

2nd Yr. Ambassadors

Lesson 22



I Wanna Be, I Wanna Be Like...

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Philipians 3:17

A Mentoring Story

Butch and Devon talk about the value of education a lot. The son of two professors, Butch understands the importance of education and hopes to instill this value in Devon, his mentee. The pair recently attended a financial aid seminar to learn more about options for funding higher education and every Sunday Butch spends a few hours with Devon working on homework. "I want him to understand that learning is the key to success," Butch says. This Mentor also models the value of consistency. Initially, this proved to be a harder task than imagined.

Butch expected to have an immediate connection with Devon, but after a few visits he realized this friendship would grow differently. "There's no magical formula," says Butch. "It took a lot of time, getting to a point where he trusted me and knew that I was going to be there. I had to prove that I was going to show up."

Once a stubborn kid, Devon has grown up a lot since meeting with Butch. The 14-year-old is more respectful and keeps himself in check. He does not argue when told to put on his seatbelt and says thank you after their regular visits to McDonalds or the local basketball court. Butch and Devon have a lasting bond that is focused on values that will build a positive future. Together, they are learning and growing. Devon stated, **"I don't wanna be like Mike, I wanna be like Butch."**

Who serves as a role model or mentor for you? Who do you look up to and who looks up to you? This lesson will focus on the importance of quality relationships from quality people. We will call them role-models.

POPULAR PEOPLE

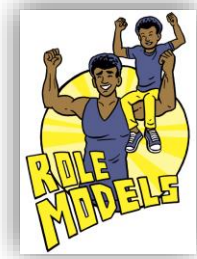
Most role models for youth are star athletes and entertainers they see on television. Some of them set good examples in both their public and private lives. But most don't care about what's good for their fans. Their goal is to make money and keep their names in the headlines. Their moral standards are wrong or nonexistent. But these men and women have a powerful influence on youth, because kids see them so often in the media.



The Apostle Paul warns us to stay awake and not let the world mold us into its evil ways of thinking and doing (Rom. 12:2). We are to fill our minds with what helps us grow spiritually and morally. You may feel like these popular role models are “cool” or “got it all” but they can tempt us to waste our lives trying to satisfy selfish desires and appetites.

MOG's and WOG's

Some of the best persons to pattern your life after are **Christian** parents and grandparents. They know you well and have many opportunities to teach you how Christ wants you to live in this world. Other dedicated Christians also set godly examples for you. We call them the Men of God and the Women of God, hopefully like your Mentor, Group Leader, Youth Leader or even a teacher.



The Scriptures are full of MOG and WOG whose lives are worth imitating. Paul, for example, is an excellent role model. He told fellow Christians, *“Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you”* –Philippians 3:17. He also stated in 1 Corinthians 11:1 to *“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”* Paul modeled his life after Jesus Christ. That’s who he wanted to be like. That is the reason he could tell others to follow him and not sound like he was bragging.

Notice that Paul also told Christians to notice persons who were following his example. **He was telling Christians who their role models should be.** If we are followers of Jesus, the persons we admire most **should also be following Him (Christ).**

PRECEPT PEOPLE

When you read an article about some famous athlete or entertainer, you may be reading only good things. Or, you could be learning just some bad things he or she did. It all depends on how the authors slant their writings and how accurate their research is. But when the authors of the Bible wrote about people, they told the whole truth, both positive and negative. God guided those men as they wrote Scripture. In 2 Peter 1:21 we read that *“Prophecy never had its origin (beginning) in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”* This process God used to write the Scriptures is called **inspiration**. When we read about people in the Bible, we can benefit by imitating what they did that pleased God and avoiding their sins. We can also see in them some qualities the Lord wants us to develop.

If you knew Michelle Davis, you’d probably think she was a little different from most Jr. High girls or guys because she already knows what career she wants to follow. She has set her heart and mind on becoming a Journalist. Ever since Michelle attended an Arts camp one summer, she has been locked on Journalism. In her purse she carries a picture of her favorite Newspaper Journalist. On a wall in her bedroom, she has several articles written by her favorite Journalist.

What do you have hanging on your walls? Your private space is kind of a mirror that reflects the real you – your tastes, your likes and dislikes, your dreams and ambitions, your hobbies, your heroes. Is there anything that shows you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ? Is there any clue that He is the most important One in your life?

Describe what your role model is like or would be like.

Now click here to watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwzhRby4FS4>

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Year 2 Lesson 22 Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/QAh1ThYuZSKCBZwH7>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links on the website in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. Fill in the blank. A role model is someone who provides an _____ for others to follow.
2. True/False. The best role models for Christians are men and women who are successful in their professions.
3. True/False. Entertainers and super athletes always make the best role models for young people.
4. True/False. Young people should follow the pattern godly parents and other obedient Christians set for them.
5. True/False. The Bible tells only the good things that men and women of God did.
6. Fill in the blank. The process by which God used certain holy men to write the Bible is called _____.
7. Fill in the blanks. According to 2 Peter 1:21, the _____ guided certain men of God as they wrote the Bible.
8. Fill in the blanks. Paul could confidently tell believers to follow His example, because he was following _____.
9. Fill in the blanks. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is _____ for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for _____ in _____ (2 Tim 3:16-17).
10. Think of someone alive today who is a good role model for you. Now think of another real life person who is a bad role model. Make two lists, one describing how the good role model's life honors God, the other describing how the bad role model's life dishonors God.