

Step 2 Searching the Word

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

Use one of the following activities to help your students contrast pride and humility.

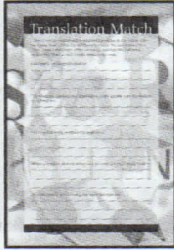
Time

20 minutes

puzzle

Materials

Young Teen Student, Bibles, pens, dictionaries



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20 minutes

creative writing

Materials

Bibles, paper, pens

QUICK STEP Translation Match

Turn with students to page 29 in their student books. Make sure Bibles, pens, and dictionaries are available to all. Have students match the wordy translations of portions of Scripture to the actual translations and references. After work is done, have students share their answers. Correct responses follow:

1. Pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 16:18).
2. God crowns the humble with salvation (Psalm 149:4).
3. God opposes the proud (1 Peter 5:5).
4. Humble yourselves, that God may lift you up in due time (1 Peter 5:6).
5. God gives grace to the humble (1 Peter 5:5).

Discuss the content of the verses by asking: **How does pride affect our relationships with others? with God? How does humility affect our relationships with others? with God?**

Close discussion with these words: **Pride is distorted self-esteem. We place ourselves in a higher position among others than we deserve, which damages our relationships. We even challenge God's authority in the process. On the other hand, humility is self-esteem clearly understood. We rejoice in being created in God's image and thank Him for His grace. We recognize that same image in others and refuse to feel superior to those also created in that image. Let's explore more of what it means to act with humility.**

Similes

A simile is a comparison that uses the words *like* or *as*. For example, "The round, yellow harvest moon looked *like* a wheel of cheddar cheese" is a simile. "The call of the barn owl sounded *as mournful as* a funeral dirge" is also a simile. Divide students into groups of three to five students, giving each Bibles, pens, paper, and one of these Scripture assignments: 1 Peter 5:5, 6 or Proverbs 16:18, 19. Ask each group to read its Scripture and create one or more similes describing proud or humble people, based on what their Scripture says.

As groups work, move among them, helping them as necessary.

Encountering God's Word and these sample similes may help:

The humble are like those dressed in modest clothing, not trying to make themselves look better than everyone else (1 Peter 5:5).

Being proud is like driving a car while wearing a blindfold, because a crash is coming (Proverbs 16:18).

Have students share completed similes and explain them. Close discussion with these words: **Pride is distorted self-esteem. We place ourselves in a higher position among others than we deserve, which damages our relationships. We even challenge God's authority in the process. On the other hand, humility is self-esteem clearly understood. We rejoice in being created in God's image and thank Him for His grace. We recognize that same image in others and refuse to feel superior to those also created in that image. Let's explore more of what it means to act with humility.**