

The White House

Faith Supplement



Leadership and Humility -
A Lesson from the White
House

Memory Verse



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Proverbs 15:33

Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.

Relevant Scripture:

Mark 10: 43-45

Philippians 2:3-4

Instructional Goals

- Students will learn about humility as a core aspect of effective leadership. They will explore how leaders, including U.S. Presidents, have demonstrated humility in their roles.
- Students will connect biblical teachings on service, humility, and leadership with the responsibilities and actions of historical and current leaders. This includes understanding how these principles can be applied in the context of leading a nation or community.
- Through discussion and analysis of historical examples, students will develop their ability to critically evaluate the qualities that make a leader effective, especially focusing on the less often highlighted trait of humility.
- By praying for world leaders and discussing the global impact of leadership, students will cultivate empathy for people in different countries and an understanding of the interconnectedness of the world's communities.
- Students will reflect on their own potential for leadership in their daily lives and how they can incorporate humility and service into their actions. This personal application aims to foster a mindset of servant leadership from a young age.



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Objective:

To teach students about the concepts of leadership and humility through the lens of the presidency and the White House, drawing parallels with biblical teachings.

Materials Needed:

- Stories of humble leadership from past presidents (provided in the lesson)
- Bible or access to biblical verses
- Art supplies: paper, crayons or colored pencils
- A world map or globe


Introduction: Start the lesson with a brief overview of the White House's role as the residence and workplace of the President of the United States. Discuss the significance of leadership and the responsibility it carries. Explain that leaders, including presidents, can make a positive impact through humility and service.

Bible Verses for Discussion:

Mark 10:43-45 - Jesus talks about serving others as a key aspect of leadership.

Philippians 2:3-4 - Encourages valuing others above ourselves and looking to the interests of others.

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Bible Verses for Discussion:

Proverbs 15:33 - Connects humility with the fear of the Lord and wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

- How do these verses show the importance of humility in leadership?
- Can you think of any examples from history or the present where a leader showed humility?
- How might a president show humility while in office?

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Activity: Divide students into small groups. Assign each group a story of a past president who demonstrated humility and service (Abraham Lincoln's empathy during the Civil War, Jimmy Carter's humanitarian work post-presidency, George Washington's refusal of a kingly title, Ronald Reagan's self-deprecating humor). Have each group create a poster or presentation showcasing how their assigned president served others, drawing parallels to the biblical principles discussed.

World Leaders Prayer Map: Using a world map or globe, identify countries led by various leaders. Lead students in a prayer for humility and servant leadership among the world's leaders, including the President of the United States. Encourage students to think about how leaders across the globe can work together for peace and prosperity.

Application to Daily Life: Challenge students to consider ways they can demonstrate leadership through service in their own lives, such as helping a sibling with homework or participating in community service. Discuss the impact of humble acts of service on their school and community.

Closing Prayer: Close with a prayer asking for the humility to serve others and for guidance for all leaders to lead with wisdom, compassion, and humility.

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Homework: Ask students to complete a "Week of Service" challenge, where they perform at least one act of service each day and write a short reflection on their experiences at the end of the week.

Note to Instructor: This lesson plan is designed to be flexible and adaptable to various class sizes and settings. Modify the activity complexity and discussion depth as appropriate for your group.