



LESSON SEVEN

Lesson Goal: The children will learn that we should be humble instead of prideful.

Main Point: To Play On God's Team, I Should Be Humble!

Bible Story: The pride of James and John (Mark 10:35-45)

Memory Verse: *Proverbs 11:2*

"Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." (NLT)

What is the purpose of these activities?

Sports Games (General Opening Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to introduce the Main Point through a sports-themed game time.

Don't Hog The Glory (Specific Opening Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to introduce the idea not being prideful by playing a game of volleyball.

The General Opening Activity is an added feature in this Elevate series. You can use multiple opening activities or pick the ones your kids will most enjoy.

Skit and Bible Story (Large Group Activity)

This Skit and Bible Story teach children that they should do their best to be humble instead of prideful.

Take Your Best Shot (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is help the children memorize the Bible Verse and help them apply today's lesson.

Trading Cards (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to help the children review the Bible Story.

Ernestine The Amazing (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is for the children to understand that when they hog the glory for themselves they are being prideful and others don't want to be around them.

You Can't Do It Alone (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to teach the children that individual performance is not as important as playing together as a team.

Pin The Hog On The Bragger (Small Group Activity)

The purpose of this activity is to show the children what bragging looks and sounds like to others.

Super Sports Challenge (Large Group Activity)

This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

SUPER SPORTS SPECTACULAR

LESSON 7: TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!

Single Teacher version - "Watch & Train" DVD

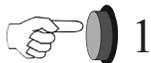


Purpose Statement: This Skit and Bible Story teach children that they should do their best to be humble instead of prideful.

Materials/Props Needed: Lesson 7 DVD materials.

- Lead the children through the opening activity "Sports Games" and/or "Don't Hog the Glory".

- Begin Worship Time.



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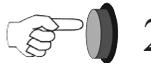
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TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Welcome back for another day here at the Super Sports Spectacular competition. It wouldn't be an official day at the games without our opening song. Everybody stand up!



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Teacher leads the children in singing the song.

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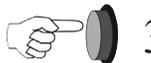


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(CD Track # 1) Wow! Great job on that song! It's always fun to do something well. In fact I bet that everyone in this room can do something better than the rest of us. For example if all of us ran in a race, I know that one of us would be the fastest. Also, if we all took some time to draw a picture, I know that one of them would be the prettiest. It's fun to be good at something and it's fun to be the best at something. But if we focus too much on ourselves and think we are the best at everything or we start bragging, that means that we have a problem with pride. God doesn't want us to be prideful. He wants us to be humble. That means that we put others first and don't brag about ourselves. That's why our main point for today is, **To Play On God's Team, I Should Be Humble!** This is a big deal and I need everyone standing up and shouting this with me.



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Teacher leads the children by first demonstrating the Main Point with motions. Then have the children repeat the Main Point two or three times.

TEACHER

Wow, that was a great Main Point! You all did a great job. Yes, pride is a very big problem. And if someone is prideful it can hurt the rest of the team. That's what Rookie learns about today. Let's see what happens.



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Note: Play "Super Sports Video" followed by "Dodgeball Challenge Video."

TEACHER

I don't blame the rest of the team for being mad at Rookie. That was really annoying when he tried to hog all the glory. And it was the same for the disciples. The rest of the team was hurt when

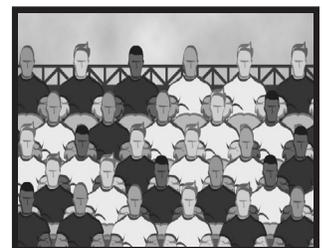
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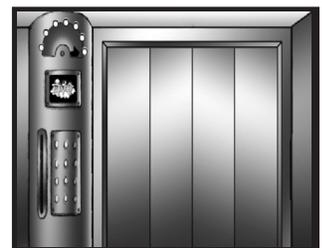
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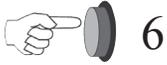


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James and John tried to hog the glory. Things always go a lot better for the team when we're humble. Now, it is easy to be prideful and it can be hard to be humble. So here's what I want you to do. I have a Bible verse for us this week and I want you to try and remember it the next time you're feeling prideful. Check it out:

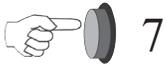


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Proverbs 11:2 *“Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” (NLT)*

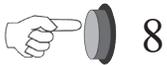
TEACHER

This verse tells us how pride can hurt us. Pride leads to disgrace and that means that if we're too prideful, people won't want to be around us anymore. And the word “humility” is another way of saying humble. We're supposed to think of others first and not just worry about ourselves. One great way to be humble is to worship God, because we take the focus off ourselves and put it on God instead. Let's all worship God right now with a song.



