

The Magic of Leadership

Everyone Can Learn To Be A Leader

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Introduction:

Warm-up with partner: "Do thumbthing."
 "You are thumb-buddy special."
 "You're going to learn something today." "And it's about time."

Trick: Vanishing Liter of Coke

Leadership Definition: Someone who has followers. (Peter Drucker)
 The ability to influence others to change. (John Maxwell)

We are all leaders of something: a game, a project, a little brother, a job, a sport,

Prop: Leadership Tool Box: 6 tools you can learn to help you lead.

Trick: Appearing Ladder: Helps us reach a high level of success
 Helps us reach lofty goals

6 Leadership Tools:

1. VISION -helps you see the goal clearly
 -helps you see solutions to problems

Students can be taught that problems are not stumbling blocks but stepping stones. Optimistic people make great leaders because they believe that they will reach their goal. It is really important to look beyond any difficulty. It is OK to fail as long as you keep looking ahead and try another solution. Great leaders see the future as bright and exciting.

Trick: Light box

2. GOLDEN RULE "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Lead by example. Not surprisingly this is one of the most important leadership skills for kids. Kids need to appreciate others who may see things differently than they do. Make a list of how you wish to be treated and then let that be your guide for treating others.

Trick: Confusin' crayons

3. CHARACTER "Choosing to do what's right." "Who you are when no one is looking." Leaders must be kids of noble character. Leaders must know who they are and have a clear set of core values that guide them in the way they behave. They must be consistent and honorable in the way they live because they have lots of people watching them.

Trick: 9 character qualities plate spin.

CHARACTER Acrostic: **C** is for Caring **H** - Honesty **A** - Acceptance **R** - Responsibility
A - Authenticity **C** - Courage **T** - Thankfulness **E** - Encouragement **R** - Respect

4. **TEAMWORK** Together Everyone Achieves More

Working well with others is another highly important skill for kids. A good team can accomplish much more than a bunch of individuals. Social growth and development is very important as kids mature and grow into leaders. Kids must learn firsthand how to get along in the world with a group of diverse individuals.

Trick: 3 way juggling (clubs, spinning plate and roly polly board)

5. **COMMUNICATION** -keeps everyone informed about what is going on, uses simple clear language and shows good listening skills.

This is the one part of leadership which is most often overlooked. Leaders communicate encouragement, inspiration and a belief in their team members. People are far more likely to follow someone who has clearly communicated the purpose, the goal and the plan. Good leaders regularly talk and listen to their team.

Trick: Smylenol A positive attitude can turn things around
How can you be the Smylenol that turns grumpy people into happy ones?

6. **PERSISTENCE** "...does not give up when the going gets tough."

Leaders are not quitters. When others get tired and discouraged, leaders lead by example and push on until the job is done. He or she must carry on boldly even when it is very difficult and challenging.

Trick: Stand on shoulders stunt to put sign up with a helper
Transformation chest to rabbit with a helper

CONCLUSION:

No one is ever too young to begin being a leader. We all can be leaders if we are willing to learn the skills and use the tools of leadership and if we are willing to give it a solid effort. Today we have talked about 6 Leadership tools:

Vision **Golden Rule Character**
Teamwork **Communication** **Persistence**

Trick: Crystal cylinder to streamer to dove