

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.

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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 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.

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CATEGORY
Cultural Issue

TITLE
The Glory of the Lord

REFERENCE
2 Chronicles 7:1–3

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 2



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I am a temple of God. We are God's temple.

KEY VERSE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

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

Solomon built a temple to serve as the central place of worship for the people of Israel in ancient times. Today, the Holy Spirit lives within us and we are God's temple.

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REFLECT ANSWERS

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

- God's glory
- It was destroyed.
- Answers will vary.



MATERIALS & PREP

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READ

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When you are out with your parents, how do you know which stores are open for business?

Most stores have a sign that says, “Open.” Some of those are signs that hang on the door or in a window. Others light up.

New stores often open with an event called a grand opening. This event uses sales and other attractions to draw crowds. Sometimes special buildings will have grand openings just so people can visit them.

A large crowd attended the grand opening of the temple. God was there, too. Fire from heaven burned up the sacrifices and offerings. The glory of God filled the temple. It was visible above the temple, too.

This temple stood for hundreds of years. It was the place people were supposed to worship God.

Eventually, the temple was destroyed by invading armies. Replacement temples were built on the same site but they were later destroyed, too. Today no temple exists at that site. But that does not mean God has no temple.

During the days of Jesus' ministry on the earth, He taught us that God's greatest desire is not to live in a temple building, but to live in the hearts of His people. A temple building is no longer needed as the only place where we can meet with God. Today, we can have the Spirit of God with us everywhere we go. If we have asked Jesus to forgive our sins, the Holy Spirit

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lives in us. That means we are God's temple. The Holy Spirit is God, just like Jesus and the Father are God. The Holy Spirit's presence in our life should be evident in the way we act. Others should notice us doing the right things and using self-control. If we struggle with this, the Holy Spirit can help us. Because He is God, He can help us with anything. He can even help us be brave.

Sometimes just the thought of telling someone else about God can seem scary. But Jesus knew we would need help. Even Jesus' first disciples needed help in sharing their faith without fear. In Acts 1:8, Jesus told His followers the Holy Spirit would come on them; they would receive power; and they would tell others about Him.

Acts 2 records the fulfillment of Jesus' words. The Holy Spirit came on the disciples. They saw flames of fire above their heads. They heard a powerful wind. They spoke in languages they had never learned. And Peter preached to a crowd so large that about 3,000 people expressed faith in Jesus.

Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends, yet he lied and said he didn't know Jesus because he was afraid of what others might think of him. That happened while Jesus was on trial. And it was only a few weeks later that Peter, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, preached his amazing sermon.

We call what the disciples experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some people also call it "being filled with the Spirit." It's a life-changing experience. It can help us to be bold, to draw nearer to God, and to experience God in ways we haven't before.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What filled the temple?
- What happened to the temple?
- How are you impacted by the knowledge that God lives in you?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, I want Your presence in my life. I want the Holy Spirit to lead me at all times. I want others to see my actions and know I follow You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

During the next week, spend at least three minutes a day praying for the Holy Spirit to guide you. This should lead you to be more like Him.

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CATEGORY
Biblical Worldview

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The Temple

REFERENCE
2 Chronicles 7:1–3

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 3



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

God's presence in our life should be obvious to others.

KEY VERSE

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **1 Corinthians 6:19**

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

King Solomon dedicated the temple. God's presence could be seen and felt at the ceremony. Today, God's presence in us should also be obvious to those around us.

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REFLECT ANSWERS

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

- Above the temple
- Heaven
- Answers will vary.



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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 3



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Have you ever been outside on a really cold winter day? Your hands get cold and stiff. Your toes ache. Your nose and ears feel like they're about to fall off.

Then, you come inside. It's warm and comfortable. Almost immediately you begin to feel better. You peel off your coat, gloves, and shoes. The warmth of the room begins to warm your body. Before long, you're warm and comfortable, because of the presence of heat in the room.

During Old Testament times, the temple had a key role in how people experienced God. The temple was similar a church today. But the temple was more formal. Elaborate ceremonies took place there. These ceremonies celebrated God's power and presence. They also provided a time for the people's needs to be brought before God.

King Solomon built a large temple. The temple was in Jerusalem. It was where the people of Israel could meet with God. Once the temple was finished, Solomon prayed a special prayer. He asked God to accept the temple and to meet with the people there.

When Solomon finished praying, God sent fire from heaven. The fire burned up the sacrifice that had been offered to God. God's presence filled the temple to such a degree the priests couldn't enter it. God's presence, referred to in our Scripture reading as the "glory of the Lord," was a presence that could be felt.

In some ways, it may have been like the presence

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of heat on a cold winter day. It was powerful. It was amazing. The people who saw it knelt with their faces to the ground and worshipped God!

Today, God lives in the heart and mind of every Christian. Although His presence in us may not involve fire from heaven or another visible form of “glory,” it should still be seen and felt by others. God puts His Spirit in us. We can show this in many ways, such as

- showing kindness, caring for others when they are in need, being sensitive to their feelings
- being joyful, regardless of the circumstances around us
- loving people, even when they aren't loving to us

There are many ways you can share the warmth of God's presence with the people around you.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Where was the glory of the Lord when the Israelites saw it?
- Fire came from where?
- How should God's presence in your life influence your behavior?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to develop habits that will let me share Your warmth with others. Help me to trust You to lead me, and to experience Your presence in new ways. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 4



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

If God asks me to do something, He will help me.

