

Devotional – Leading

HT03F



Heritage

Core 3: Founding Fathers

Opening

- Today we learned about the Founding Fathers who were Godly men of high moral character!
- Now, let's see what the bible says to us about being great leaders and setting a Godly example!
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down

I Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Devotional

Big picture

You may think (or others may think) that you are too young to serve God, but instead He calls you to set the example!

- Q: **Do any of you think YOU are too young to be a leader?** (Give past example in your own life, if no child responses.)
- The Bible says, you are a leader! You may think you're too young to be a leader, but you're not!
- You may think (or others may think) you're too young to serve God, but instead He calls you to set the example!
- Ask God to show you ways to give you courage, so that you may be set apart for His service.
- To be "set apart" means to be devoted to God only, to be different from those who don't know Jesus.
- As a Godly Leader, you should be different in the following ways:
 - In the things you say. (We learned last time about controlling our tongues in anger)
 - In the way you act towards others. (golden rule- do unto others.. Mt 7:12)
 - How you love others. (putting other's first)
 - How we love Jesus. (spending time with Him: reading bible, praying, worship)
 - In doing what is right and true. (being good)
- Q: But it is hard to be different isn't it? Jesus says few choose the narrow road, the Leaders' road.
- God wants to give you courage to be a Godly leader. All you need do is ask Him, Listen, and Obey.
- The Founding Fathers were great leaders and included men of great faith. Yet, they were just like you as boys.
- God doesn't ask you to be Founding Fathers. He asks you to love Him and follow Him.
- If you love Jesus and follow Jesus, He will make you a Leader.
- Remember! You are a leader. People & God are watching what you do and say.

Memory Verse #2

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Topical Questions

1. How can you be a leader to others by what you say or what you do?
2. Do you think the Founding Fathers knew they were going to grow up to be Founding Fathers?
3. Can you be a leader, without being different?
4. When was a time when one of your friends or siblings was a leader?

Closing Prayer

Ask God to give these boys courage to be a Godly example, like the Founding Fathers. That they would be bold in asking for courage (knocking and door opened) to be different in a world that will not cheer them on to be Godly leaders but instead will fight against them. But, we know Jesus' Victory has already been won.

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