

“Be Different” - LESSON 6

“Say ‘NO’ To Pride”

Main Focus:

Christians must resist pride and choose to be humble.



Power Verse:

“Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.”

- Romans 12:16b (NIV)



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Say ‘NO’ To Pride!”

LEADER’S INFO

Pride is a horrible thing. It infects our attitude and causes us to become so full of ourselves that others can hardly stand to be around us. Pride is shameful to God.

We live in a world that says, “Look out for #1!” Commercials encourage you to “treat yourself right” and “have it your way!” Everywhere you look online, people are obsessed with “selfies.”

Jesus encourages us to never put ourselves first. Instead, we are to put others first. In fact, we are to put ourselves LAST! After all, that is exactly what Jesus did.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of Jesus at a banquet that each of us should make a habit of saying “No” to pride. It is only then that God can exalt us to where He wants us.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Don’t Be So Proud”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Dylan teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Inspector Change-A-Lot”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Lights, Camera, Action!”



Bible Story

“The Prideful Banquet”



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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 6 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 6 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Inspector Change-A-Lot” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “Lights, Camera, Action!” Graphic

- Two Hats

- Two Pairs Of Glasses

- Two Large Shirts

- Two Capes

- Two Director’s Clapboards

Bible Story

- “The Prideful Banquet” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 6 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Say ‘NO’ To Pride” Graphics

- A First Place Ribbon

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 6 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece

- Chairs

- A Way To Play Music

- Romans 12:16b Print Piece

- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! We are continuing our series called “Be Different.” We are learning from Romans chapter 12 all of the ways that we must live differently than the rest of the world.

Before we get started, I have a question for you! Have you ever known someone who thought they were the BEST? *(allow response)* Not only did they think they were the best, but they wanted everyone to KNOW that they were the best, so they were always bragging on themselves. Have you ever known someone like that? *(allow response)*

It can be hard to listen to and put up with that when someone is determined to brag on themselves and look down on other people. When someone does that, we say that person is full of PRIDE. Pride is a very serious thing.

I want you to check out this video to find out more...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 6”)

Leader: WOW! Remember when I told you that pride could have major consequences? Well, it’s true!

Putting others first is a hard thing to do, isn’t it? We live in a world that tells us to “look out for yourself, because nobody else is going to.” We tend to put ourselves first and others second.

Jesus teaches us to put others first - and ourselves last! That’s a pretty hard thing to do. But, with God’s help, that is exactly what each of you can learn to do.

In today’s lesson, you’re going to learn how to “Say ‘No’ To Pride!” Jesus wants us to be all about humbling yourself and putting others first. It’s an important way to “Be Different.”

Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Inspector Change-A-Lot**” *(They are a wacky person who loves to invent things! Dressed like an old-timey detective, they should come in each week ready to feature their latest invention or tool that can be debunked with a simple solution.)*

Inspector: *(Enters carrying a bag with a foam finger inside)* Hello! I’m so excited to show you my latest and best invention so far! But I have to be careful. Once I let it out of the bag, it can go wild! *(Shake the bag to make it look like what’s inside is alive)* So please, everyone, back up and watch out!

Leader: *(Hesitantly)* Hello, Inspector-Change-A-Lot. Before you open that bag, I need to know a few things.

Inspector: No problem. What wisdom would you like me to bestow upon you?

Leader: I want the truth. Has this invention been tested?

Inspector: Nope! But it shall be tested today, in your presence! *(Shake the bag again)* Shall I proceed?

Leader: *(Worried)* No! Can this invention hurt us? Can it hurt me?

Inspector: Oh no, no, no! On second thought... I guess it COULD hurt your feelings.

Leader: How is this THING going to do that?

Inspector: Well, if you let me show you, I’ll explain! *(Shake the bag again)* It really wants out of the bag!

Leader: Should we, kids? *(Allow kids to respond)* Ok, Inspector. But please be careful.

Inspector: Safety first! *(Reaches into bag slowly and quickly puts the foam finger on; runs around the room trying to control it)* Ohhhhhhhh myyyyyyyyyy! Whoa, there! *(Continues running around)*

Leader: *(Avoiding the “invention”)* What is that thing? Inspector! I thought you said it was safe!