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Teacher leads the children in singing the song and then begins the offering time.



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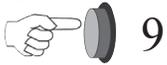
(CD Track # 6) Thank you for singing with us. We're going to continue worshipping God with our offering. This is a time when we give back to God part of what He has given to us. I'll lead us in prayer and then it will be your time to come up and give. Let's pray.

Lead the children in prayer. If you want to, include elements of the lesson you are teaching today. For instance, today we are talking about being humble. So you might say, “God, help us to not just focus on ourselves. Help us to worry about others and to be humble.” Take up the offering.



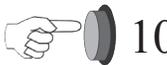
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(CD Track # 1) Thank you, everyone. And now you're all going to learn a few ways that you can apply today's lesson to your life. It's time for Small Groups!



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SMALL GROUPS

Teacher greets the kids as they come back from their Small Groups.



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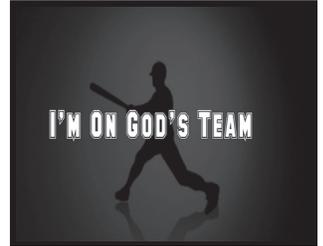
Welcome back. It's time for our review game, “Super Sports Challenge!”

Note: Lead the children through the questions. Hit “play” when a child has given you the right answer.

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CLOSING



TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Thanks for coming. It was great to see all of you here. Don't forget our Main Point for today: **To Play On God's Team, I Should Be Humble!** See you next time.



DON'T HOG THE GLORY

SPECIFIC OPENING ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to introduce the idea of not being prideful by playing a game of volleyball.

Description: The teacher will play a game of volleyball with two teams of children. The teacher will hog the ball and the glory and will allow those who don't want to play with him/her to change to the other team.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet, a soft ball, a net or materials to make a net, and an attitude.

Note: You could make a net with a sheet and two chairs, or with tape, or with just a line on the floor.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Our sport today is volleyball, so I thought that we would start by playing a game of volleyball.
2. I'm going to play on one of the teams and I have a special rule for this game. After each point, if you want to switch teams you can.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. I'm going to play on this team.

Note: In this activity you will need to dominate your side of the game. Don't let any other players hit the ball. Blame the rest of the team when you lose a point, and take all the credit when your team scores a point. Avoid personal insults, but be sure to hog the ball and make everyone miserable. After each point, let them decide if they want to switch sides.

2. Anybody want to switch teams?
3. I don't know why anyone would want to leave my team to play with the losers.

Note: The kids will pretty quickly want to play on the opposite team from you, or not play at all. Then continue.



After the activity say:

1. Some of you chose to play on the other team. Why was that? (*You were mean, you were hogging the ball, you didn't let us play.*)
2. That's right! I was hogging the glory and it made everyone on my team suffer.

Summary: When I hogged the glory it hurt the members of my team. Today we're learning not to hog the glory for ourselves, but instead to be humble and share the glory with others.





TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is help the children memorize the Bible Verse and help them apply today's lesson.

Description: The children will repeat the Bible Verse reading it off of cards that are turned over one at a time until they can say the whole verse without them. Then they will have an opportunity to take a shot based on the sport in that week's lesson. The sport for Lesson 7 is Volleyball.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet, the "Bible Memory Verse Cards Lesson 7," from the Lesson Materials CD Rom and the supplies for the shot of the week. For volleyball you will need a net or something to simulate a net, a target on the ground, and a soft ball.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Today we are going to have a volleyball shoot out, but before you can take a shot you will have to say the Bible Verse from memory.
2. We are going to read the Bible Verse off of these cards.
3. Then I will turn over one of the cards and we will read it again.
4. I'll keep doing that until the cards are all turned over.
5. Then if you can say it without making a mistake, you can try to serve the ball and hit the target on the other side of the net.
6. When you score a point you turn back over one piece of the verse until the whole verse is turned over.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. Let's read the verse.

Note: Read the verse with the kids. Then turn over one piece of the verse and have the kids repeat it again. The verse for this week is Proverbs 11:2 "Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Continue until the entire verse is turned over.

2. Good job. Now each of you will get a chance to take your best shot at the goal.

Note: Let each child attempt to say the verse and if they are successful allow them to take a shot at the goal.

3. Good job.



After the activity say:

1. It is important to memorize scripture because it is God's word.
2. Remembering this verse will remind you of the way that God wants you to live.

Summary: Remember this verse this week and take your best shot by being humble.

“Pride

leads

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Proverbs 11:2



ERNESTINE THE AMAZING

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is for the children to understand that when they hog the glory for themselves they are being prideful and others won't want to be around them.

