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Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.

"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Your Achievement Plan time gives you an opportunity to sit down with an adult and talk about the good and hopeful things God has in store for you.

You will talk about...

1. Where are you now?
2. Where do you want to be in the future?

We believe that God has a plan for YOU!

And by asking these two questions through the next few years of your life you will continuously see what God's plan is for you.

Jesus talks about planning in Luke 14:28

"But don't begin until you count the cost.

For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?"

WHAT IS MY



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My Achievement Plan (Map's) is based on four foundational values: faith, education, employment, and leadership.



Faith

We love God and love others.



Education

We seek knowledge and we respect and value our education.



Employment

We respect authority and are trustworthy and dependable workers.



Leadership

We are willing to go first, take responsibility, encourage one another, and demonstrate servant leadership.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.
Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live,
in your love, your faith, and your purity.

In Ephesian 6:7-8, Paul writes: Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each of us for the good we do.

FAITH



Where do you place your faith?
Only in things that are visible?
Do you believe in gravity and the wind?
Do you believe in God?

Having faith in a power greater than ourselves fills us with love,
patience, and kindness.



GOD

DO you Believe in God? YES - NO

Some people just ignore the question. Some people are not willing to have faith in something they cannot see or fully understand.

We cannot see or totally understand the radio waves coming from a remote control, but we can see how it turns a television on and off.

We cannot see the wind, but we can see things that are blown around by the wind.

We cannot see God directly, but we can see the joy and love in people as God works through them. We can even see how God moves people to help others at Freedom for Youth. God is real, but God is not visible. A short verse in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians says: For we live by believing and not by seeing.
2 Corinthians 5:7

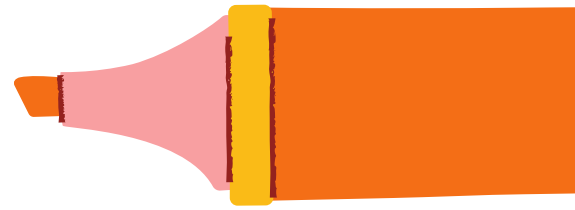
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?

DO YOU BELIEVE GOD LOVES YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD AND WHERE DO YOU LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD?



JESUS



- Do you believe that a man named Jesus lived on Earth about 2,000 years ago?
- Do you believe what the Bible says about him?
- Do you believe that he was crucified, that he died and then he came back to life?

● All of us sin.
That separates us from God. Jesus came to pay for our sins and reconnect us with
● God. We get to go to heaven because of God's grace.

● We can be saved from eternal death and given life.
John 3:16 - 17



● Romans 10:9-10



● Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But God sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that we may receive forgiveness! The best decision you could ever make is to trust in Jesus as your savior. He loves you and he died for you so that you could be forgiven and be with him forever in heaven.



Who is Jesus?

Do you know what
He did for you?





Declare in PRAYER

When you talk to God, you are praying.
So talk to the Him, He wants to hear from you!

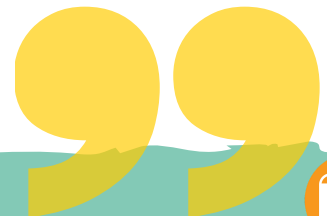
Not sure what to say in your prayer, start here:


Mathew 6:9

“Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father, who is in
heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our
debtors.
And do not lead us into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever.
Amen.”

Do you pray?

If so, what kind of things do you pray for?





THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It will help you get to know God and teach you how to live a joyful and fulfilling life.

Read it regularly.

Do you have a Bible? YES NO

If so, do you read it? Why or why not?

What is the importance of reading your Bible?

What questions do you have about your faith?

The Bible, Jesus, God?



Faith Goals

- 1 In what ways might you strengthen your faith?
- 2 How and when would you like to pray?
- 3 How and when would you like to study the Bible?
- 4 Do you think it is important to attend church? Why or why not?
- 5 Are you part of a church? If not, how do you think you can find one?
- 6 What could you do to share your faith with others?

EDUCATION



In this part of your life, your main job is to be in school and graduate.
On average, people with a diploma earn \$250,000 more over their
lifetime than people who do not graduate from high school.



Education Importance

It is important to work hard in all your classes so that you can succeed in school.

Never be afraid to ask for help if you don't understand.

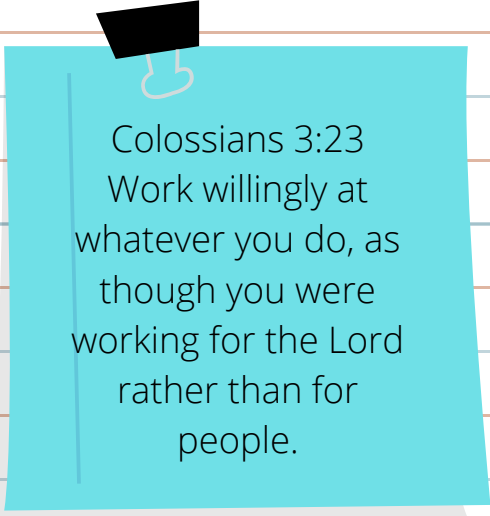
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

We recognize that education is extremely important for your future and we want to help you do well.