Inspector: *(Begins to pet the “invention” to calm it down)* Oh, it’s very safe, my friend. Everyone remain calm, and I will explain what this incredible invention was created to do.

Leader: Apparently, it’s created to give me a heart attack!

Inspector: Sort of! It does attack the heart.

Leader: What?! You said it could only hurt my feelings!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Inspector: This so-called “foam finger” is actually the first ever “Heartfelt Hype Hand.” It can find out who is truly number one in our hearts! If it points directly at you, your heart is full of selfishness. If it points up and around, then that means that God and others hold the top spot.

Leader: Wait, really?

Inspector: Yep! Pretty cool, huh?

Leader: Well, it would be cool if it worked. It seems like that thing doesn’t know what to point at!

Inspector: It must be because of how many people are in this room. It’s having a hard time reading who is selfish and who is selfless. The humility and pride in this room are mixing into one!

Leader: That must be it. It can be hard to be humble all the time. Today, we are learning what true humility is.

Inspector: A valuable lesson, indeed! Jesus shows us how to put others first better than anyone else, and we must follow His example!

Leader: That’s right! *(Suspiciously)* Hey... what’s that thing doing?

Inspector: *(Moving the “invention”)* I’m not sure... I think it wants to evaluate your heart.

Leader: Keep it away, please! We also will learn that selfishness has no place in our lives.

Inspector: This lesson sounds awesome! *(Struggling to control the “invention”)* Okay, this thing REALLY wants to come see you!

Leader: Look, my heart is fine. God and others first, I assure you!

Inspector: The “Heartfelt Hype Hand” will decide! *(Runs toward leader)*

Leader: No! *(Starts running)* Get that thing away from me! *(Runs out of the room)*

Inspector: Come here, you! *(Chases the Leader; stops before exiting)* I’m Inspector Change-A-Lot, and I’ll be back to inspect your transformation, so be ready! *(Turns to exit)* Get back here!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Lights, Camera, Action!”

Items Needed For Game:

Two hats; two pairs of glasses; two large shirts; two capes; two director’s clapboards

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Preparation:

Choose four boys and four girls to play this game. Have all the costume pieces in one large bucket at one end of the room, and have all players stand at the other end.

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How To Play:

Have each team choose one player to be the “actor”/”actress”. This player will serve as a model that needs a costume for an “upcoming role.” The other players will take turns, relay race style, running from one side of the room to the bucket of costume pieces and grab one piece. Once they have a piece of the costume, they will run back to their team’s model, put the piece on them, and tag the next player in line. The first team to dress their actor/actress for their role is the winner!



Bible Story

“The Prideful Banquet”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 6; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Luke 14:7-11; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Luke, chapter 14. Jesus had been invited to a banquet at the home of one of the Pharisees. (*show pic*) This happened a lot during Jesus’ lifetime. The Pharisees were the religious leaders of the time. They were always inviting Jesus to their gatherings because they wanted to try to trick Him into saying something wrong.



While Jesus was at the banquet, He noticed that many of the people were trying to sit as close to the head of the table as they could. (*show pic*) They were doing this because those were the “important seats.” In those days, the closer you were sitting to the head of the table - usually the host of the banquet - the more important everyone knew you were.



Jesus began to teach them something very important. (*show pic*) He said, “Don’t sit in the seat of honor. Instead, take the lowest seat.” Jesus was encouraging everyone to sit at the lowest position and let others take the better seats. That totally went against the way everyone thought at that time. That was certainly a way to “Be Different” than everyone else.



Jesus went on to say, “If you sit in the lowest seat, the host of the banquet may say to you, ‘My friend, please come closer to me. We have a special spot of honor up here for you.’ But if you sit in the place of honor, someone more important may come to the banquet and you will have to get up and move so they can have the honored spot.”



Then Jesus said something that totally blew everyone’s mind. (*show pic*) He said, “For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Jesus was saying that if you try to make yourself #1, you will probably embarrass yourself. Nobody should try to make themselves #1. Instead, we should “Say ‘No’ To Pride” and choose to put others first. If we do that, God can place us in the position of honor that He desires for us.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn how to “Say ‘No’ To Pride.” The only way to do it is to follow the example that Jesus set for each of us. It’s not always easy, but God will honor you if you choose to “Say ‘No’ To Pride” and “YES” to being humble.



