

## Objectives

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### Main Objective

To have students rethink some issues based on the things God has already said.

### Lesson Objective

To get students to rethink how much our pride keeps us away from God.

## Video Idea

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**Happy Gilmore** DVD Counter Start: 17:45/Counter Stop: 18:42

Shooter McGaven is an egotistical, prideful, arrogant professional golfer. This scene shows his pride and the arrogance that comes with it.

## Promotions For This Lesson

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Go to your local office supply store and buy as many packs as you need of “Hello My Name Is” name tags. With a black marker write on each of the name tags “#1”. Encourage your students to wear the nametags to youth group next week.

## Room Decorations

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The idea for this week’s lesson is to get mirrors all over the room, everywhere. Design your room so that all the kids see when they walk in is themselves. On each mirror hang printed signs that describe traits of prideful people. For example: arrogant, selfish, egotistical, etc...

## Games

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See “Games Section” for game choices

# Lesson Outline

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## Overview

When we are more concerned about ourselves, that means we are less concerned for others and more importantly less concerned about God. REMEMBER: This outline is not exhaustive. It is meant for you to add to or take away from. Adapt it to your students and your situation. The outline below addresses some frequent questions your teenagers think but may not ask out loud.

## Opening Thoughts

Play a game with a sponsor or with the teens and rig it so you win. Then go on about how you are the greatest and your talent is like no other. Make it ooze with cockiness, because pride means excessive self-esteem. Which means your opinion of yourself is very, very high and prideful. Get them annoyed with your ego.

## Outline

### WILL PRIDE KEEP US AWAY FROM THE SAVIOR?

1) *It Won't* if we stop being more concerned about our image and ourselves. What consumes our day? What we will wear? What we will eat? What we will do with our time? Everything we do is based on looking out for ourselves.

Read Philippians 2:3-4

It is easy to get consumed by looking out for numero uno. It is easy to get concerned about our image and how we look to others. What if we actually tried thinking about others for a change? What would it be like? What if you went to school in the morning thinking about other people instead of yourself? What would your speech be like? What would your actions be like? What would your behavior be like? In thinking like that, we actually get into the mind of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Matthew 20:28 says, "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." He easily could have come and been served. He was God. Instead he gave us an example of who he is and what should consume our lives.

2) *It Won't* if we rethink who God is and who He blesses. God is holy – 1 Samuel 2:2; God is good – Romans 8:28; God is un-changing; God is love – 1 John 3:1.

God blesses the humble and uses them to point people to Christ because those who are humble have God's greatest quality in them. People are drawn to someone who is humble because they reflect Christ.

### 3) *It Won't* if we surrender our hearts to Christ

For some of us, we struggle with our pride because we have never given our hearts over to Christ. The reason for that is because we have to realize that the only way for Christ to change us is for us to kneel at His feet. That is hard to do. Some of us are prideful people because we love everything our way. God says No! It's not your way because pride will keep us from having a close relationship.

### Closing Thoughts

Have a rope where two people are pulling against each other. Then have one person pull against no one. Ask the obvious question, "Which was easier to pull?" If you are pulling a rope against someone else you will struggle to get it where you want. If you are in constant battle with God and have to have it your way, you will struggle. God says drop the rope and let me pull and my strength will overcome any battle you face. Drop the rope and surrender your pride to Christ.

## Discussion Questions

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1. What if you actually went to school more concerned about other people? What would the day be like?
2. Why is it easy to get consumed with our image?
3. Who is God? What are His characteristics?
4. How can your pride keep you away from God?
5. How can you become more humble?

## Promotions For Next Week

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Buy Valentine heart candy that have the messages like "Be Mine" and "Sweetie" on them. As you give them to your students, tell them that next week they are going to learn about how relationships really work.