Why is school important?

In school, you will learn basic knowledge that will be useful when you need to:

- Get a job
- Manage your money
- Stay healthy
- Fix things in your home
- Enjoy hobbies and sports



Colossians 3:23
Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

School is your opportunity to practice things that will help you your entire life. Things like:

- Be on time
- Complete a task
- Respect people who are in charge
- Work together with others





What is your favorite thing about school? Explain.

What is your least favorite thing about school? Explain.

What is your strongest subject? Why?

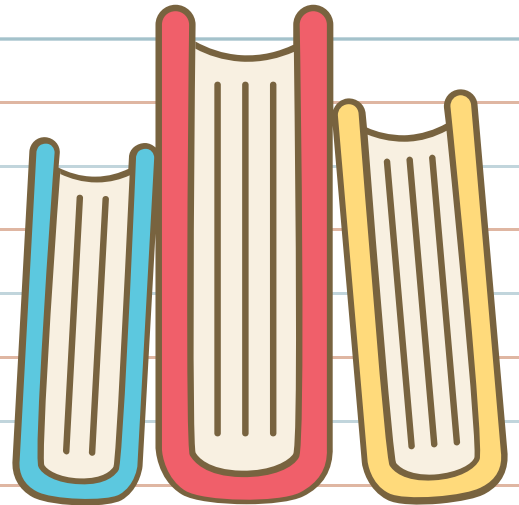
What is your weakest subject? Why?

What goals do you have for school in the next few weeks?

What might you talk to your teacher(s) about in order for you to get the most out of school?

How well are you doing at managing your time?

- Are you in school or are you absent?
- Are you on time or are you tardy?
- Do you get assignments turned in on time?
- Are you able to keep track of your things?



If you are having trouble, list ways that you can improve.



GIFTS Talents

Ephesians 4:7

However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

God has blessed you with gifts and talents that He wants you to use for His glory.

He knows what you will be best at and what job will bring you the most joy!

Albert Einstein, once said:

Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live a whole life believing that it is stupid.



What is one step you could take to help yourself improve as a person?
What do you need in order to make that step?

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

Seek to love above all else, and the gifts will find their place because God is love.

Read 1 CORINTHIANS 12.
Write down the gifts you can find in this passage.



What are your gifts and talents?



you are smart

Math and reading may or may not be easy for you. That's okay. Don't worry if someone else is better at it.

God made you perfect just the way you are. During your lifetime, you will get to do more of the things that you are good at. If you are a fish, then you will do more swimming. Celebrate your talents!

- Seeing pictures
- Hearing a Lecture
- Reading a book
- Working with my hands
- I'm not sure

Would you like to go to college someday? If so, what would you study? If not, what do you plan to do after high school?

The importance of graduating

Right now, you need to do well enough at each subject to pass classes and graduate. No matter what you do, no matter how many times you screw up and think to yourself "there's no point to carry on", no matter how many people tell you that you can't do it – keep going. **Don't quit.** Don't quit, because a month from now you will be that much closer to your goal than you are now. Yesterday you said tomorrow. Make today count.

The importance of good grades

Depending on your gifts and talents, it may be important for you to get higher grades. If you want a job that requires college, you will want good grades so that you can go to the college of your choice and take classes for your career.



Education Goals

1 What change can you make to work harder in class?

2 How do you want to improve your grades? Make a list of your grades now and what you would like your end of semester grades to be.

3 What is one subject you could aim at working harder in?

4 Are there any classes that you are afraid you are not going to pass this semester? Name them.

5 What is your goal for being in class this semester?



EMPLOYMENT



Whether you want to get a job or run your own business, there are things you can do during your middle school and high school years that will help you.



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As you become an adult, you will be expected to do some type of work. When you do the work, you will earn money that can be used to pay for a place to live, clothes to wear, food to eat, and other things that you choose. At program, you will have opportunities to do things that prepare you for that work.

Middle School

While you are part of middle school program you will be given a variety of opportunities that will help you discover your God-given gifts and talents.

High School

During your time in the high school program we want to help you start identifying a path toward a job, career, and possibly higher education.

Life Skills Classes:

During life skills classes, you will gain valuable skills that you could apply to a future career or as an entrepreneur. You will have opportunities to create products that will be sold or a service that you can provide as an entrepreneur.

Part time Jobs and Long-term Careers

During your school going years you may want to get a short-term job. Program is a good place to practice responsibility and serving others. These skills will help you get and keep a job.



Are you an employee or an entrepreneur?

