Children: You Can Be a Leader for Jesus



Explore how children can lead with faith, love, and courage by following Jesus' example in this 7-day Bible study plan.





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Introduction

Welcome to this inspiring 7-day Bible study plan about children and leadership for Jesus. Often, children are seen as learners and followers, but God's Word makes it clear that age does not limit one's ability to influence and lead others for His kingdom. Throughout Scripture, we see many examples of young people who led with courage, faith, and wisdom, proving that leadership is not about size or years but heart and obedience.

In this journey, you will discover how God calls you to be a leader right where you are—whether at school, at home, or in your community. Each day, we will dive into Scripture passages that reveal how children, just like you, have been used mightily by God. You'll learn how to develop qualities like humility, courage, love, and service—all essential for a leader following Jesus.

Remember, leadership for Jesus isn't about being the loudest or the boss; it's about serving others, standing up for what's right, and shining God's light in a world that needs hope.

Get ready to be encouraged, challenged, and equipped as you step into the role God has for you. Let's begin this exciting adventure together!









Day 1: F God Can Use You Now









Day 1: 7 God Can Use You Now

Your Verse

1 Samuel 17:34-37 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- Jeremiah 1:7 'Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go.'
- Luke 2:52 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.'







Day 1: F God Can Use You Now

Devotional: Trusting God to Use You Today

Leadership starts with trust in God's power, not our own strength. In 1 Samuel 17, David was just a young shepherd boy, yet God used him to defeat the giant Goliath. David didn't rely on armor or weapons but on God's strength, showing us that God can use anyone—no matter age—to accomplish His plans.

Sometimes we might feel too small or inexperienced to be leaders. But God reminds us through Jeremiah that our age is not an obstacle. What matters is our willingness to say yes and trust Him to guide us.

Today, ask yourself: Are you willing to trust God to use you right where you are? Remember, true leadership begins with faith in God's power, not in how old you are or what you have.







Day 1: 🍞 God Can Use You Now

Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears or doubts do you have about being a leader for Jesus?
2.	How can trusting God help you overcome those doubts?
3.	In what ways can you serve or lead others at your current age?







Day 1: 🍞 God Can Use You Now

Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time you felt too young or unprepared to do something, but God helped you.
	List three ways you can show leadership this week at school, home, or church.
3.	Reflect on what it means to trust God's strength instead of your own.







Day 1: 7 God Can Use You Now

Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for reminding me that age doesn't limit Your power in my life. Help me to trust You completely and say yes when You call me to lead. Give me courage like David and teach me to rely on You every day. May I shine Your light in all I do and inspire others by my faith. In Jesus' name, *amen*.







Day 2: P Leading with a Servant's Heart









Day 2:
Q Leading with a Servant's Heart

Your Verse

Mark 9:35 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:3 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.'
- John 13:14–15 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.'







Day 2:
Q Leading with a Servant's Heart

Devotional: True Leadership Is Serving Others

Jesus teaches us the greatest leadership is found in serving others. In Mark 9:35, Jesus tells His disciples that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. Being a leader for Jesus means putting others before ourselves and looking for ways to help and encourage those around us.

Sometimes, we think leadership is about telling others what to do or being the boss. But Jesus flips that idea on its head by modeling humility and service. When we serve others as He did, we become true leaders in His eyes.

Today, consider how you can lead by serving. Who around you needs kindness, help, or encouragement? Serving is a powerful way to show God's love and lead by example.







Day 2: \bigcirc Leading with a Servant's Heart

Reflect and Apply

	How do you usually think about leadership? Does this match Jesus' example?
2.	Who can you serve or encourage today?
	What makes serving others challenging, and how can you overcome those challenges?







Day 2: \bigcirc Leading with a Servant's Heart

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you helped someone and how it made you feel.
2.	Make a list of simple ways you can serve your family, friends, or community.
3.	Reflect on how serving others can grow your leadership qualities.







Day 2:
Q Leading with a Servant's Heart

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing me that real leadership means serving others. Help me to put others first and lead with a humble heart. Teach me to find joy in helping and encouraging those around me. Give me the strength to serve even when it's hard and to always follow Your example. Amen.

















Your Verse

Daniel 3:16-18 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- Exodus 4:12 'Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.'
- Psalm 27:1 'The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?'







Devotional: Standing Strong for Jesus

Courage is key to leading for Jesus, especially when we face challenges. Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego showed incredible bravery when they refused to bow down to a golden statue, even though it meant facing a fiery furnace.

Like them, you may encounter times when standing up for your faith is scary or difficult. But God promises to be with you and to give you the words and strength you need. Courage doesn't mean being fearless; it means trusting God even when you are afraid.

Today, ask God to give you boldness to speak and act with courage. Remember, your voice can be a powerful tool for God's kingdom.







Reflect and Apply

1.	When have you felt scared to share your faith or stand up for what's right?
2.	How can trusting God help you overcome fear?
3.	What are some ways you can speak up for Jesus in your everyday life?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time you were courageous or want to be courageous in the future.
2.	List Bible verses that encourage bravery and trust in God.
3.	Reflect on how God has helped you face fears before.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You that You are always with me, even when I feel afraid. Please give me the courage to stand strong for You and to speak boldly about my faith. Help me remember that I don't have to face challenges alone because You are my strength and protector. In Jesus' powerful name, amen.

