Description: The children will listen to a story about Ernestine. Ernestine hogs the glory for everything she is involved with. The children will see the consequences of hogging the glory.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Do any of you like to hang around a glory hog? (*No.*)
2. Being a glory hog is bad for us and bad for those around us.
3. I am going to read a story about Ernestine.
4. Ernestine thinks she is amazing. We are going to see what happens when Ernestine tries to hog the glory.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. Listen closely to the story. When Ernestine acts like a glory hog I want you to say "Glory Hog!" and make hog noises: Oink! Oink! Oink!

Ernestine The Amazing

Ernestine knew that everyone was amazed at how great she was. On Saturday, Ernestine's soccer team won a tournament. Everyone on the team got a trophy. Ernestine asked her coach to put her name on everyone's trophy because she was the most valuable player. (*Glory Hog! Oink! Oink! Oink!*) Her coach and her team were amazed that she was so selfish. Later the team went to an amusement park together. But no one told Ernestine.

Sunday evening, Ernestine played in a symphony. When it was time for the violinist to play a solo, Ernestine played a solo on her bassoon instead. (*Glory Hog! Oink! Oink! Oink!*) The entire symphony was amazed that Ernestine would take someone else's solo. The conductor asked the symphony to go bowling, but he didn't ask Ernestine.

Monday, Ernestine had a group project at school. Everyone in the group worked hard, all Ernestine had to do was present the project to the class. Ernestine took credit for the project herself and didn't mention that her group had all worked together. (*Glory Hog! Oink! Oink! Oink!*) Everyone was amazed that Ernestine took credit for work she didn't do. Later the group went out for ice cream. But no one told Ernestine.

On Wednesday, Ernestine ran in a track meet. Her team had a huge lead in a relay race. Ernestine ran the last leg of the relay. Ernestine's team was so far ahead that Ernestine began to wave to the crowd and taunt the other team. (*Glory Hog! Oink! Oink! Oink!*) One of the runners almost caught up to Ernestine as she crossed the finish line. Ernestine bragged about how she won the race. (*Glory Hog! Oink! Oink! Oink!*) Her team was amazed that Ernestine was bragging when she almost lost them the race. Her team went out for pizza, but no one told Ernestine.

On Thursday, Ernestine told everyone that she was having an "Amazing, Amazing Party" Friday night to celebrate all the amazing things she had done that week. Ernestine said she would play her bassoon solo, show videos of the soccer tournament and relay race that she won. There would also be pizza, ice cream and bowling, and Saturday everyone would go to an amusement park.

Ernestine asked a friend from her soccer team if he was coming. He said, "No, I went to an amusement park after the game on Saturday."

Ernestine asked a friend from the symphony if she would come. She said, "No, I went bowling Sunday night."

Ernestine asked a friend from her class project if he would come. He said, "No, I had ice cream Monday night."

Ernestine asked a friend from the track meet if she was coming. She said, "No, I had pizza Wednesday." Ernestine was amazed that no one was coming. She wondered why people didn't want to come to her amazing party.



After the activity say:

1. Would you go to Ernestine's party? (*No.*)
2. Who do you think will go to Ernestine's party? (*No one.*)
3. Why do you think those around Ernestine don't want to be around her? (*She is a glory hog, she is annoying.*)
4. No matter how talented you are, if you are a glory hog people will not want to be around you for long.

Summary: Just like no one wanted to be around Ernestine when she hogged the glory, when we hog the glory, we are being prideful and no one will want to be around us.



YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to teach the children that individual performance is not as important as playing together as a team.

Description: The children will listen to some facts about great players who couldn't succeed despite amazing talent and record breaking individual statistics.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Lots of us have great talents and abilities that God has given us.
2. But God wants us to be humble and to play as part of a team.
3. No one can or should do it all on their own.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.



During the activity say the following:

1. I am going to tell you some facts about some great athletes.
2. Even great athletes can't win without playing as a part of a team.

Dan Marino is one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game of football. He retired in 2000, and still holds 14 NFL records including Most Passes Attempted In Career (8,358), Most Passes Completed In Career (4,967), Most Yards Gained In Career (61,361), and Most Yards Gained In A Season (5,084). But there is one thing that he was not able to do. His team was never able to win the Superbowl™.

Kobe Bryant is a great basketball player and one of the greatest scorers ever. In the 2006-2007 season Kobe scored fifty or more points in ten games. In three of those games his team still lost the game. In one game he scored 50 points and his team lost. In another game he scored 53 points and his team still lost. In one game he even scored 58 points and his team still lost. Despite Kobe's great season, his team could not make the playoffs.

