

FIVE TRUTHS TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

1. LEADERSHIP IS HARD.

When you choose to do the 'right thing' you may need to do things you do not want to do. It takes self-discipline, persistence, and strength to consistently do what you do not want to do.

2. LEADERSHIP TAKES TIME.

Leading by example, serving others, and doing what is right, all takes time. Sometimes, it takes time you would rather not give. You may find that you have to give up something or a special planned event to meet a need in front of you.

3. LEADERSHIP WILL COST YOU SOMETHING.

When you stand up for what is right even if you are the only one, there are times that it may cost you a friendship. You may lose your 'popularity'. It takes resilience and a strong sense of self to understand that what you are trying to achieve is worth the cost.

4. LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT SERVING OTHERS.

It's not about being in the spotlight. When you notice what others need – especially those in really tough situations-and you do what you can to serve them by helping, sometimes they will thank you and sometimes they will not. Sometimes others will notice, and other times no one will notice. It takes a clear vision about what you are doing and why you are doing it to get past those times when it feels like what you are doing doesn't make a difference because no one even notices.

5. LEADERSHIP CAN BE SCARY.

When you are in the midst of a group of people and something is happening that is wrong, it can be scary. Will you be the one to say "Stop, this isn't right", or get help, or walk away? This is the one time you will be noticed when you don't want to be. Others will not like it when you confront or try to do something about an injustice. It is a risk that leaders take. We have many examples of leaders who have risked their lives to do what they feel is the right thing to do. Leaders lead even when they are afraid. It takes courage.



A Leader:

- a) Sees the needs of others and thinks they are important.
- b) Stands on the side of truth even if they stand alone.
- c) Is willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of others.

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