KEY VERSE

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Psalms 23:4**

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 examine how as godly men, we are responsible to God for what we do.

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REFLECT ANSWERS

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

- Worship God
- “Be with God and He will be with you. Leave God and He will leave you. Be strong; don’t give up and your work will be rewarded.”
- Answers will vary.



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CATEGORY

Biblical Manhood

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Responding to God

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2 Chronicles 15:1–8

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 4



KEY THOUGHTS

KEY POINT

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KEY VERSE

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Psalm 23:4**



READ

The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. But in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land

of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the LORD that was in front of the portico of the LORD’s temple. 2 Chronicles 15:1–8

Have you ever wanted to do something, but got sidetracked?

Asa was king over Judah. The nation of Judah stopped worshipping God before Asa became king. The people worshipped idols. Asa wanted to stop that. He wanted Judah to worship God. Asa needed to tear down the idols. He needed to destroy places idols were worshipped. And Asa needed to fix the broken altar at God’s temple.

Asa started some of the reforms, but a war broke out. Asa asked God for help. God helped Asa’s forces to crush a mighty enemy army.

This is when Azariah showed up. Azariah

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delivered God's message to Asa and the people of Judah and Benjamin: Be with God and He will be with you. Leave God and He will leave you. Be strong; don't give up and your work will be rewarded.

After Asa heard the message, he resumed work on the reforms. Asa removed idols, repaired the Lord's altar, and led the nation in entering a covenant to seek God.

There will be times when God will ask something of you. He may ask you to be a missionary. There are people all over the world who need to hear about Jesus. God may ask you to tell a neighbor or friend about Jesus.

God may ask you to raise a lot of money for Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge, Speed the Light, or another missions program. Those things may seem hard and scary. They may seem too big for you. But if God asks, you can be successful. God doesn't ask someone do something without making a way to get the job done. Godly men do what God's asks of them.

Godly men are men of courage. They are brave in the face of challenges. Don't be afraid to pray for sick people. Don't be afraid to talk to a friend about Jesus. Be willing to commit to being a missionary. God will be with you. God will help you.

Remember, the fourth point of the eight blue points in the Royal Rangers Code is Courageous. Be a godly man and do what God asks you to do. God wants to know that you love Him. He loves us very much and shows us all the time. Read God's Word each day and find out all the ways you can live better by obeying God. Talk to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help you make the

right choices and do the right things. Take the challenge and be faithful to God and His rules for life. You will be glad you did!



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What did King Asa want Judah to do?
- What message from God did Azariah deliver to Asa?
- What do you think the message to Asa says to you?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, when You call, help me to answer. When You speak to me, help me to obey. Help me do all that You ask of me. In Jesus' name. Amen.



RESPOND

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 5



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

God appoints both men and women to leadership positions.

KEY VERSE

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:28**

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

Throughout the ages, women have played a crucial role in the ministry of God. The prophet Huldah sent an important message to

King Josiah. Women are an important part of today's Church.

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REFLECT ANSWERS

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

- Huldah was a prophet and Josiah wanted to hear from God.
- The covenant
- Answers will vary.



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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 5



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READ

Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him went to speak to the prophet Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the New Quarter.

She said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah. Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all that their hands have made, my anger will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.’ Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against

this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. Now I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here.’”

So they took her answer back to the king.

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and

all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.

Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors.

Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the LORD, the God of their ancestors. 2 Chronicles 34:22–33

Throughout history women have at times led nations. Joan of Arc led French troops against English troops in battle. Queen Elizabeth I led England during difficult times. Margaret Thatcher was England's first female prime minister. She won three consecutive terms.

Israel also had great female leaders. Deborah was a judge. She led Israel for 20 years. The passage we read talked about Huldah, one of God's prophets. She gave God's message to the king of Judah. King Josiah responded to God's message. He made the people in his kingdom promise to worship God. They served God for the rest of Josiah's reign.

Josiah recognized a woman could be a prophet. Because of this, the nation was blessed. Women have a role in the kingdom of God today, too.

Over the past century, many women have advanced the cause of Christ. Mary Woodworth-Etter was a great leader. She influenced American Pentecostal and charismatic churches. Dr. Beth Grant founded Project Rescue which fights child slavery around the world. She also serves in other positions that impact the Church around the world.

Women serve in vital roles in God's kingdom just as men do. As godly men, we need to honor women, especially those who minister in our churches.

We need to thank them regularly. We need to show our appreciation. Remember the women in the Bible and the women in your church. God used women and will continue to do so!



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Why did King Josiah send messengers to Huldah?
- What did King Josiah renew?
- What do you think about women who preach, teach, or lead in the church?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for the women in my life. They are a gift from You and I am grateful for them. Help me to treat them as I should. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

Before coming back to Rangers next week, write a thank you card to a woman who has helped you know Jesus better. Give her the card, or mail it to her with the help of your parents or guardians.

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.