



Give Your Best And Let God Do The Rest!

From Upsidedown Town Lesson 3

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - TRUST

Great leaders leave in God's hands the things they cannot control.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that it is our job to tell others about Jesus and, when we do, we should do our best without worrying about how people will respond.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Parable of the Sower and the Four Seeds. (*Mark 4:1-20*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Bible Story. Next, have your children watch the Bible Story Video and complete the Child Bible Study Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Bible Story Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: THROUGH THE HOOP

Hang a hula hoop from a tree or your garage door. Hang it so that the top of the hula hoop is approximately at your shoulders. Get a ball that your child can throw and you can catch. A foam ball, a football, a baseball, or any other kind of ball will work. Let your family stand on the other side of the hoop from you. Have them take turns trying to throw the ball to you through the hoop. Talk about how, if the ball comes through the hoop, it should be easy for you to catch because it was aimed right at you. If the ball doesn't go through the hoop, it is much harder for you to catch. Tell your family that when they throw through the hoop, they are doing their best to throw you the ball. Remind your family that God wants us to do our best when we tell the people around us about Jesus. That is like putting the ball through the hoop. When we tell people about Jesus, not everyone will "catch it." God doesn't expect us to make people follow Jesus, but He does expect us to do our best to tell them about Jesus. Remind your family that one of the best ways to put the ball through the hoop in telling people about Jesus is to invite them to church. As a family think of some people that you could invite to church and make a plan to do it.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)*



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Read the parable of the sower and the seeds in Mark 4:1-20 in your Bible. When you are finished, watch the Bible Story Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. True or false? If you tell others about Jesus and they don't respond by believing in Him, then you have failed.
2. Pastor Mike told a story about his job as a kid. What was his job?
3. In the Bible Story, when the farmer spread his seed, what was the first place the seed fell?
4. Why didn't the seed fall into the ground?
5. What happened to the seeds that fell on shallow soil?
6. What happened to the seeds that fell on soil filled with thorns?
7. What happened to the seeds that fell in the good soil?
8. Jesus explained to the disciples that the seed represented what?
9. What did the different soils represent?



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10. In the story, the different soils represent different kinds of people. What kind of person did the hard soil in the path represent?
11. What kind of person did the shallow, rocky soil represent?
12. What kind of person did the soil filled with thorns represent?
13. What kind of person did the good soil represent?
14. Does the farmer have any control over what is good soil and what is not?
15. Do we have any control over how people will react when we share God's news?
16. This week, share the good news of Jesus with someone! You can do that by telling someone about how much God loves them, and what God has done in your life. Write down the names of two people you are going to tell about Jesus this week.
 - 1.
 - 2.

Pray that God will prepare the soil, and trust Him to take care of the harvest. Remember that you should share the good news of Jesus with everyone without worrying if they'll accept what you say.

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

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1. False.
2. Paper route.
3. On the path where people walked.
4. The ground was too hard. Birds ate it.
5. The plant withers from not having deep roots.
6. The plants got choked out.
7. They sprouted and grew and produced a huge crop.
8. The Word of God.
9. Different kinds of people.
10. People who are not open to hear God's word.
11. People who hear and accept God's word, but don't have deep roots.
12. People who hear and accept God's word, but let other things take priority.
13. People who hear and accept God's word, and put it in to practice.
14. No.
15. No.
16. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.