

A Good Friend Prays For Others!

From Entourage Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRAYER

Great leaders realize that everything cannot be accomplished under their own power, some things can only happen through prayer.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should spend time praying to God about our friends.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The believers pray for Peter in prison. (Acts 12:1-19)

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: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Create a homemade phone using 2 empty tin cans. Punch a hole in the bottom of the can. Take a very long string (10 to 20 feet), push it through the hole in the can, tie a knot in the string, and then pull the knot so it is tight against the bottom of the can. Repeat this on the other end of the string. You will need to use a non-stretchy string, like kite string or twine, and keep the string pulled taut. Send one family member into a different room with one end of the phone, but don't close the door on the string. Then, the family member who is on the phone will request something for another family member from the person on the other end. For example: "Mom needs some paper." Then, the person on the other end could bring some paper. Play until everyone has had a chance to talk and to listen. Then, gather everyone together. Remind your family that even when it seems like God is far away, He can still hear everything we say and that He is always ready for us to talk to Him. It might have been hard for the person in the other room to hear us over our homemade phone, but God never has a problem hearing us when we pray. When we pray to God and ask for help for our friends, we are being a good friend. As a family, choose one or two people in serious situations and pray for them this week.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying."

Romans 12:12 (NLT)

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Main Point: A Good Friend Prays For Others!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *A Good Friend Prays For Others!*
(File name: Elevate_PRAYER_Ent_L5_AGoodFriendPraysForOthers.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read about Peter and the other believers from the Bible in Acts 12:1-16. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, Pastor Mike talked about two kids who were playing. After one kid fell in the hole, his friend tried to help him. What did he try that didn't work?
2. Why didn't it work?
3. When the kid couldn't help his friend out of the hole, what did he do?
4. In the Leadership Story, there was someone who needed help. Who was in prison and needed help?
5. Peter was in prison for teaching about Jesus. Why couldn't the other believers do anything to help Peter?
6. Peter's friends wanted to help him, but they were afraid they would be thrown in prison, too. What did they do to help him?

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7. Pastor Mike talked about times when we can easily do something to help our friends and times when we can't do much to help our friends. Fill in the blanks below to list some of the times that we can't help our friends.

My friend's _____ fight a lot and it makes my friend sad.

My friend is _____ in the hospital and the _____ don't know what is wrong.

These problems are too big for us to handle. We need someone more powerful. Just like Peter's friends, we have a higher power we can ask for help! Look at the sentences you filled in the blanks for. Write over them in big letters, "I CAN PRAY!"

8. Peter's friends prayed for him when there was nothing else they could do. And God was able to do more than they could imagine! Make a list of some problems that some of your friends have. Circle the ones that show a problem so big your friend needs someone more powerful than you to help them.

Below are some examples of needs your friend may have:

- Need help cleaning their room
- Sick in the hospital
- Fell off their bike and scraped their knee
- Parents are fighting all the time
- Having to move away

When there is nothing we can do to help our friends, we can always help them by praying for them. Use the above list to pray for your friends every day. When you do, you will be following the example of Peter's friends in the Leadership Story.

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

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Main Point: Jesus Is A Good Friend!

1. Tried lifting.
2. His friend was too heavy to lift.
3. Ran and called 911
4. Peter.
5. They might get thrown in prison, too.
6. They prayed.
7. Parents. Sick. Doctors.
8. Answers may vary.