

# GRITTY LEADERSHIP

## 4-LESSON LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

### PARENT GUIDE

We realize that you, as parents, are the primary faith influencers in a young person's life. The best disciple making takes place when students' parents take the lead. That's why we've created this helpful guide for you to use at home with your child. It is designed to give you some basic information about what is being taught at church through the *Gritty Leadership* curriculum, along with some helpful tools, suggestions, and questions to help you reinforce this learning at home.

#### OVERVIEW OF GRITTY LEADERSHIP (4 Lessons)

In *Gritty Leadership*, students will discover and develop the grittiness they need to persevere as a leader for Jesus. Leaders in God's Kingdom need to be prepared to endure trials and obstacles, but thankfully we don't have to do it alone. God both gives us his help and transforms our hearts so that we can meet life's challenges head on with his power. Your student will learn the skills and character traits needed to develop into a tough, dependable, and gritty leader for the Kingdom of God.

#### MAIN TOPICS AND SCRIPTURE COVERED

- **Lesson 1: Underdogs (John 9:1–41)**  
Lesson one focuses on the story of a man born blind who, after a healing encounter with Jesus, transformed into a scrappy defender of Jesus. As Christ-followers, we may be called to rock the boat from time to time. We just need to remember that it's Jesus who transforms us from powerless people to effective leaders for his Kingdom.
- **Lesson 2: Blind Spots (James 5:13–16)**  
Truly powerful, gritty leadership can't just be about toughness, it also requires vulnerability and accountability. In this lesson, students will see how accountability provides a grace-filled space where they can admit their failures and allow others to point out their leadership "blind spots."
- **Lesson 3: Find a Way (Acts 17:16–31)**  
When faced with obstacles or challenges, leaders don't stop and wait for the perfect circumstances, they think outside the box. Lesson three will challenge students to be creative as they engage the world around them and overcome the many obstacles leaders face.
- **Lesson 4: No Excuses (1 Timothy 4:6–14)**  
Making excuses is a common habit, but leaders in God's Kingdom need to be different. There is a high cost for making excuses in faith. In the final lesson, students will discover how God's power and promises eliminate our need to make excuses. He replaces our fear with his mission for our lives.



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**QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK YOUR CHILD**

- In what area of your life do you feel like an underdog?
- Which friends would you trust to point out your “blind spots” and help keep you accountable?
- What’s a time when your creativity or problem solving skills surprised you?
- I was proud of the way you creatively found a solution when I saw you...
- What excuse do you fall back on whenever you’re afraid of being a leader?

**MEMORY VERSES:** Each lesson has a corresponding verse to memorize or meditate on.

**1.** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

**2.** So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV)

**3.** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5 (ESV)

**4.** Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV)