

SMALL GROUP | DAY 2

I Can Be a Strong Leader With Purpose



I can trust God
no matter what!



Bible

What if you don't say anything at this time? Then help for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your family will die. Who knows? It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this. Esther 4:14 NIRV

Supplies

- Bible
- Red and Green Light Traffic sign

Crew Leader Prepare

- Mark Bible at Esther 4:14 NIRV

Digging Deeper

- What makes someone a strong leader?

There's more to being a leader with purpose than strong muscles like VERA learned, right? (Let Campers share)

Campers challenge who can do 10 push-ups for a fun play on strong muscles and strong leadership.

To be a strong leader with purpose, you don't always have to be first on stage, first in line, first to raise your hand, or the biggest following on socials. You don't need to be the oldest, the strongest, the tallest, or the smartest either.

Optional: Have Campers act these out

You can be a leader with purpose by:

- listening when others are talking. (cup hand to ear)
- looking people in the eyes when they talk with you
- encouraging others. (give an air high five)
- making a crying baby smile and laugh. (pretend to make funny faces at a baby)
- opening the door for a stranger

Can you think of other ways you can be a leader with purpose?

There are lots of ways to be a leader even when you are quiet or shy. God wants you to be a strong leader - even when no one else is.

GO THE DISTANCE!

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Connection to Bible Story

Was Esther from our Bible Story today a strong leader?

It took a lot of courage to speak to the King about her people the Jews and the plot to hurt them. There was no time to be shy. She had to save her people!

When Esther learned of the plan to hurt the Jews, Mordecai, Esther's cousin, said to her:

"What if you don't say anything at this time? Then help for the Jews will come from another place. But you and your family will die. Who knows? It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this." Esther 4:14 NIRV

God put Esther in the King's palace at the right time to save the Jewish people. She was a strong leader at just the right time. I know you can be a strong leader with purpose, too!

STOP and GO! Traffic Box

Using a Traffic Sign with two holes, one red and green, Campers will put their hand into the traffic light to pull out a description card.

Red light cards read:

A strong leader needs to STOP! and listen when someone else is talking.

A strong leader with purpose needs to STOP! and be kind even though they feel like getting upset.

A strong leader needs to STOP! and think of others, not just themselves.

A strong leader with purpose needs to STOP! and tell the truth, not lies.

A strong leader needs to STOP! and play outside instead of another hour of video games.

Green light cards read:

A strong leader with purpose needs to GO! when being asked to do something.

A strong leader needs to GO! make good decisions.

A strong leader with purpose needs to GO! practice their spelling words one more time.

A strong leader needs to GO! to bed at a good time.

A strong leader needs to GO! ask for help when feeling sad.

Play a game of Red Light, Green Light if time allows.

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How was your day?

Our challenge for today is to be a strong leader by asking someone at home, a friend or someone in your family, “How was your day?”

Have you ever thought that one way to be a strong leader is to care about others and find out what kind of day they’ve had?

Asking this question with purpose means you hear how they feel, what went well with their day, and what frustrated them.

Show them you care by listening well.

You can do this in the car on your drive home. Or maybe there is someone you want to call and ask on the phone.

Once you asked someone “How was your day?” circle the emoji that matches how they feel about their day.

Wristband reminder! Check out VERA’s video on your wristband and let her make you smile!

Prayer

Thank You, God, for the example of Esther and how she was a strong leader so that her people could be saved.

We want to be strong leaders, too!

Help us to lead by helping others, being a good friend, listening well, and telling the truth. Amen.



GO THE DISTANCE!