Call To Action

“Say ‘NO’ To Pride”

Materials Needed:

The “Say ‘NO’ To Pride” graphics; A first place ribbon

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Say ‘NO’ To Pride”

The Message: *(title slide)*



(Hold up a first place ribbon) Look at what I got this week! I got first place in being the best person ever! I went and bought this first place ribbon because I KNOW I am the best. I got good grades in school, I’m serving God, I’ve saved up lots of money, and I’m just...an all-around awesome person! I mean, look at all the awesome stuff I’ve done. Who wouldn’t want to be my friend? In fact, EVERYONE wants to be my friend! That is just how awesome I am. I’ve done all kinds of awesome things for other people and for the church. I can guarantee God is proud of all that I’ve done.

(break character) Okay, so obviously I was saying all of that to prove a point. From the way I was acting just now, you could easily say I was full of pride, huh? *(allow response)* For sure! Pride is a horrible thing to have in your life. That’s why we are learning to “Be Different” by choosing to “Say ‘No’ To Pride.”

But, how exactly do you do that? Today, we are going to learn exactly how to “Say ‘No’ To Pride.” First...

Don’t Think Of Yourself As #1 *(slide)*



Pride says, “I’m #1!” Pride only looks out for ME! When you think of yourself as #1, you don’t care about how much anyone else hurts or how anyone else feels. Pride decides to only hang out with the people you like instead of those who need friends. Pride is all about putting yourself and your wants ahead of others. After all, “I’m #1!”

God did not create you to be a prideful, selfish person who thinks of yourself as #1. Jesus said, “Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled.” That means that when you put yourself as #1, you will eventually be shown to be not as important as you think. That’s not good!

You must not make the mistake of trying to exalt yourself. Instead, you must CHOOSE to “Say ‘NO’ To Pride” and not think of yourself as #1. Not only that, but you should follow the example of Jesus and...

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

Serve Others *(slide)*



Everywhere He went, Jesus served. Instead of saying, “I’m #1,” Jesus showed us that others were more important. He prayed for others, helped others, healed others, fed others, and even bled and died for the sins of others. Jesus did not think of Himself as #1. Jesus lived in a way that put others ahead of Himself.

It’s not easy, but we must follow Jesus’ example. He never once demanded that people treat Him as the King that He is. Instead, He took on the role of a servant and put others first—Himself last. Can you imagine what a group of kids would look like if they lived like this? “Others first—me last”? I imagine that every kid in the city would want to come to their church because they would know that they would be treated with kindness, love, and care.

Maybe you say, “Well, if I always put others first, I will never have what I need. I will never be able to take care of my needs if all I do is serve others.” That’s not what Jesus taught. He said, “Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” That means...

Choose To Be Humble, And God Will Exalt You *(slide)*



God knows where you are. He knows what you need. If you take care of the needs of others, God will take care of you. God will exalt you to where HE wants you. Don’t try to make yourself #1 or put yourself in the place of honor. Instead, choose to “Say ‘No’ To Pride.” Put yourself last, and God will make sure you are taken care of.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to resist the temptation to “exalt themselves.” Pray that they will choose to “Say ‘No’ To Pride.” Help them think of ways to serve others this week. Help them put others first and themselves last.



REWIND!

Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 6 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Say ‘NO’ To Pride!”

2. Where was Jesus in our Bible Story?

Answer: At A Banquet

3. What were all of the guests doing that Jesus had to correct?

Answer: Trying To Sit In The Seat Of Honor

4. Jesus told everyone to always sit in the _____ seat.

Answer: Lowest

5. Does Jesus want us to be full of pride?

Answer: No

6. According to our lesson today, “Don’t Think Of Yourself As _____.”

Answer: #1

7. According to our lesson today, we must “_____ Others.”

Answer: Serve

8. According to our lesson today, “Choose To Be Humble, And God Will _____ You.”

Answer: Exalt

9. True or False: We should always put others ahead of ourselves.

Answer: True

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Romans 12:16b