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Character Development

Lesson 6: Humility: Part Two

Lesson Keys

- Review
- Definition
- Pride: Part One
- Activity
- Pride: Part Two
- Lesson in Action

Preparation

Pray that the Lord will help you to communicate this message in a way that connects with the kids. Children love to talk about what they can do and it is easy for them to be proud. Help them to see that humility is the key toward loving others and being grateful

Supplies

- Two Balloons

Scripture Guide

Proverbs 16:18

Proverbs 11:2

Luke 11:27-28

Luke 18:18-19

Teaching Coach

Do your best to segue this weeks lesson with last weeks lesson. They need to know that there are two distinct sides to humility.
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Review

Last week the lesson was on humility. This week we will continue with humility but look at it from a different angle.

Does anyone know the scripture verse from last week? (Phil 2:3)
How should we treat other people? (Better than we treat ourselves)
What are some ways that we can be humble? (Various answers)

Definition

- Learning to love others more than us.
- Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in our lives

Introduction

The part of humility that we learned about last week dealt with how we treat others and actions that we would show toward them. The part of humility we will learn about today deals with something you believe and understand in your heart. Not only is humility about loving others more than we love ourselves, but it is knowing that God and others should get the credit when things go well in our lives.

Dealing with Pride

(Pull out the balloon and begin to talk about pride)

The exact opposite of humility is pride. Pride is when we begin to get self-centered and think higher of ourselves than is right. Pride can be very dangerous.

Say you just got all A's on your report card. Everyone gives you a pat on the back and tells you how smart you are. You really like all the attention.

(Blow a big burst of air into the balloon and hold it)

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Build up the anticipation with the balloon. Feel free to add examples to make this go longer. After the balloon bursts, give a second for the screams and laughs, but quickly bring everyone to a serious note. Explain that pride leads to ruin and failure. Tell the kids, "This is what the Bible says about pride," and read to them Prov. 16:18 and Prov 11:2.

If the kids do not mention it, be sure to suggest that teachers, coaches and God are all reasons why we may be good at something.

Perhaps you just scored a touchdown for your football team and because of you, you win the game. The team puts you on their shoulders and carry you off the field. It feels really good to be the star player.

(Blow another burst of air into the balloon)

Maybe someone says that you are really good looking, you have big muscles or are cute. Maybe you get a little embarrassed, but you like being good looking.

(Blow another burst of air in the balloon)

No one likes to have bad things said about them, but the compliments make you feel so good. You love it when people notice you and talk about you in a good way.

(Blow into the balloon until it bursts)

Prov 16:18

18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Prov 11:2

2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom

Just because someone gives you a lot of compliments does not mean that you are proud. However, what you do with those compliments can lead to a great fall.

True humility is understanding that God and others are ultimately responsible for our success.

Activity

Ask the kids if there is anything that they are really good at. Have one come up front and ask them what it is that they are good at.

Now ask them why they are so good at it.

Ask some of the kids why they think that this person is so good.

Help the kids to see that there really isn't much that we can take credit for.

Have another child come up and go through it again.

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Start this one out with the balloon already filled about half way up. When you blow the first breath into the balloon, let the kids believe that you are about to do the same thing again.

Read these to scriptures from the Bible.

Dealing with Pride Part 2

(Pull out the balloon and begin to talk again)

We spoke earlier about pride.

(Blow a few breaths of air into the balloon)

Sometimes we do something really good and we receive praise and compliments.

(Blow another burst of air into the balloon)

Dealing with the praise in the wrong way can be harmful. However, if we recognize that God and others are responsible and do not give our pride a chance to grow, then we are safe.

(Deflate the same amount of air you just blew in)

Doing things well and excellent are great. It brings honor to God.

(Blow a breath into the balloon)

But giving the credit to whom it is due is noble and brings more honor to God and the people who are responsible. This is humility.

(Deflate the same amount of air you just blew in)

This is the key to Humility

Jesus set a great example of humility. Although he was truly worthy of praise and complements, he often directed comments to the right direction.

Luke 11:27-28

Luke 18:18-19

Both of these are examples of when Jesus could have taken credit, but did not

Lesson in Action

Have a kid stand in front of the class. Let someone in the class give him a genuine compliment. (Don't tolerate any harmful joking or put-downs) Ask the kid how they think that they should respond to the compliment. Explain that they won't always need to speak the response, but they should believe it in their heart.

Conclusion

Review humility and close in prayer.