Mark McGwire is a great baseball player. In 1998 he broke the single season home run record by hitting 70 home runs. Barry Bonds is also a great baseball player. In 2001 he broke McGwire's record by hitting 73 home runs in a season. But even though their individual performances were outstanding, their teams could not make the playoffs in the seasons that they set their records.

Babe Ruth is one of the greatest home run hitters in the history of baseball. In 1927 he hit 60 home runs, more than any of the seven American League teams. But even "The Babe" knew that star talent alone does not make a team. Babe once said "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success.

You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."



After the activity say:

1. Playoff games and championships are not won by individual performances. The whole team has to do well in order to win.
2. When you are really good at something, you might be tempted to hog the glory.
3. But we need to remember that God wants us to play on His team.
4. To do that, we need to follow Jesus' example and be humble.
5. There is no question that Jesus was the "star player." He could do things no one else could do.
6. But Jesus didn't act like a star. He was humble and taught His disciples to be humble as well.

Summary: Remember, even if you do something by yourself, Jesus gave you the ability to do it. You are always part of God's team, so don't take credit yourself, share credit with the team.



PIN THE HOG ON THE BRAGGER

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to show the children what bragging looks and sounds like to others.

Description: The children will be given a situation and all will share the glory except one kid who will brag about how it was all about them. Another kid will try to stick a picture of a hog onto the braggers back.

Materials needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet, some tape, and the “Glory Hoggin Pig Picture Lesson 7” from the Lesson Materials CD Rom.



To introduce the activity say:

1. Today we are going to see what it looks and sounds like when someone is being a bragger.
2. I want one volunteer to be our bragger or Glory Hog. When I describe what has happened, they will try to take all the credit and the glory.
3. The person who is “It” will try to find the Glory Hog and pin the hog on the bragger.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.

Note: Have your volunteer who will be “It” turn away from the group and cover their eyes while you silently indicate who will be the bragger/glory hog.



During the activity say the following:

1. Remember, whatever situation I call out, the bragger will try to take all the credit for himself or herself.
2. Everyone imagine that your school just got an award from the city for a recycling project that the whole school participated in.

Note: After each situation when the bragger has been tagged with the Hog, let the kid who was the bragger be It and silently select another bragger.

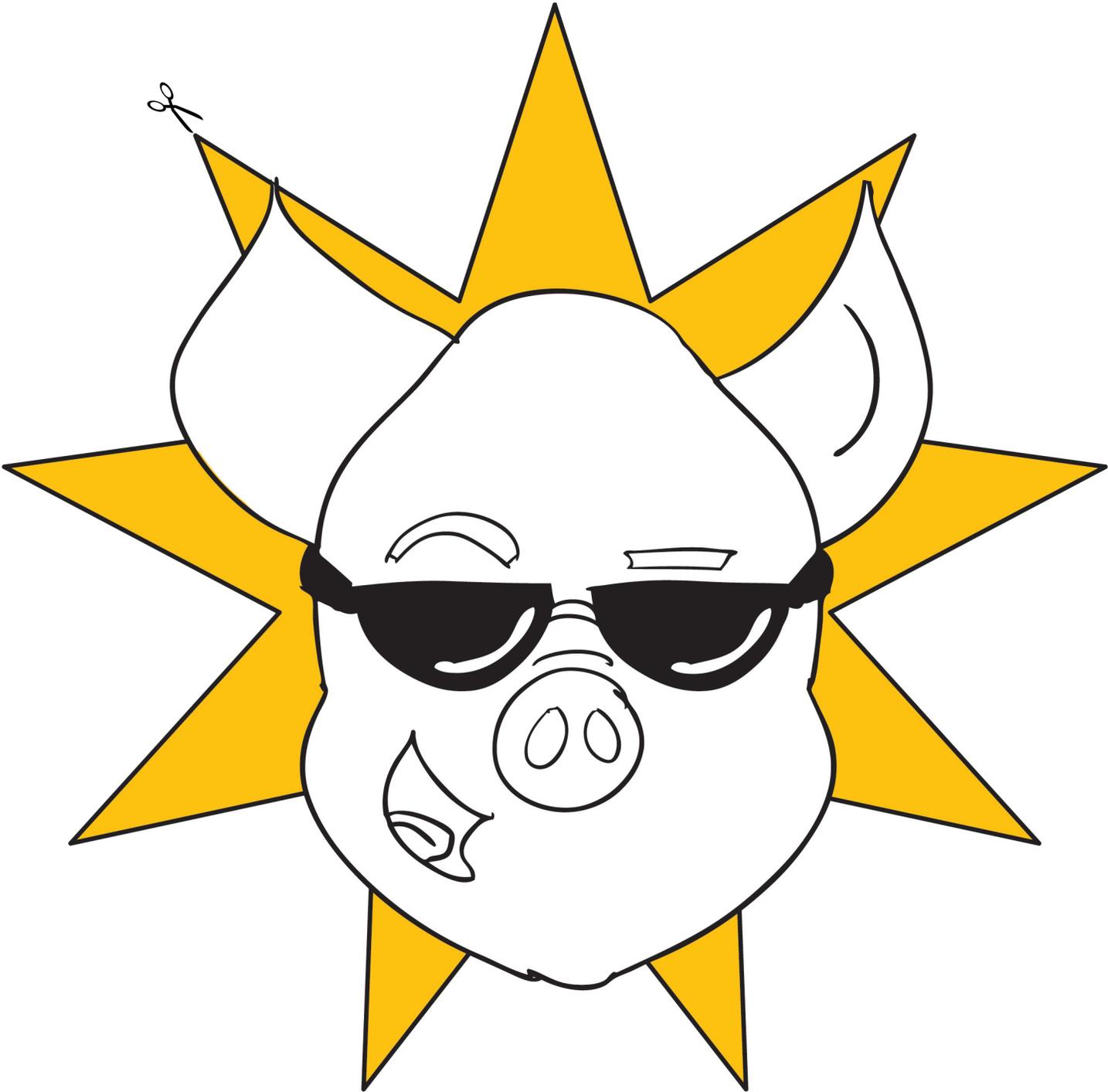
3. Everyone imagine that your soccer team just won the soccer game.
4. Everyone imagine that your choir won a statewide choir competition and will get to be on television.
5. Everyone imagine that you swam in a relay race and your team won.
6. Everyone imagine that your class at school went to a park and cleaned up all the trash. The city sends your class pizza to say thank you.



