



Connect

Think of something you can all learn together as a family. Preferably, it is something you all are new at. It may be a new dish to cook, a new skill to learn (like crocheting or coding), a new sport or new online game you have never played before. Spend time learning it together. Help each other out especially when someone hits a roadblock or makes a mistake. This whole activity may take a few days and it's ok!

Learning something is always a fun thing! As we learn, we may struggle a bit as we go or we may make mistakes. We will be corrected and we welcome it because it is all part of learning. But what about if someone were to correct us about our temper or our attitude? Will we accept and learn from it as well?

Our story is about King David when he made a BIG mistake in his life. God sent a prophet to correct him. Let's see how he responded.

Read the Word

Nathan Rebukes David

12 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

11 "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

This story happened during war time. King David saw the wife of one of his officers and he took her to be his wife. When she became pregnant, King David hatched a plan and had the officer killed. So God sent his prophet Nathan to David, to confront him of his sin.

In those days, kings were truly powerful. One word from them could send a person to his death. To be called out for sin even by a prophet can be humiliating and is not usually welcomed. But David was different. Even though he was king, he did not make any excuses. He humbly accepted his sin and repented. He was truly sad that his actions grieved God.

This is what it means to have a teachable heart - to be able to accept corrections from others. Everybody makes mistakes - us, parents, teachers, class presidents, company presidents, even presidents of nations and accepting corrections is hard. It requires you to be humble and admit you are wrong. Sometimes, it can even be humiliating. But no matter how hard, a good leader will listen, evaluate, repent and learn from it.



Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old

- Has anyone ever corrected you for your behavior? Tell us what happened.

7-12 years old

- When was the last time someone corrected you for something you did? How did you respond? What lesson did you learn?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Did someone correct you even when you were already an adult? What happened?
-- Why must a leader have a teachable heart?

Whether kids or adults, this is a good lesson to learn as a leader because it will allow us to grow as a person and serve others better. More importantly, when we are teachable, God can point out areas in our lives to correct us so we can serve Him better and love Him more.



Dear God, we ask You for a teachable heart. It is so hard but please, soften our hearts so that we can be open and humble when You and others correct us. Teach us to be good leaders in our own situations. Bless our nation with teachable leaders. In Jesus' name, Amen!



Our Kids Leadership Academy took us through 5 admirable qualities that are good for a leader to have - integrity, competence, prudence, peacemaker and teachableness. How many do you think you already possess? And which ones do you think you need to improve on? Think about your answers and you can share it with your family so everyone can help each other improve.

On a side note, as our nation kicks off the campaign season for our national elections next year, adults can use these qualities as your barometer to gauge how well suited for leadership your chosen candidate is.