

I Will Keep On Praying! **From The Great Race Lesson 1**

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great leaders understand that God wants to have a relationship with them, to be involved in their lives, and to bring them success. Leaders maintain that relationship through prayer.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

The children will learn that God has big plans for the world, and we each have a part to play in those plans. And, we should faithfully work on our part of the plan.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Nehemiah prays and God helps him present his plans for Jerusalem to the king.
(*Nehemiah 1-2:8*)

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: BASKET OF PRAYERS

Nehemiah spent many days praying. Even when God answered Nehemiah's prayer, Nehemiah continued to pray. God wants us to pray and never stop praying! This week, have each family member write down prayer requests on slips of paper and place them in a basket. At the end of each night, sit in a circle before bedtime. Have each family member pull out two slips of paper and pray specifically for those two prayer requests. Take turns praying together as a family for all of the requests. When your family is finished praying, put the slips back into the basket so that you are able to continue praying for them the next night. Continue praying together as a family each night of the week before bedtime using the basket of prayers as a guide. If God answers one of the prayer requests, write the answer, and how you can keep praying for the situation, on the back of the slip of paper. Place it back into the basket so that the family can keep on praying!

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Never stop praying." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Keep On Praying!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Keep On Praying*
(Filename: Elevate_PRAYER2_GR_L1_IWillKeepOnPraying.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read Nehemiah 1-2:8. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What are 3 places you would like to travel to?

2. What is your favorite method of travel?
 - a. By airplane.
 - b. By car.
 - c. By horse.
 - d. By bicycle.

3. Fill in the blank. Pastor Mike said that no matter where you go on this big planet, God is always with you and God is always _____ to you. He is ready to give you help when you need it.

4. Because God is always with us and wants to help us, how should we respond?

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5. Nehemiah understood the importance of what?
 - a. Being kind.
 - b. Eating healthy.
 - c. Talking to God.
 - d. Brushing his teeth.
6. Where was Nehemiah from?
7. Where was Nehemiah currently living?
8. Who did Nehemiah work for?
9. Who came to visit Nehemiah?
 - a. Some friends.
 - b. A puppy.
 - c. The queen.
 - d. His family.
10. What did Nehemiah's family tell him about Jerusalem? Circle all the answers that are true:
 - a. The people were in big trouble.
 - b. There was a big flood.
 - c. There were pirates attacking.
 - d. The walls of the city were destroyed.
 - e. The gates were burned down.
11. Why did a city in Nehemiah's day need walls and gates?

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12. What did Nehemiah do when he heard the news about Jerusalem?
13. What did Nehemiah pray for?
 - a. God would grant him success and put it in the king's heart to be kind to him.
 - b. He would have financial success.
 - c. He could go to DisneyWorld.
14. Did the king notice that Nehemiah was sad?
15. Did the king offer to help Nehemiah?
16. When the king offered to help, what did Nehemiah do before he told the king what he needed?
17. How did the king help Nehemiah? Circle all the answers that are true:
 - a. The king sent letters giving him safe passage to Jerusalem.
 - b. Gave Nehemiah lumber from his own forest.
 - c. Gave him a better job.
 - d. Helped Nehemiah find his family.
 - e. Sent army officers to protect Nehemiah while he traveled.
18. God heard and answered Nehemiah's prayers. When Nehemiah found himself in a difficult situation, what did he do?
 - a. He prayed to God through the entire process.
 - b. He ate some ice cream.
 - c. He complained to his friends.
19. Should we pray all the time?

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20. No matter where we are or what type of situation we find ourselves in, God hears and answers our prayers. In the situations below, circle the best answer that shows how you can ask for God's help.

- Situation 1. You have a hard test at school:
 - a. Pray God will help you study.
 - b. Look on your neighbor's paper.
 - c. Take a nap.
- Situation 2. You are not getting along with your parents:
 - a. Go live with your friend.
 - b. Talk bad about your parents to your friends.
 - c. Yell back at them.
 - d. Pray God will help you know what to say and do to get along better.

21. True or false? God was with Nehemiah and will always be with us.

Remember to talk to God often throughout each day. God is always there and He's always listening. You can talk to God anytime about anything. Right now, write down a prayer to God asking Him to help you with specific problems you may face this week.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.
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1. Answers may vary.
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3. Listening.
4. Try to talk to Him all the time.
5. C.
6. Jerusalem.
7. Susa.
8. The king.
9. D.
10. A. D. E.
11. To defend itself against attacks.
12. Mourned, fasted and prayed.
13. A.
14. Yes.
15. Yes.
16. Prayed.
17. A. B. E.
18. A.
19. Yes.
20. Situation 1 - A.
 Situation 2 - D.
21. True.