

Life Focus: God wants us to be humble, not proud.

Use one of the following activities to help your students describe how arrogant people behave.

QUICK STEP You Might Be Arrogant If . . .

After all students arrive, turn with them to page 28 in the student book. Read aloud the humorous list there. Then discuss:

- **Is it easy to identify people who are arrogant? Without naming any names, describe things people do that are arrogant.** (If they want, have your class come up with their own funny things to add to the list in the student book.)

- **Do you want to be around arrogant people? Why or why not? Have you ever caught yourself acting arrogantly? How did you feel once you realized how you were behaving?**

Lead into Bible study by saying: **Some people believe they are wonderful and talented and generally better than everyone else. Pride is an easy thing to develop. Today we're going to look at a biblical perspective of the trap of pride vs. the blessings of humility.**

"Good Manners"

Begin the *Mr. Deeds* video clip when Deeds says, "This is wicked nice for you guys to invite us over here." In this scene, the New York City elitists ridicule a naïve Mr. Deeds. Stop the video as Deeds says, "I hope I didn't embarrass you." (Note: At the time of publication, this clip titled "Good Manners" was available from www.wingclips.com.) You may wish to show our classic TV clip "A Lesson in Arrogance" instead. Discuss either clip with these questions:

- **Who in this clip would you describe as being arrogant? Have you ever seen someone in authority act this way? Tell about it.**

- **List some characteristics of arrogant people. Do you want to be around arrogant people? Why or why not? Have you ever caught yourself acting arrogantly? How did you feel once you realized how you were behaving?**

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The Scene

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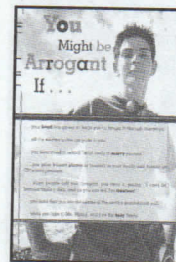
Time

10 minutes

discussion

Materials

Young Teen Student



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10 minutes

video

Materials

copy of *Mr. Deeds* (2002) (or *Young Teen Resources* CD), audiovisual equipment



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