You will also want to identify careers that fit your interests and talents. Trips to companies and colleges will help you find the best career for you. What college or company would you like to visit to learn more about possible careers?



EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

List three jobs that you might like to do after high school or college.

What strengths or talents has God given you?
Example: Drawing, math, problem solving, singing, dancing, leadership.

How do those strengths and talents fit into your potential jobs? How will they help you?

What are three qualities or characteristics that would help your chances to get a job?

What are some things you could be doing now to help with future jobs?

What are three qualities or characteristics that might hurt your chances to get a job?

Do you currently have a job? If not, would you like to get a job? And where?

Why would you make a good employee? (Practice promoting your strengths)



Employment Goals

- 1 What would you like to do in the next six months that will help you get a job someday?
- 2 Would you be interested in spending time with someone who does one of the jobs in which you are interested?
- 3 How might you be able to use your potential career choice to honor God and give Him glory?



LEADERSHIP



Leadership skills will help you stand up for what is right, care about others, serve others, and work with groups of people to make a difference.



Leadership

Galatians 5:13-14

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

As a person called to love others, there may be times when you will need to stand up for what is right. You may need to eat lunch with a new kid, turn others away from something destructive, or figure out a way to stop a bully. At the moment, it may make you less popular with some people, but you will be rewarded for doing what is right. God will be happy with you and others will respect you.

What are the characteristics of a good leader?

Is there such a thing as a bad leader?

What are some characteristics of a bad leader?

What are some ways in which you can improve as a leader?

Would you consider yourself to be a leader? Why or Why not?

What leadership opportunities are available to you currently?



6 Qualities of a Servant Leader

Matthew 20:25-27 – But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.”

John 13:4,5 – So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

We know from the words of Christ and the example of Christ that true leadership, which is biblical leadership, is always servant leadership. That is the model and the mode by which Jesus wants us to be leaders. Each one of us is a leader in some form or another because each one of us has influence, but we cannot be the leader that God wants us to be until we learn to follow Jesus Christ and his example. Below are 6 qualities that should be found in a servant leader taken from the life of Joseph in the book of Genesis. I encourage you to look up the verses in correlation with the points.

1. Trustworthy
Gen. 39:4-6; 22-23

Joseph, who was sold to Potiphar as a slave, was put in charge of EVERYTHING that Potiphar had and possessed. Potiphar trusted Joseph so much that he didn't have to keep track of anything he had because he knew that Joseph had it under control! Even when Joseph was thrown into prison, he was eventually put in charge of all the prisoners. Ultimately, this was because he was trustworthy. He could be given charge of something, he could be given a task, and be trusted to take responsibility and complete it!

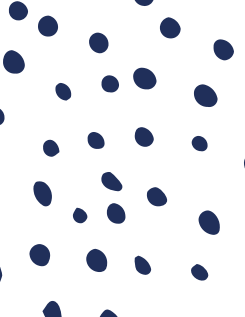
2. Stays Positive
Gen. 39:20-23

Being wrongfully put in prison was a great opportunity to be negative. We know the end of the story, but Joseph didn't. Instead of complaining about his prison sentence, Joseph made the prison the place to be. A difference maker was the fact that Joseph didn't concentrate so much on what was happening to him, but rather focused on what he could do for other people during that negative situation. A servant leader can take a negative situation and find ways to make it positive.

3. Has Initiative
Gen. 41:28-57

With God's help, Joseph identified the need (there would be a famine for 7 years), he found a solution (store up food 7 years prior), and Pharaoh put him in charge of the entire food gathering process, in which, Joseph delegated responsibilities and took action! It's easy to sit back and see problems. It's easy to sit back and see the problems in church or in a youth group, but it's an entirely different thing to take initiative to fix and be a part of the solution to those problems. A servant leader has initiative.





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4. Strengthens
Others by Serving Them
Gen. 39:4,5; 40:4 39:5

“And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake.” Are other people’s lives better and blessed because of our servant-leadership? Being a servant-leader means we’re less concerned with ourselves and are more focused on others!

5. Gives God
the Glory
Gen. 41:15,16

Being a servant leader requires humility. Humility causes us to recognize that every good gift and every perfect gift comes from God, and when something good happens, it’s ultimately a result of the merciful and gracious hand of God. When praise is directed our way, we reflect it back to the source that allowed us to accomplish what has been done. A servant leader recognizes that without God, we’re nothing.

6. Uses Good
Judgment
Gen. 39:7-12; 41:39

Joseph lived by principle, not feeling and emotion. Being placed under pressure, he had the ability to look at a situation and evaluate the best response based on biblical principles. A servant leader not only hears the Word of God, but purposefully puts it into practice and applies it to life’s situations.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of servant-leader characteristics, and there’s certainly plenty more to talk about.

How do you feel like you are doing when you think of these 6 servant leadership characteristics?

Do you stand up for what is right? Give an example.

Who are some people in your life that you look up to as leaders?

