

Boastful or Humble?

Are the children in these situations being boastful or humble?

1. Jimmy came running home from school. He got an "A+" on today's quiz. He thanked his mom for encouraging him to study the night before.



Was Jimmy boastful or humble? _____



2. Tammy looked around at the other girls in her classroom. None of them had as nice a dress as she did. She couldn't wait for someone to notice, so she told everyone how pretty her dress was.

Was Tammy boastful or humble? _____

3. Carl knew his parents were wealthy. He always got a large allowance. But all of his friends said Carl didn't act rich, instead he was very generous.

Was Carl boastful or humble? _____

4. Liz was doing great in school, was captain of her soccer team, and had many friends. She didn't need to worry about Jesus right now in her life.



Was Liz boastful or humble? _____

5. As James entered his friend's house, he noticed how old and dirty everything looked. He laughed and said, "Our furniture looks much nicer than yours."

Was James boastful or humble? _____



6. Justin saw the mess his younger sister made. There was mud all over the floor. He knew his mom would clean it up, but he decided to do it himself before she noticed.

Was Justin boastful or humble? _____

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Topic: **Reputation of Humility: Daniel 5:1-30**

Key Activities:

- Praise & Worship
- Prayer & Prayer Request
- Bible reading & lessons
- Memory Verse for the week: James 4;10- "***Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.***"

INTRO: Last week we learnt how Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego built a reputation of courage in the face death by refusing worship golden image of King Nebuchadnezzar. Today we are going to learn about humility and pride through the life of King Nebuchadnezzar sometime after Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego survived the fiery furnace, King Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar 'son had a disturbing vision. Daniel interpreted the vision for the king, and told him that he would live like a wild animal for many years unless or until he gave up his sinful life by acknowledging God as Lord of all.

Just as Daniel said, the vision came true and King Nebuchadnezzar lived as a wild animal until he finally changed his ways. In fact, he even said, "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride, He is able to humble." (Dan. 4:37)

But sometime afterwards, his son, Belshazzar became king. King Belshazzar did not honour God, nor humble himself. Instead, he did his best to fight against the Lord. Then, a message came to him in a strange way. Let's read to find out what that message said.

BIBLE Reading: Daniel 5:1-30. Let's find out what happened. (Class) follow along in the reading of Bible passages, each time I (teacher) come to the words "king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines" (Class) say these words with the teacher out loud

Class Reflection:

1. What gods did King Belshazzar and his nobles praise? (*They praised gods of gold and silver.*)
2. While they were drinking, what did they see writing on the walls? (*Fingers of a human hand.*)
3. Why did the king ask Daniel to come to him? (*He hoped Daniel could tell him what the writing meant.*)
4. Why was the sin of Belshazzar even greater than his father? see verse 22,23 (*Although he knew the truth, he chose not to humble himself, and even fought against the Lord.*)
5. How did Daniel describe the things that the king was praising? (*They couldn't see or hear or understand.*)
6. What did the writing on the wall say? (*The king's reign is at an end and his kingdom will be given away.*)
7. What is the difference between being boastful and being humble? (*Allow for answers.*)

Fun Activities: 1) **Bible Balloon Race**

To parents: This page lets you know what your child learned in GenerationNext today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson.

What we learned:



Today in Sunday school we learned that a reputation is built by doing something over and over. To have a reputation for being humble, we must constantly honor and give thanks to God for all things. There will be many times in our lives that we will have more than someone else, have a newer toy than the kid down the street, or get a better grade than our friend, but we must never look down on someone else because they are less fortunate. Likewise, we should never think that whatever it is we have is because of something we did. All good things come from God, and He alone is worthy of our praise. (Scripture used: Daniel 5:1-30)

Memory Verse:



"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up" James 4:10 NIV

Memorize this verse with your child. Discuss what it means to humble ourselves before the Lord.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Read Proverbs 16:18 with your child. Discuss the difference between having a disdainfully proud or arrogant attitude versus taking joy in a job well done and realizing that God sets the ground work for all that we may ever hope to accomplish. We should joyfully thank God for all that He allows us to complete, rather than pridefully take credit for ourselves.

Daily Prayer:



Father God, let us humbly submit ourselves to You. Help us realize that You are the potter and we are the clay. Do not let us think more highly of ourselves than we should, rather let us rejoice in the gifts and talents You have given us. May we use these gifts to honour You. Amen.