After the activity say:

1. All of the things I called out were a group effort.
2. Did you enjoy watching the Glory Hog get tagged? *(Yes.)*
3. What would it feel like in real life if someone was bragging or acting like a Glory Hog?
(It would make me mad, I wouldn't like it.)
4. Would you want to be around a person like that? *(No.)*

Summary: In the game, you could tell a bragger by how they acted. When someone takes the credit for a group effort, they are a bragger. When you are a part of a team, don't be like the Glory Hog, share the credit with the whole team.





SUPER SPORTS CHALLENGE

LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSON SEVEN

TO PLAY ON GOD'S TEAM, I SHOULD BE HUMBLE!



The purpose of this activity: This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

Materials needed: DVD chapter "Super Sports Challenge" Lesson 7.



Ask the following questions and then ask for volunteers to answer. If they answer correctly, hit "play" on the DVD.

1. What does it mean to be humble?
 - A. You tell someone about all of the things you're good at.
 - B. You think of others instead of just yourself.**
 - C. You do our absolute best in all situations.
 - D. You never talk about anything.
2. You just scored an A+ on your test at school. Your friend asks you how you did it. What should you say?
 - A. I'm just really smart.
 - B. I always make the best grades.
 - C. Leave me alone, I don't like talking about my grades.
 - D. God helped me do well on the test.**
3. Which of these is NOT an example of being humble?
 - A. Helping a friend with a project for school.
 - B. Bragging to all your friends about your expensive new shoes.**
 - C. Telling your little brother that he's smart.
 - D. Giving God the credit for the good things you do.
4. What was Rookie's problem at the start of the Skit?
 - A. Rookie hadn't practiced for the game.
 - B. Rookie kept falling asleep on the volleyball court.
 - C. Rookie thought that he was the only one who mattered.**
 - D. Rookie was sick and had to stay home.
5. What happened when the rest of the team wouldn't help Rookie?
 - A. Rookie won the game by himself.
 - B. Rookie had to work harder and they lost the set.**
 - C. Rookie got mad and quit.
 - D. Rookie tried to distract the other team with a goofy dance.

6. In today's Bible story, what was the favor that the two disciples asked of Jesus?

- A. To sit in places of honor next to Jesus.**
- B. To have authority over the other disciples.
- C. To carry Jesus' burdens.
- D. To have the weekend off.

7. What did the other disciples do when they found out what happened?

- A. They sat down to the last meal together.
- B. They were happy.
- C. They kicked James and John out of the group.

D. They got mad.

8. Fill in the blanks from today's Bible verse, Proverbs 11:2 "_____ leads to disgrace, but with humility comes _____."

- A. Humility, knowledge.
- B. Teamwork, hope.

C. Pride, wisdom.

D. Patience, glory.