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The Magic of Leadership

"Everyone can learn to be a leader"

Teacher Notes and Outline by Steve Harmer

INTRODUCTION:

Warm-up with partner: "Do thumbthing."

"You are thumb-buddy special."

"You're going to learn thumbthing today." "And it's about time."

Trick: Unicycle Routine

Trick: Hippity Hop Rabbits

With this fun trick, I lead you astray. It's fun to be fooled when you know it's pretend. Today I want to teach you how to be leader not to fool people, but to help people.

Leadership Definitions: Someone who has followers. (Peter Drucker)

The ability to influence others to change. (John Maxwell)

We are all leaders of something: a game, a project, a little brother, a job, or a sport

Prop: Leadership Toolbox: 6 tools that you can use to help you as a leader

Trick: Appearing Ladder: Helps us reach a high level of success

Helps us reach lofty goals

6 Leadership Tools:

1. VISION "Helps you see the goal clearly and helps you see solutions to problems."

Students can be taught that problems are not stumbling blocks but stepping stones.

Optimistic people make great leaders because they believe that they will reach their goal. It is really important to look beyond any difficulty. It is OK to fail as long as you keep looking ahead and try another solution. Great leaders see the future as bright and exciting.

Trick: Light Box Problems do emerge and mix us up but leaders see solutions.

2. GOLDEN RULE "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Not surprisingly this is one of the most important leadership skills for kids. Make a list of how you wish to be treated and then let that be your guide for treating others.

Trick: Bouquet from Handkerchiefs

Luke's 3 tips he has learned as a Medical Student:

1. Be on time
2. Show a good attitude
3. Keep your promises

Trick: BILLY and BOBBY Story - about being a "life giver" or "life taker"

3. CHARACTER "Choosing to do what's right." "Who you are when no one is looking."

Leaders must be kids of noble character. Leaders must know who they are and have a clear set of core values that guide them in the way they behave. They must be consistent and honorable in the way they live because they have lots of people watching them.

Trick: Spelling Bee "REACHCART becomes CHARACTER"

Trick: 10 Plate Spin

CHARACTER Acrostic: **C** is for Caring **H** - Honesty **A** - Acceptance **R** - Responsibility

A - Authenticity **C** - Courage **T** - Thankfulness **E** - Encouragement **R** - Respect

4. TEAMWORK "Together Everyone Achieves More"

Working well with others is another highly important skill for kids. A good team can accomplish much more than a bunch of individuals. Social growth and development is very important as kids mature and grow into leaders. Leaders learn to get along.

Trick: TEAM Banner in Big Bag

5. COMMUNICATION "Speak clearly, listen well and keep everyone informed."

Leaders communicate encouragement, inspiration and a belief in their team members. People are far more likely to follow someone who has clearly communicated the purpose, the goal and the plan. Good leaders regularly talk and listen to their team.

Trick: Confusing Crayons

6. PERSISTENCE "A leader doesn't give up when the going gets tough."

Leaders are not quitters. When others get tired and discouraged, leaders push on until the job is done. He or she must carry on boldly even when it is very difficult and challenging.

Trick: Rabbit Cage with Enlarging Wands

Steve: "Should I give up?" Kids: "Don't give up! Just get a bigger wand!"

CONCLUSION

No one is ever too young to be a leader. We all can be leaders if we are willing to learn the skills and use the tools of leadership and if we are willing to give it a solid effort. Today we learned about these 6 Leadership tools:

Vision Golden Rule Character

Teamwork Communication Persistence

Trick: Tissue Paper Slips in Jar to Paper Chain to Dove

"When you use these leadership tools, you can accomplish great things."