

Take Me to Your Leader

Week 1 Planning Sheet

January 30 - February 5, 2011

Main Point: Jesus is our example of how to live our lives.

Story Focus: Luke 2:42-52, Jesus was busy with His Father's plan for His life as a twelve year old boy.

Verse Focus: Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.
Philippians 2:6-8 (GW)

Skill Focus: matching leadership quotes

Suggested plan:

My plan:

<p>SUNDAY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>1-Warm Up: Servant Leader</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>2-STORY FOCUS: Luke 2:42-52</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>3-Understand: Luke 2:42-52</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>4-Focus on Jesus</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>5-Hands On: influence quiz</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Close in prayer</p>	
<p>WEEKDAY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>6A-Play: Blackout</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>8-SKILL FOCUS: Who said this?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Close in prayer</p>	
<p>MIDWEEK</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Announcements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>6B-Play: Serve it Up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Worship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>7-VERSE FOCUS: Philippians 2:6-8 GW</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>9-Small groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Highs and lows •TalkStarters •Close in prayer 	
<p>DAILY DEVOTIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>10-Five devotions on pleasing God</p>	



1 // Warm Up

(get them talking questions: 10 minutes)

Servant Leader

Adults to share...

1. When you were in elementary school, were you a follower or a leader? How about middle school? High school?
2. When you were 12 years old, what chores were you responsible for at your house?
3. When you were in middle school, what career did you think you would have? What is your job now?
4. What do you like most about being a leader? Least?

Children and youth to share...

1. What chores are you responsible for at your house?
2. What career do you think you will have when you get older?
3. What do you think is the biggest challenge to being a leader?
4. At what age are you considered to be a "grown up?"

This week we are going learn about how Jesus grew up just like we do. He had to study, work, and obey his parents. We can become great leaders if we follow the example of Jesus.



2 // Story Focus

(read the Bible story: 2 minutes)

Luke 2:42-52 ERV

- 42 When Jesus was **twelve years old**, they went to the festival as usual.
- 43 When the festival was over, they went home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. **His parents** did not know about it.
- 44 They traveled for a whole day thinking that Jesus was with them in the group. They began looking for him among their **family and close friends**,
- 45 but they did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there.
- 46 After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions.
- 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and wise answers.
- 48 When his parents saw him, they wondered how this was possible. And his mother said, "Son, why did you do this to us? **Your father and I were very worried about you.** We have been looking for you."
- 49 Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is."
- 50 But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.
- 51 Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all these things.
- 52 **As Jesus grew taller, he continued to grow in wisdom. God was pleased with him and so were the people who knew him.**

Interactive Reading

Read the story again, and ask the group to stop you whenever the passage says something about Jesus that they can relate to as a kid. Make sure to talk about the words in bold.

Transition

Jesus grew up just like we all do, so He knows what we go through. Let's talk about how that relates to Him being our leader.



3 // Understand

(dig-in-deeper questions about the story: 15 minutes)

Photocopy the six Question Cards and wad them up. Ask your group to sit in a circle. Toss a waded Question Card to someone in the circle. That person uncrumples the Question Card, reads the question out loud, answers the question, wads the Card up again and throws it across the circle to another group member. That group member repeats the process and throws the Card one more time. Once that group member answers the question the Card is discarded and you toss the second Question Card to someone else.

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #1
How worried do you think Jesus' parents became while they were looking for him?

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #2
Why do you think Jesus' parents didn't immediately look for him in the temple?

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #3
What was Jesus doing at the temple?

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #4
If your parents could not find you, where would they look first?

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #5
How tough do you think it was for Jesus to obey his parents?

Take Me to Your Leader. Card #6
Jesus' parents didn't understand what he meant. How can you obey your parents when there are misunderstandings?



4 // Focus on Jesus

(a reminder about Jesus: 5 minutes)

Did you know Jesus was a kid at one time? He grew up just as all of us have to. He had parents who told Him what to do. He had to learn how to read and write. He had to learn all the things that kids in His day learned to do.

Have you ever felt like no one understood what you were going through? It helps to know that someone else has experienced what you do. Then, you know they can relate to what you feel like. Check out what this verse says about Jesus:

Hebrews 4:15 BBE For we have not a high priest who is not able to be touched by the feelings of our feeble flesh; but we have one who has been tested in all points as we ourselves are tested, but without sin.

It's important to understand that things didn't happen for Jesus easily, just because He was Jesus. He had to study, work, obey His parents, eat healthy foods, and all kinds of other stuff that kids have to do.

Jesus is our example of how to live and grow up in the Lord. By finding things in the Bible that talk about how we should live, we can let Jesus be our leader. Follow His leadership, and your life will be all that God has planned for it to be!



5 // Hands On

(influence quiz: 10 minutes)

Materials needed: paper, pencils

Jesus is an excellent model for us to follow on how to live and grow up in the Lord. In his leadership, Jesus was also a servant. This activity will help us look at leadership in a new way.

Tell the students that for today's lesson you will be giving them two quizzes. Pass out a sheet of paper and ask them to fold it in half. On one half, write Quiz 1 at the top and on the other half, write Quiz 2.

Read the following questions and ask the students to record their answers under Quiz 1.

1. Name the last three Vice Presidents of the USA
2. Name the three wealthiest people in the world.
3. Name three people who have won the Nobel Peace Prize.
4. Name the last three MVPs for the Super Bowl.

Have the students go to the other half and record the answers to these questions under Quiz 2.

1. Name three people who have helped you through a tough time.
2. Name three people who have made you feel special.
3. Name three people who taught you something worthwhile.
4. Name three people with whom you can share your secrets.

We can remember people who have helped us easier than we can recall the leaders of our country and other "important" people. One of the best ways that we can lead is by helping and serving others.

