

1 Chronicles

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 4



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I will be brave in spite of danger, criticism, or threats.

KEY VERSE

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:9**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

In this lesson we will see that as godly men, we should follow the example of David’s mighty men and be brave in all that we do.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys’ sheet.

- Benaiah
- He killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. He killed Moab’s two greatest warriors. Armed only with a club, he fought and killed an Egyptian who was five cubits tall and armed with a spear. A cubit is about eighteen inches long. Therefore the Egyptian was about seven and a half feet tall.
- Answers will vary.



MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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Biblical Manhood

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Bravery

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 4



KEY THOUGHTS

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READ

Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab’s two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down an Egyptian who was five cubits tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver’s rod in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian’s hand and killed him with his own spear. Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty warriors. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard. 1 Chronicles 11:22–25

Who is your favorite superhero? Is it Batman, Superman, Spiderman, or Wolverine? What makes that character a hero? Is it his cool clothes or the gadgets he has? Is it his strange abilities? Or is it the fact that he is brave in spite of danger and goes out of his way to help people?

What makes a person a hero is whether they are brave. Valiance is bravery. It is courage when you know you may lose. Today, there are heroes like this all around us. Firefighters, police officers, and EMTs all give of themselves for other people and regularly put themselves in danger to help others.

In this story from 1 Chronicles, we read about Benaiah who was one of King David’s mighty men. He was so mighty, so brave, that David put Benaiah in charge of his own personal bodyguards. Look at all the amazing things that Benaiah did. He killed the strongest and best fighters from the nation of Moab. On a snowy day, he got into a pit with a lion and killed it. There is no way he could have had very good footing on the slope of the pit in the snow, and yet he still killed the lion. He killed a huge Egyptian warrior who had a huge spear when Benaiah had only a club! Benaiah was a very brave man!

God wants all of us to be brave men too. That means that we act courageously. It means that

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when we see someone getting picked on at school, we stand up for them. We go and tell a teacher and don't just pass by. It also means that we never pick on or bully other people.

A man of God never treats others with disrespect. A brave man stands up for people who cannot stand up for themselves. A brave man helps people who cannot help themselves.

The Royal Rangers Code says, "A Royal Ranger is Courageous: He is brave in spite of danger, criticism, or threats." That is valor. That is being like Benaiah! We should try each day to be brave when we face things that challenge us. If we pray, the Holy Spirit will help us be brave. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us to help us be a witness of all that Jesus does. Sometimes telling others requires bravery. We should pray each day for the Holy Spirit to help us to be brave!



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Who was in charge of David's bodyguard?
- Name three things done by the man who commanded David's bodyguard.
- How do you define bravery?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to be a brave man. Holy Spirit, please help me every day to be brave. Help me to stand up for people who cannot stand up for themselves. I want to be the godly man You want me to be! In Jesus' name. Amen.



RESPOND

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. A recommended plan can be found in the Bible Reading merit or online at royalrangers.com. Review this lesson with a friend or parent as a way to help you remember it.

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