

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

# Character Development

## Lesson 11: Conclusion & Review

### Lesson Keys

- Introduction
- Review
- Prayer
- Conclusion

### Preparation

Just like Lesson 7's Reflection, the conclusion needs to be a good review over the past few lessons. The important point is that you give solid biblical life application to each lesson. The lights will start to turn on as you show how these traits are more than just good theoretical ideas, but lifestyles to be developed. Be sure that you have time to close the circle by one last time hitting on how this is part of developing character, the foundation of our lives.

### Teaching Coach

Take a little time to re-emphasize the vision and purpose of this class. The goal is not to just learn about godly character traits, but to apply them to life. Today's class will focus on the application of these character traits.

### Introduction

Today's lesson has only one purpose, to reflect over what has already been taught over the past several weeks. The purpose of this session is to review and reflect over the different character traits that have already been taught and to focus on how we might begin to better apply these character traits to our lives.

Sometimes it may seem like we rush through the lessons every week just to get to a different lesson the next week. Now that there have been several Character traits discussed and taught, it is time to see how much you remember, recognize those who have put them into practice and to develop a plan on how to put these traits into your life.

### Review:

Who knows what the first character trait that we learned about was?

### Patience

What is patience?

#### Definition:

The quality of being able calmly to endure suffering, toil, delay, vexation, or any similar condition without complaint. Patience is developed through daily frustrations and situations.

#### Example:

Imagine that you are on your way to one of your baseball games and you get stuck at the train tracks due to a very long train. You realize that you are already late and being stuck at the train tracks will cause you to be even more late. Patience is simply realizing that there is nothing that you can do to change the situation and calmly wait for the train to pass without whining or getting angry.

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Try to see if the kids remember all their past lessons. To conserve time, minimize the time that kids discuss each trait. It will definitely be helpful for the kids to remember and connect with the past traits if you engage them in discussion; however, you must save 5 to 10 minutes for the prayer time and conclusion.

Who knows what the next character trait that we learned about was?

## **Gratefulness**

What is gratefulness?

Definition:

There are two sides to gratefulness. The first is recognizing the things that God and others have given to you and using appropriate ways to express appreciation. These are usually the things that are obvious to be grateful about. The second is accepting difficulties as part of God's loving provision. This means to be understanding when life is difficult or painful, because you know that God is using it to benefit your life.

Example:

- Gratefulness is simply expressing gratitude for what others have done for you. This means saying thank you to those who give you things or do things for you. It may mean saying thank you to your mom for washing your clothes or saying thank you to a teacher for instructing you.
- Gratefulness also means to endure hardship without grumbling or complaining. It means to have a positive attitude because you know that God's hand is on you through the difficulty and guiding you and that you will be a better person once through the rough times.

Who knows what the next character trait that we learned about was?

## **Responsibility**

What is responsibility?

Definition:

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting of me.

Example:

Responsibility is being careful for the things that may not belong to you. It is making sure that the things we borrow are returned in even better shape than they were when we got them. This is about being a good steward.

Most importantly, responsibility is knowing that God gave you life and it is not your own. It is about reaching your maximum potential spiritually and taking every opportunity to grow, either physically, mentally and spiritually.

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Allow this to be a sacred and powerful time. Let the kids know that this is a very important time and that talking does not need to happen now.

This is the last note that you will leave with these kids. Hit it hard and leave the impression in their hearts that life without character is not any kind of life at all.

## Prayer

Take just a moment and quickly review each of the traits discussed in this lesson. Ask the children to close their eyes and take a few minutes to focus on what trait they would most like to see in their life. Have them take a few minutes to pray and commit it to the Lord. With their eyes closed, ask for those that are praying about patience to raise their hands. Then take a moment to specifically pray for those who are working on patience. Then ask those who are praying for gratefulness to raise their hands. Pray for them specifically as well. Then ask those who are praying for responsibility to raise their hands. Pray for them specifically as well. Last of all, conclude your prayer by thanking God for the foundations that are being put in place.

## Conclusion

Conclude the class by once again talking about foundations. Any strong building must have a strong foundation. Your life is a building and the strength of your life will completely depend on the foundation that you build. It is much easier to build a foundation when your whole life is ahead of you and you are young. Be sure to develop godly character now, when it is most important.

Pray and dismiss the children.