



Godly Citizenship Lesson Plan

Values Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

Necessary Resources



- Blocks, paper, string, scrap fabric, cardboard boxes (any toys/scraps from home that can be used to make a building)
- A way to play music
- Markers



- Poster board (or mini-poster board, or plain paper/construction paper for each boy)
- Markers/crayons



- A snack and drink that can be divided in half (like cookies and juice)
- Plates or napkins
- Small paper cups

FUN



Musical Markers

Scatter markers around room, and ask each Trailman to stand on one marker. Play music while boys dance/move around for two minutes. When the music stops, give a countdown of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for every boy to find a marker. Every Trailman must be on a place marker. Start music up again. Take away two markers, then watch for leadership skills as some boys naturally direct and assist other Trailmen to find a spot on a marker. Everyone must be on a marker, or everyone is out. Trailmen may share markers.



Scavenger Hunt

Split the Trailmen into small groups. Give each group a list of directions to find a series of hidden objects or a note to the next location.



Evaluate whether the directions were a good leader. Discuss specific ways that the directions could have led the groups better. Could they have been more specific? More encouraging?

FOCUS



Honoring Authority Figures

If we are following Christ, we need to be Godly citizens. Being a Godly citizen starts at home with honoring your parents, but it also includes honoring all authority figures in your life. When you honor, respect, and obey your parents and authority figures, you are honoring God. Lead a discussion with the Trailmen about the different types of authority figures in their lives.



Bright Lights

Have everyone recite the Oath. Discuss the different parts and what they mean. How can you use what the oath teaches you to be a Godly citizen? Talk about leadership and how you can be a good leader by following God's instructions.

Read Mathew 5:14-16

A bright light is hard to hide in darkness. Talk about bright light: Cuts through darkness, hides the stars, seen from far away, etc. Talk about the city or town nearest to you. Have the Trailmen ever driven into it at night? What was it like?

Light travels in waves. The most intense light comes directly from a source, but some light bounces off other objects and is not as bright. What are some other observations about light?

The story talks about the light being put on a stand. What would give more light—; a light on the floor or one hanging from the ceiling?

What does this mean about our character? Our good deeds can point a light towards our Heavenly Father.



Leadership

Who is leading this meeting? How do you know? That's right. I am! I am the leader of this meeting. I am here with our plan for today (hold up papers), supplies ready to go (point to supplies), excited to spend time with you all (point to boys)! In a minute, we'll talk about what you think makes a good leader. First, let's read a few verses from the Bible about the kind of leader Jesus was. He's our ultimate example, right?

Read Philippians 2:3-8. Questions to ponder and discuss:

- What do you think makes a good leader?
- What can we learn from Jesus about being good leader?

FINGERS



Building Fun

Set up: Place assorted materials into piles according to how many teams you will have.

Instructions: Teams have two minutes to see (but not touch) the materials in their pile and discuss how they will construct their buildings. Teams will then have three minutes to build, but may not speak at all during that time.

Reflect: Discuss how things worked. Did the teams work together, or did one person take over? How hard was it to work without talking?



Leadership Poster

Discuss leadership qualities to look for in a good leader. Allow Trailmen to create a poster listing the qualities of a good leader. This may be a group project, or each Trailman could make a mini-poster to take home to remind him of the meeting.



You, Then Me

Have the Trailmen pair up. Trailman #1 divides the snack, and Trailman #2 chooses which piece he wants. Then they switch places for the drink. Trailman #2 divides the drink, and Trailman #1 chooses his cup first. The desire to be treated equally will cause each Trailman to play fair! If a pair did not share equally discuss why and how they should next time?

FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



Honoring Authority Figures

Read Exodus 20:12 and Romans 13:1-5. Pray and ask God to help the Trailmen to show their parents and authority figures how much they honor them.



Jesus Calms the Storm

Pray that the Trailmen would have the character to be bright lights in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

Pray with the Trailmen.



Love Your Neighbor

"A big part of our perception of serving when we are older and humbly helping others comes from practicing helping others and hearing about the importance of serving others when we are young." -Clay Clarkson

Read and discuss Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.

Father God, we are so grateful that you've shown us how to live! We ask that you help us to put others first, as Jesus did. We want to be a blessing to you, our families, and our community! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pray with the Trailmen.

FAMILY



Honor Authority Figures

Think about some practical ways you can serve your family and authority figures. Help your mom with housework, do a task for your dad that you notice he's been too busy or too tired to do, or arrange to spend time with a grandparent for the afternoon. Talk about what it means to honor them.



Lights

Today we talked about how important lights are. If you have time tonight, light the candle, and take a minute to see what our candle craft looks like in action. Talk about how the outside of the jar changes the color that we see and how important the paper becomes with a light behind it. We need to be beautiful lights to point others to Christ!



Forgiveness

Read and review Matthew 6:14-15. Discuss a time when you have needed forgiveness or been forgiven. Confess any current situations where you are struggling to forgive someone and commit to repent.

FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Godly Citizenship Step on the Values Branch.



*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.

