in our lives. In life, we aren't guaranteed that we won't have problems when we serve God. In fact, the opposite is true. Jesus says that following Him and serving Him will not be the easiest thing to do. Ask your family about times when it was hard for them to follow Jesus. Examples may be giving up activities to go to church, standing up for unpopular kids at school when they are getting picked on, and giving your tithe every week. Remind your family that even though these things seem hard now, serving God is worth it. Following Jesus and serving God are not the easiest things to do, but they are the smartest things we can do. Finish the game with your family.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8a (NLT)

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Main Point: Share With Others!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Keep On Serving God*
(Filename: Elevate_PERSEVERANCE_SB_L8_KeepOnServingGod.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about the builder who did not finish in Luke 14:25-30. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What did Pastor Mike say is cool about big projects?
2. What were the three big projects that Pastor Mike mentioned?
3. What would have happened if people decided the big projects Pastor Mike talked about were too hard and quit before they were finished?
4. What is good if left unfinished?
5. When you are taking on a big task, what are the four things Pastor Mike said you need to make sure you have enough of?

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6. Jesus said that if the people following Him wanted to be His disciples they had to love Him more than who?
7. In order to follow Jesus, who do we have to put first in our lives?
8. When we live our lives the way Jesus wants us to, will it always be easy?
9. When did Jesus want us to think about the decision to follow Him?
10. What might happen if you started to build a building and then ran out of money before you could finish it?
11. The costs of building aren't the same as the costs of following Jesus. The costs of following Jesus are things that might happen because we are following God. What are some hard things might happen if we follow God?
12. Following Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God. If we don't count the cost and then follow Jesus, who might that be bad for?

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Following Jesus can be the most difficult thing you choose to do. It may cost you time, friends, popularity, and the option of certain activities. However, if you keep following Jesus, other people will be better for it, because you will be showing them God's love. Here are some things that might make following Jesus difficult:

- Your friend wants to cheat off your test but you don't let him because you know it's wrong. Now, your friend is mad at you because he failed the test.
- Your team has a soccer game scheduled at the same time you go to church. Your coach is upset with you because you miss the game.
- A friend doesn't believe in Jesus and says you're silly because you do. You feel bad because your friend called you silly.

Put a check mark next to the thing above you think might happen to you. Then, pray and ask God to help you be ready when something like that happens.

Jesus knew we would face these challenges and that's why He gave us this Leadership Story. Thinking about future hard times now will help us not to give up later, and that will help us show God's love to the world. When we do that, others will come to know Jesus and follow Him, too.

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1. They affect a lot of people in really big ways.
2. The railroad. The interstate system. The Panama Canal.
3. Trains wouldn't be able to go across the country, boats would have to back out of the canal, roads would just run out.
4. Nothing.
5. Time. Energy. Money. Resources.
6. Anyone else. Their father. Mother. Wife. Children. Themselves.
7. God. Jesus..
8. No, there will be hardships.
9. Before we do it.
10. People might laugh at you.
11. Be unpopular. Lose friends. Be ridiculed for what we believe.
12. Us. Other people. Everyone.