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BECOMING A GREAT Builder

Directions: Listen to the contractors in the **Contractor Clip**. Use the space below to write down what you heard. What kind of personality does it take to be good in this line of work?



What traits do you want in your boss or leader?



Which of your traits are you focusing on passing down to your children?



CHARACTERISTICS OF Great Leaders

Who did you admire, look up to, or want to be like as a child?

(Someone you personally knew)

(Someone famous or historical)



**What are some of the enduring stereotypes of fatherhood and/or manhood?
Why does society insist these are necessary traits to possess?**



**What are the characteristics of a good man today? What sets him apart
at work, at home and in the community?**





WHO DO I Know?

List 1 or 2 men you know personally who you consider to be good role models for fatherhood and/or manhood.



Why did you pick them? Use traits, values, habits, stories, etc. to explain why you consider these men to be good role models. Be ready to share what you wrote with the class.



What did you hear from the other men in class? Did they give you any new ideas for what makes a good role model for fatherhood and manhood?



MY CHILDHOOD Home

Directions: Being a good dad is especially hard if you didn't have a good dad yourself. Think back to your childhood home and remember what it was like to live there. What was good about it? What would you change, if you could? Spend a few minutes filling out the following questions. When you are done, pair up with one other dad in the room to discuss the answers. Fill out as much as possible, but remember you are the boss when it comes to deciding how much information to share.

What was it like growing up in your house as a child?



What was your relationship like with your dad?



Who were the men in your life from whom you learned the most?

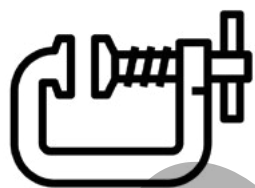


Were the lessons you learned helpful? Why or why not?



What traits or ideas are you focusing on passing down to your kids?





HOW WE DECIDE ABOUT Others

Directions: As you listen to the contractors in the **Contractor Clip**, use the space below to write down what you hear. How important is a good reputation? Why?



How are reputations and stereotypes similar? How are they different?



What are the positives and negatives of stereotypes?

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HOW OTHERS Judge Us

Stereotypes are often unfair because they can be based on traits we cannot control. Stereotypes don't account for all the unique challenges we each face. At the same time, we are still responsible for our actions, and we can help others see us in a more positive light.

Directions: Next to each scenario, place a checkmark in the appropriate column to evaluate the reaction you would have based on your personal experience. Would you have a **positive**, **neutral**, or **negative** impression?

	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Jake shows up for his six-year-old son's school program in his dirty work clothing.			
Eli struggles to get his second-grade daughter to school on time. She arrives late more often than not.			
Weston's son (10) has a very colorful vocabulary, which his teacher has warned about him using on many occasions.			
Nolan has a long, scraggly beard and a heavily tattooed body. He struggles to find employment.			
Gage grew up in rural Arkansas, has a southern accent and loves to chew tobacco.			

What kind of stereotypes might others have about you? What can you do to help strangers get an accurate representation of who you really are?



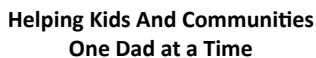
Think about a time when your first impression was wrong. What happened? How did you find out something new or different?





There is no one definition for what it means to be a good man, but there are some characteristics that all great men share.

Stereotypes influence how we think about ourselves and others, but they are not always accurate. It's important to be aware of how we stereotype others, and how others might stereotype us.



In the time we have left before dismissal, think about today's activities and write on one or more of the following questions:

- Do I have ideas about fatherhood, masculinity, and leadership that aren't healthy for me?
- How are my behaviors as a dad similar or different than my own role models?
- How can I be more aware of how others see me?
- How might I make a better first impression?

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