

You Are The Church! **From The Great Skybridge Showdown** **Lesson 7**

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - VOLUNTEERISM

Great leaders understand the importance of serving others in volunteer roles.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should serve others, love others, and share about Jesus with others.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Jesus builds the church. (*Matthew 16:13-20 and Acts 2:44-47*)

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: I SPY A CHURCH

As you drive around this week have your family try to see how many church buildings they can find. You could make this a game and keep score if you wish. Discuss the very different looking church buildings that you see. Some are boxy, some have strange shapes, some are tall and pretty, some look like basic buildings, some look fancy, some look plain, some are in store fronts, some look like a house, some actually are a house! Ask your child to imagine what a church building would be like with no people to come worship in it, to take care of it, to change the signs on the outside, or mow the grass. Discuss with your family that a building is not a church because it looks a certain way. What makes a building a church is the people that meet there. The church is the people, not the building. Make a commitment as a family to drop activities on your calendar that keep you from attending church. Remind your family that it is important to be at church every week because without the people in it, a building is just a building and not a church.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

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Main Point: Share With Others!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *You Are The Church*
(Filename: Elevate_VOLUNTEERISM_SB_L7_YouAreTheChurch.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Jesus building the church in Matthew 16:13-20 and Acts 2:44-47. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In Pastor Mike's nightmare, did all of his tools work?
2. In real life, when he checked them, did Pastor Mike's tools work?
3. What was Jesus' job when He was here on Earth?
4. Who did Simon say Jesus was?
5. Jesus knew that Simon did not come up with his answer by himself. Who revealed to Simon who Jesus was?
6. What did Jesus change Simon's name to?

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7. What did the name Peter mean?
8. What did Pastor Mike say the church is made up of?
9. How long will the church continue to grow?
10. What does Acts chapter 2 say the people of the church did together?
11. What has happened now, 2,000 years later, because of the people in the church in Acts 2?
12. God uses us like tools to build up others, love others, and serve others. What would happen if all of us, as part of the church, stopped working, serving, and loving?
13. What did Pastor Mike say makes God happy?

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The church is built with people who believe that Jesus is God's Son. Just like Simon Peter, we become a part of the church when we believe in Jesus. Jesus built the church to do God's work on earth. Below are three jobs that God wants us, as the church, to do: build others up, serve others, and share about Jesus with others. By each job are some actions that you could do to help get that job done. Choose at least one of the actions by each job or write your own. Put a check-mark by those actions when you do them this week.

Build Others Up:

- Write an encouraging note to your pastor, teacher, or your parents.
- Tell your friends how much you appreciate them.
- Encourage friends who are having a hard time and pray with them.

Serve Others:

- Do an extra chore around the house without being asked.
- Offer to help at church by coming early to help set up.
- Stay after service to help clean up.
- Be helpful and friendly to kids who come to church for the first time.

Share About Jesus With Others:

- Invite friends to come to church with you.
- Tell your friends at school about what you learn at church.
- Teach the Leadership Story you learned today to a friend or brother or sister.

As you check off the things you do this week, remember that we are God's tools that He uses to serve others, to love others, and to share about Jesus with others.

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

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Answer Key

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1. No.
2. Yes.
3. Carpenter.
4. The Messiah, the Son of the living God.
5. God.
6. Peter.
7. Rock.
8. People like Peter. People like you and me who think Jesus is the Son of God.
9. Until Jesus comes back.
10. Worshiped together. Ate together. Shared everything they had with one another.
11. The church has been become worldwide.
12. A lot of work God wants done would be left undone.
13. Seeing us, the church, working for Him.