

I Worship God When I Pray To Him!

From Center Stage Lesson 3

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great success can only come from leaders who firmly place their decisions in God's hands through prayer.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that when we worship God through prayer, we should not just give Him our requests. When we pray we should also listen.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Elijah speaks to God on the mountain. (1 Kings 19)

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: LISTEN TO ME

Get a blindfold and a music player with headphones. Set up some chairs and obstacles in a room in your house or outdoors. Tell your family that they have to be blindfolded and try to get past the obstacles without bumping into them. Tell them that they will try it two different ways. The first time they will listen to music on the headphones so that they cannot hear any instructions. They can ask for help and you can try to help them, but they won't be able to hear you. The second time they will not wear the headphones. They will ask for help and listen to your instructions. Doing this should allow them to avoid the obstacles easily. After the activity, ask your family which way of going through the obstacle course worked better. It doesn't make any sense for us to talk to God, but not listen to what He might be telling us. Tell them that our prayer life should be the same as their second time through the obstacles. We should talk to God and we should listen for His guidance.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Worship God When I Pray To Him!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Worship God When I Pray To Him*
(File name: Elevate_PRAYER2_CS_L3_IWorshipGodWhenIPrayToHim.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Elijah speaking to God on the mountain in 1 Kings 19:1-18. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What are some ways Pastor Mike listed that we communicate with other people?
2. What are ways that God communicates with us?
3. One of the ways God communicated in the Old Testament was through prophets. Who was the prophet in the Bible Story?
4. After Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal and God won, what did the queen, Jezebel, vow to do?
5. What did Elijah do when Jezebel made her vow?

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6. When Elijah was in the cave, God spoke to him. Look at the list of things that happened below. Cross out the ones God did not speak through. Circle the one God did speak through.
The windstorm
The earthquake
The fire
A gentle whisper
7. Elijah was angry and upset because he thought he was the only one who still loved and served God. God told Elijah about others who served Him. How many were there?
8. God told Elijah about a man named Elisha. What did God say about him?
9. What did Elijah communicate to God?
10. What did God communicate to Elijah?
11. We have the same opportunity to talk to God that Elijah did. When we pray, should we just ask for things?
12. What are some other things we can do when we pray?

Pray right now and thank God for some things He did for you this week.

God wants to talk to us, but we can only hear if we listen. God will talk to us through the Bible, but also He talks to us through our thoughts. Spend some time just being silent and listening to God. He might want to tell you some things you are doing that don't please Him. He also might want to tell you some people who you should invite to church. Take some time each day this week to be still and listen when you pray.

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

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1. Phones. Television. Newspapers. Magazines.
2. The Bible. Prayer.
3. Elijah.
4. To kill Elijah.
5. He ran away.
6. Circle: The windstorm. A gentle whisper.
7. 7000.
8. That he would learn from Elijah and replace him as prophet.
9. He was afraid. He was frustrated. He felt alone.
10. That he was not alone. That he would have help.
11. No.
12. Thank God. Spend time being quiet and listening.