

Standard Two - Lesson One: Dreams, Talents, Skills and Interests

Time:30-minute class period

Materials: “Winning Qualities” worksheets, David’s Winning Qualities worksheet, Scripture Resource Guide

Objectives:

Students will be able to define the terms used in this lesson (dreams, talents, skills, interests).

Students will be able to identify at least one dream, talent, skill and interest for themselves.

Introduction

Remind students of the “Me” Star pictures they did last year, learning about who they were, unique and one-of-a-kind, created by God. Share the Bible Memory Verse for this lesson: **Jeremiah 29:11** – ‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘to give you a future and a hope.’

Activities:

Hand out the “Winning Qualities” worksheet and go through it together as a class. Have the students fill it out and read their sentences to a partner.

Read the “Young David” story on page 12. Fill out “David’s Winning Qualities” worksheet together. Have some samples ready. Give some ideas to help them get started. Discuss with them God’s dream for us in Jeremiah 29:11 and memorize the Scripture: **Jeremiah 29:11** – ‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘to give you a future and a hope.’

Lead a discussion with the students on what they know about Jesus’

Dreams - what He wanted to do (to preach the gospel and have people accept Him as Messiah)

Talents - what He was good at (preaching, healing, talking to the priests in the temple, doing miracles)

Skills - what He was learning to do (carpentry)

Interests - what He liked to do (spend time with the disciples)

They can refer to Luke 2:49, John 10:10, John 17:1-5, Mark 6:3.

Winning Qualities

Here are three lists of words. On each list, circle the words that describe you best, or write a word or two of your own on each list.

1. Adjective (pick 2)

friendly
polite
truthful
trusted
cooperative
creative
enthusiastic
others
smart

2. Noun (pick 1)

student
boy
girl
person
friend
brother
sister
son
daughter

3. Action verb (pick 2)

enjoys other people
learns quickly
works hard
is good at _____
achieves in school
is great at _____
gets along well with
is fun to be with
has good ideas

Now, write a sentence that describes you. Write the words you circled in the blanks, as shown.

“I am a _____ and _____
(from list 1) (from list 1)
who _____ and
(from list 2)

(from list 3)

David's Winning Qualities

What was David's dream (what did He want for the future)?

What were David's talents (what did He do well)?

What were David's skills (what did He learn about)?

What were David's interests (what did He like to do)?

**Jeremiah 29:11 – ‘I know the plans I have for you,’
declares the Lord, ‘to give you a future and a hope.**

Young David

(from I Samuel , chapters 16-26)

David was the youngest of eight sons born to Jesse, the Bethlehemite. He was a shepherd and took care of the family's flock of sheep. David was a young man of courage and had killed both a lion and a bear when they had threatened the sheep. When Saul, the king, was feeling badly, David would play his harp and calm Saul. Saul loved David for the calming spirit he brought when he played his harp.

When Goliath, a Philistine giant threatened the armies of Israel, David talked Saul into letting him go out to fight Goliath. Saul wanted David to wear heavy armor, but David trusted in God to protect him and took only a sling and some stones. He knew that God did not want Goliath to win this battle. David told Goliath that God would deliver Goliath into David's hand, and he would die. God was with David as he put a stone in his sling, flung it at Goliath's head, and killed Goliath.

David became a great warrior and killed so many of Israel's enemies that the people sang songs about his great skills as a soldier. He always went into battle to serve God, and God blessed him with strength, wisdom and leadership.

David was a loyal best friend to Jonathan, King Saul's son. Jonathan trusted David's friendship so much that when King Saul, his father, turned against David and wanted to kill him, Jonathan protected David. Jonathan knew that protecting David meant that David would be king one day instead of him. David was such a good friend that Jonathan was willing to allow David to become king.

Although David had several chances to kill King Saul when Saul was trying to kill him, David would not do it. God had made Saul the king, and David loved God too much to kill someone God had made king. Samuel, the prophet, had already told David he would be king after Saul, but David waited patiently, and did not wish anything bad to happen to Saul. God called David a "man after God's own heart."

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