I Will Not Complain!

From Under The Big Top Jr. Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT- THANKFULNESS

Great leaders are not complainers. Instead, they live a life of thankfulness.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should not complain.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Israelites Complain. *(Numbers 13 and 14)*

MEMORY VERSE

Help your children memorize this verse.

"Do everything without complaining and arguing," Philippians 2:14 (NLT)

First:

Read The Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about when the Israelites complained in the desert and is found in Numbers 13:1-3, 25-28 and 14:1-4, 11-12, 20-25.

Next:

Watch The Leadership Story Video, *I Will Not Complain,* with your family.

Then:

Complete the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

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Child Leadership Questions:

1. How many men did Moses send to look at the new land?
   (12.)

2. When the 12 men returned, what did they say about the land?
   (It was wonderful. There was plenty to eat and drink.)

3. Some of the men started to complain about what they had seen in the new land. What did they complain about?
   (Big people.)

4. The Israelite people then began to complain about being in the desert. God heard their complaints. What did God decide to do because the people were complaining?
   (He would not let the Israelites who complained go into the new land. They had to wander in the desert for 40 years.)

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Gather your family together and ask each person to tell you something that is a complaint. It might be things like: "I don't like green beans" or "I don't want to watch this show." For each complaint, ask that person to rephrase their statement into one of thankfulness. Those statements might look like this: "I'm glad God gave us food to eat." Pray and ask God to help each person remember not to complain. Then, encourage your family to use words of thankfulness rather than complaining throughout the rest of the week. You can even have the whole family cheer and praise each other when someone remembers not to complain!

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