



Only God Is Worthy Of My Worship! From Center Stage Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - CORRECT PRIORITIES

Great leaders have their priorities straight, which helps them focus on the right things.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should only worship God. We accomplish this by not letting anything become more important to us than God.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Jesus speaks to the rich, young man. (*Mark 10:17-22*)

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: GUT CHECK

Remind your family that the man in our Leadership Story didn't follow Jesus because his stuff was more important to him than Jesus was. Tell your family that Jesus saw that the man's stuff was too important to Him, and that is why He asked him to give it away. Tell your family that sometimes we can't see when we are making something too important in our lives. Have each family member select three things that take up a lot of their time. It could be talking on the phone, playing video games, or reading magazines. Then have the other family members pick which of the three things is the most important in that person's life. The person will then give up that thing for one week and spend time praying and reading the Bible instead. For example, if Mom's three things are shopping, playing tennis, and watching movies, the rest of the family would vote on which of those three Mom thinks is most important. If the family votes that watching movies is most important to Mom, then Mom will give up watching movies for a week. Tell your family that we always need to be willing to drop everything and follow Jesus. Taking a break from the things that fill our lives reminds us that those things are not as important as God.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17 (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about Jesus and the rich, young man in Mark 10:17-22. 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, listed some things that he liked when he was younger. List three of the things that he liked.

2. You probably have similar things that you like. List three things you really like.

3. Is there anything wrong with the things on your list and on Pastor Mike's list?

4. The danger is when our "things" become more important than God. Should anything be more important than God?

5. What did the young man in the Leadership Story ask Jesus?

6. What did Jesus say the young man should do?



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7. What did the young man say about the commandments?

8. Jesus said that there was still something the young man had not done. What did Jesus then tell the young man to do?

9. Jesus was testing the young man. What did Jesus want to find out?

10. What was more important to the young man, his possessions or following Jesus?

11. Test yourself to see if there are things that are more important to you than Jesus. Answer the questions below.
 - Are there activities that take up time and keep you from praying and reading your Bible every day? If so, list them below.

 - Are there purchases you make that keep you from giving your tithe, or giving and sharing with others? If so, list them below.

 - Are there activities that keep you from coming to church? If so, list them below.



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If you have a lot of activities and things in the lists above, you are making those things more important than following Jesus. Remember, we want to always keep Jesus number one in our lives. Nothing should be more important than Him. Talk to your parents about the things on your list. Plan to reduce the amount of time or the amount of money and effort you spend on those things. Put that money, time, and effort into worshipping God instead. You can do that by reading the Bible and praying more, giving to the church and sharing with others, or by serving and helping others.

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

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1. Video games. Cartoons. Sports. Music.
2. Answers may vary, but may include: Soccer. Chocolate. My toys.
3. No.
4. No.
5. How to inherit eternal life.
6. Keep the commandments.
7. The young man said he had tried to keep all these commandments his whole life.
8. Sell his possessions and give them to the poor, and follow Jesus.
9. If his possessions were more important than following Jesus.
10. His possessions.
11. Answers may vary but may include:
 - Homework. Playing. Sleeping. Watching TV.
 - Toys. Games. Candy.
 - Staying over at a friends house. Playing.