Your Verse

John 13:34-35 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 John 4:19 'We love because he first loved us.'
- Matthew 22:39 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'







Devotional: Leading Through Love and Compassion

Love is the foundation of leadership in Jesus' kingdom. When Jesus told His disciples to love one another as He loved them, He set the highest standard of leadership there is: selfless, unconditional love.

As a child of God, you are called to lead by showing kindness, forgiveness, and compassion to others. This kind of love attracts people, shows God's heart, and changes lives.

Think about how your love can be a light for Jesus today. Whether through a smile, a kind word, or helping hand, your love can make a difference in someone's day.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you show love to others around you?
2.	What are some challenges you face in loving others like Jesus does?
3.	How can practicing love strengthen your leadership for Jesus?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about someone you find hard to love and ask God to help your heart toward them.
2.	List ways you can show God's love at school, home, or with friends.
3.	Reflect on how God's love has changed your life.







Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me first and teaching me to love others. Fill my heart with Your love so I can share it freely. Help me to be patient, kind, and forgiving, even when it's hard. Use my love to lead others to You and bring Your light into the world. Amen. \heartsuit \bigcirc \r







Day 5: Suilding Character Through Obedience









Day 5: N Building Character Through Obedience

Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 6:1 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.'
- Psalm 119:9 'How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.'







Day 5: N Building Character Through Obedience

Devotional: Obedience Shapes Godly Leaders

Obedience to God and those He places in authority helps build strong character essential for leadership. Proverbs reminds us to trust in the Lord and lean not on our own understanding, acknowledging Him in all our ways. When we obey God's Word and respect our parents and teachers, we learn the discipline, wisdom, and integrity that leaders need.

Sometimes obedience may feel hard or unfair, but it's a way to grow closer to God and prepare for leadership responsibilities.

Today, ask God to help you obey willingly and develop a heart that values His guidance above all else.







Day 5: \P Building Character Through Obedience

Reflect and Apply

1.	Why is obedience important for leaders?
2.	Are there areas in your life where obedience is a struggle? Why?
3.	How can trusting God help you obey even when it's difficult?







Day 5: \checkmark Building Character Through Obedience

Journaling Prompts

	Write about someone who models obedience and what you can learn from them.
2.	List areas in your life where you want to grow in obedience.
3.	Reflect on how obedience has helped you grow spiritually.







Day 5: N Building Character Through Obedience

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, teach me to trust You and obey Your Word every day. Help me respect and listen to those You have placed in my life to guide me. Make me a leader of integrity who follows Your path with joy and faithfulness. Thank You for giving me wisdom as I seek to lead for You. Amen. \square \wedge









Day 6: Shine Bright for Jesus









Day 6: 💍 Shine Bright for Jesus

Your Verse

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:15 'So that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.'
- 1 Timothy 4:12 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.'







Day 6: 🖰 Shine Bright for Jesus

Devotional: Being a Light in the World

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world, letting our good works shine for all to see. When you follow Jesus, you become a leader who reflects His love and truth. No matter your age, you have the power to influence others positively by how you live, speak, and treat people.

It's easy to blend in, but God wants you to stand out—to be a shining example of His grace and truth. Your faith can inspire your friends and family to discover Jesus and live for Him too.

Ask God to help you shine Your light brightly through your actions and words today. Remember, your light can change the world, one person at a time.







Day 6: 🔥 Shine Bright for Jesus

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does being a leader for Jesus mean being a light to others?
2.	In what ways can you let your light shine at school or with friends?
	What barriers might stop you from shining for Jesus, and how can you overcome them?







Day 6: 🔥 Shine Bright for Jesus

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about what it means to be a light in your daily life.
2.	List ways you can show God's love and truth to others this week.
3.	Reflect on how you can grow in faith to shine brighter for Jesus.







Day 6: 6 Shine Bright for Jesus

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for calling me to be Your light in this world. Help me to live in a way that shines Your love and truth brightly. Give me courage to stand out and influence others for You. Let my words and actions reflect Your grace every day. Amen. 💸 🐧 🙏















Your Verse

Luke 9:23 NIV

Supporting Scriptures

- John 15:5 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.'
- Matthew 4:19 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'







Devotional: True Leadership Is Following Jesus Daily

To be a leader for Jesus, the most important step is to follow Him closely every day. Jesus said to take up your cross and follow Him, meaning to put Him first in everything and to follow His example of love, sacrifice, and obedience.

True leaders don't lead by their own strength but by staying connected to Jesus. Like branches depend on the vine, we must rely on Him to grow, bear fruit, and guide others well.

Today, commit to deepening your relationship with Jesus. Let your leadership flow from your connection to Him, trusting Him to lead the way.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean to 'take up your cross and follow Jesus' in your life?
2.	How do you stay connected to Jesus daily?
3.	How can following Jesus better help you lead others?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about what following Jesus means to you personally.
2.	Make a list of ways you can stay close to Jesus every day.
3.	Reflect on how your leadership changes when you depend on Jesus.







Prayer for Today







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