

God Is My Friend, So I Will Spend Time With Him! From Allaso Ranch Lesson 7

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great leaders pray in order to stay close to God and His plan for their lives.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn the importance of spending time with God each day.

LEADERSHIP STORY

David worshiped God in the wilderness. (1 Samuel 19-20, Psalm 57:5-7, Psalm 59:16, Psalm 63:3-8)

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: QUIET TIME

David fled to the wilderness. While he was there, David worshiped God and wrote many of the Psalms. He spent time worshiping God regularly. God wants to spend time with us individually. He is our refuge and wants us to rest in Him.

Tell your family to carry a Bible with them everywhere they go this week so they can spend time reading it when the opportunity arises. Make a chart of the days of the week. Each time you spend time reading your Bible and praying, mark an X on the chart. At the end of the week, discuss with your children how reading the Bible and praying to God made them feel. Encourage your children to continue spending time daily reading God's Word and praying to Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Come close to God, and God will come close to you." James 4:8a (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *God Is My Friend, So I Will Spend Time With Him*
(File name: Elevate_PRAYER2_AR_L7_GodIsMyFriendSoIWillSpendTimeWithHim.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read some of the songs David wrote to worship God in Psalm 59:16 and Psalm 63:3-8. Then, watch the Leadership Video and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What did Pastor Mike say he likes to do when he's out hiking?
2. God likes it when we spend time with Him. Who liked to spend time with God in the Leadership Story?
3. David had some good things happening in his life. What were those things?
4. What was the one thing that wasn't going so well for David?
5. What did King Saul want to do to David?
6. David found out about Saul's plans and left. What did he leave behind?

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7. Most people would complain about having to leave behind everything they loved, but David didn't do that. What did he do instead?

8. David wrote down a lot of his prayers. Where can we find those prayers?

9. One of the prayers David wrote specifically talks about how he knew he could spend time with God. Write out Psalm 59:16 below:

10. David used his time alone to grow closer to God and to praise Him. Should we do the same?

11. How can we spend time with God?

God wants to spend time with us each day. Get a piece of paper and write on it all the days for the next month. When you spend time with God, put a mark under that day. If you spend time with God every day, you will soon have a paper filled with marks. Not only will you fill your paper up, but you will find that you have a closer friendship with God. God is your friend and spending time with Him is how you will be able to become better friends!

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1. Stop to relax and read his Bible.
2. David.
3. He defeated Goliath. He was commander of the king's army. He was engaged to marry the princess.
4. King Saul was afraid David was going to overthrow his kingdom and become king.
5. He decided to try to kill David.
6. His family. His job. His home. His friend. Everything.
7. He took time to spend with God. He thanked God for keeping him safe and alive. He spent time asking God for help. He worshiped God.
8. In the Bible in the book of Psalms.
9. "But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love."
10. Yes.
11. Read the Bible. Pray.