

God Hears My Prayers!

From Ten Hut Lesson 6

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

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

LEARNING GOAL:

Your children will learn that even though we may not get the answer we want, we can be sure that God hears our prayers.

LEADERSHIP STORY:

God hears and answers Joshua's prayer. (*Joshua 10:1-15*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video. Next, have your children read the Leadership Story 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:

FAMILIES THAT PRAY TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER

Make family prayer time a priority each week. Get together as a family and write down prayer requests that each family member has. Write the prayer out in a family prayer journal. You can also post these prayers on a poster board or large sheet of paper in a visible spot in the home like the kitchen. While writing down requests, talk with the children about the importance of praying. Tell stories of different prayers that God has answered in your life. Praying together each week will help reinforce the fact that prayer should be a priority in our relationship with God. It will also help create a habit that your child will carry on into adulthood.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy." Psalm 116:1 (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *God Hears My Prayers*
(File name: Elevate_PRAYER2_TH_L6_GodHearsMyPrayers.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about how God heard and answered Joshua's prayer in Joshua 10:11-13. 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 that he wanted to have as a child?
2. Who did he want to talk to?
3. What did Pastor Mike read about in his science magazine?
4. Pastor Mike and his friend thought they might be able to talk to each other on the tin can phones, but learned they couldn't because the friend lived too far away. Can we talk to God even though He may seem to be really far away?
5. It doesn't matter how far away God may seem, He can always hear us. Did Joshua know that God could hear him and was paying attention to him?
6. Joshua and the people of Israel were in the midst of taking more cities in the Promised Land and this was making the kings throughout the area nervous. Who made a peace treaty with the Israelites?
7. Who did this make angry?

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8. What did the Amorite kings decide to do?
9. As the Gibeonites were being attacked by the five kings they called for Joshua to come help them. Did Joshua go to help the Gibeonites?
10. Joshua and his army marched all night knowing that this was going to be a huge battle they were going to be fighting. What did God tell Joshua in Joshua 10:8?
11. God threw the other armies into confusion and Joshua and his army fought them all day long. Towards the end of the day, the battle was not won. Joshua was afraid that the Amorite armies would escape when it got dark so he prayed a big prayer. What did Joshua pray?
12. Why did Joshua pray this?
13. Did God hear Joshua and answer his prayer?
14. God heard Joshua's prayer that day and answered him. The sun stood still giving Joshua and his army time to defeat the Amorite army. Sometimes we might feel like God doesn't hear our prayers, but He is always listening. What did Pastor Mike tell us that God's answers to our prayers might be?

God can hear you no matter where you are, and He is always ready to listen to your prayers. Write down some things you want to pray about. They can be big prayers like Joshua prayed or small prayers about everyday things. Pray for these things every day this week and know that God will hear your prayers. Even if you don't get an answer from God right away, keep praying. God hears you and will answer you.

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1. Walkie talkies.
2. His friends.
3. A way to make tin can phones.
4. Yes.
5. Yes.
6. The Gibeonites.
7. The five different Amorite kings.
8. Attack the Gibeonites.
9. Yes.
10. "Do not be afraid of them, for I have given you victory over them. Not a single one of them will be able to stand up to you."
11. That the sun would stand still.
12. So his army would have time to defeat the other army.
13. Yes.
14. Yes. No. Wait.