

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

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### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

**1**

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

**2**

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

**3**

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

Week 8:

**LEADERSHIP:**  
**YOU WILL GET SHOT AT**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**I Samuel 17:29**, "And David said,  
'What have I done now? Is there not a  
cause?'" (NKJ)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Don't let criticism stop you.

## 2. BIBLE TIME

### READ:

- 1 Samuel 17:29
- Matthew 5:10
- Romans 8:17

### MAIN POINT:

*Good leaders are people that make choices for God that aren't always popular. When David came to fight Goliath, his older brother Eliab wasn't happy about it. But, David knew it was more important to do what God told him to do than to let his brother talk him out of it.*

### DISCUSS:

- As a leader, there will be times when others say or do mean things to you because they don't like the choices you are making.
- The good news is, if you are following God and leading for Him, you don't have to worry about what others say to you.
- David asked, "Is there not a cause?" We should ask ourselves, is it more important to do what God wants or let others stop us by what they say? God's cause is more important than man's opinions.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Do you think people will always like it when you stand up for what God wants in a situation?
2. What is the best way for you to handle it when others don't like the choices you are making as a leader?
3. What happened when Jesus made unpopular choices for God?

## 3. FAMILY TIME

### IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards and markers.

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Parents (do this ahead of time), use the index cards to spell out the phrase, "Is there not a cause?" One letter per card.
- Next, hide the cards around the house.
- Gather the family together at the kitchen table for a treasure hunt.
- Explain to the kids that their job is to find the 17 Special Hidden Cards.
- After finding all the cards, unscramble them to spell out something you talked

about in your BIBLE TIME (help younger children with spelling).

### DISCUSS:

- David was saying what God wants is more important than what others think. God's will or His cause is bigger than being worried about how others feel about what you are doing for Him.
- When people don't like the choices you make you have to remember that they are not the enemy. It's the devil who is trying to stop God's plan and most of the time people don't realize he is using them to take shot's at those who are leaders.

### FOLLOW UP:

- After talking about, "Is there not a cause?" Allow the kids to hide the cards and see if the parents can beat their time finding the cards and unscrambling the words!