

Proverbs

Huddle 2: Do Not Brag



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- What did we start learning about last week? (*Proverbs*) Does anyone remember what our Proverb was last week? (*Read Proverbs 10:19 to review*)
- What did Proverbs 10:19 tell us? (*When we talk too much we end up sinning because we say things we shouldn't say; God wants us to think before we speak – he wants us to use our words to encourage other people, to build them up and show them Christ's love*)
- Did any of you work hard last week to watch your words? If so, how?
- Why is it so difficult to be careful what we say to others?

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Lesson Prep: Leaders need to think of a time when bragging about themselves ended with something bad happening, someone feeling bad or God not being glorified (to share with the group as a part of the lesson). Perhaps you bragged about being a great athlete but then lost the game for your team. Maybe you bragged about something you had done and it made someone else feel bad or took the glory from God. Maybe you think you are a wonderful baker and you burned a cake that you were going to take to a friend and didn't have time to make a new one. Illustrate for the kids how using words that make us look proud can end up ruining us.

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

What unit did we begin last week? (*Proverbs*) What is a proverb? (A *short saying*) Is a proverb a promise in the Bible? (*No, a proverb is just a saying to learn by*) Can anyone tell me where the book of Proverbs is in the Bible? (*Old Testament, after Psalms, middle of the Bible when you open it up*) This week we are going to look at another verse in Proverbs. There is a lot to apply to our daily lives by just looking at one verse!

Let's read Proverbs 27:1. Would someone like to find this book in the Bible and read it very clearly to us? Proverbs 27:1 says "*Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.*"

What is this verse trying to tell us? (Not to brag) What is bragging? (Showing off; talking about ourselves in a way that makes us look good; talking about things that we are good at in a prideful or self-admiring way) Why does the Bible tell us not to brag? (Because God is in control, not us so we don't know what is going to happen; because we are not good at those things because of ourselves – we are good at those things because God has given us the ability to be good)

God does not like us to brag. If he has given us a special ability, like running super fast, being great at drawing, having an amazing memory, being a wonderful reader, etc, then we need to be humble about that ability. That means that we need to recognize that God is the one who gave us that talent and he did that so that we could bring glory to Him, not to ourselves.

Does anyone have an example of how it is easy to brag about yourself or when you are tempted to brag about yourself? (*Allow answers- as a leader; give an example in your life of how your bragging ended poorly to help illustrate the verse for today*)

Bragging about yourself can make other people feel bad about themselves or not want to be around you. It also does not make God very proud of the special gift that he gave you. He wants you to use the gifts he gave you to encourage and love others and point people to Him.

This week, when we do something well, our goal is to remember that we are able to do that because of God and to take the time to stop and thank Him for giving us that ability. Why don't we pray right now and ask God to help us to not brag about things that we are good at doing?

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Ape-Man-Lady

Tie this activity back to Proverbs 27:1 by challenging the kids to try and guess what the other person is going to be so they can beat them. As a post-game wrap up you can discuss how

we sometimes brag about all we can do and think we're really awesome but we can't even figure out whether someone is going to be an ape, a man or a lady. If we can't do that, we certainly don't know what's going to happen in the future – but God knows everything and he loves us – so, we can trust him with our future.

This is a variation of Rock-Paper-Scissors that the kids most likely have played in Camp Grace big group. Have the kids pair off. When the signal is given, each person strikes a pose like an ape, man, or lady. Be sure to demonstrate what each looks like ahead of time. The ape beats the lady, lady beats the man, man beats the ape, if you tie, you die. Eliminate the losers and pair the winners until you get a champion.



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