

2 Chronicles

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 1



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

God answers prayer.

KEY VERSE

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” **2 Chronicles 7:14**

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 discover that prayer is our direct communication line with God and when we pray God acts on our behalf.

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.

- The temple
- Heal their land.
- Answers will vary. If discussion is slow or if it goes in the wrong direction, you may wish to read and discuss the Lord’s Prayer found in Matthew 6:9–13.



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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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 1



KEY THOUGHTS

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READ

When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

“As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.’” **2 Chronicles 7:11–18**

Have you ever heard the story of Aladdin?

Aladdin was a poor boy who found a lamp with a genie in it. When Aladdin rubbed the lamp, the genie came out and granted him three wishes. Aladdin had to be smart about his wishes. He did not waste them and he wanted to be able to get what he desired. A lot of people think that they are like Aladdin and God is like a genie. They think that when we pray God will give us whatever we want. But that is not how prayer usually works.

We just read about God talking to Solomon. Solomon had finished a big building project in Jerusalem. He built a temple for the Lord. Then,

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he built himself a house. After it was all finished, God made a promise to Solomon.

God said that when the people of Israel prayed from that temple, He would hear them. God said that the people had to humble themselves and pray. They had to realize that God calls the shots. The people also had to seek God's face. That means they had to want God's presence. And finally they had to stop doing bad things. They had to follow God's law and love God. Then, God would hear and answer their prayers.

God asks the same things of us. It's okay to ask God for things we want. But we need to have good reasons for our requests. When we pray, we have to be humble. We must understand that God is in control. When God gives us something, it's because He likes to meet our needs and give us gifts. When we pray, we need to ask God's forgiveness for the bad things we've done. God will forgive us when we ask.

God answers our prayers! But we have to approach Him in humility, worship, and desiring forgiveness.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What did Solomon build for God?
- What did God say He would do if the people responded to punishment from Him by humbling themselves, praying and seeking His face, and turning from their wicked ways?
- How should we pray?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for listening to my prayers and answering them. There are many times when I know I need help, and I am glad I can ask You to help me. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

Make a list of things to pray about. Pray for each one daily. As each one is answered, note the date and how it was answered.

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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