

Memory Signs

Humility - Putting Others Before Yourself

Bible Verse - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3 NIV

SUPPLIES: Bibles, signs (*write each of the following words on a different colored piece of paper or sticky note - selfish, ambition, vain, humility; make a fifth sign with the entire verse written on it*)

Hide the five signs around your house. Have your family race to find the signs. Once all signs are found, lead the following discussion:

Sign #1: SELFISH

- Hold up the first sign, "Selfish."
- Ask what the word "selfish" means. (*Being concerned mainly about yourself.*)
- Ask if anyone can think of a time in their life when they were selfish and if they would be willing to share about that experience.

Sign #2: AMBITION

- Hold up the second sign, "Ambition."
- Ask what the word "ambition" means. (*Desiring success or power.*)
- **Say**, "Having ambition isn't always bad. The problem is when our desire for something makes us prideful, or when we are only thinking about ourselves and are willing to get our success or power even if it might hurt others or go against what God wants."

Sign #3: VAIN

- Hold up the third sign, "Vain."
- Ask what the word "vain" means. (*Thinking you are better than other people and wanting them to notice.*)
- **Say**, "Another word for vain would be conceit. So in our memory verse we read that we should not do anything out of vain conceit it means that we shouldn't do things just to impress other people. When we do things just to impress others we put the focus more on ourselves."

Sign #4: HUMILITY

- Hold up the fourth sign, "Humility."
- Ask what the word "humility" means. (*Putting others before yourself.*)

Sign #5: MEMORY VERSE

- Hold up the fifth sign that has the memory verse written on it.
- Ask if anyone can explain what the verse means. (*That God doesn't want us to do things because of how it will make us look or to impress other people; but instead he wants us to put others first.*)
- Whenever you are tempted to be proud and not humble remember that God commands us in this verse to put others before ourselves. What are some ways that we can show humility this week?"

Practice memorizing the verse with your family. Use the hand motions below to help you your family memorize the verse.

Phrase	Action
DO NOTHING	Cross one of your hands over the other and shake your head "No"
OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION	Point to yourself when you say, "selfish"
OR VAIN CONCEIT	Act like a movie star, frame your face with your hands, strike a pose, flip your hair, etc....
BUT IN HUMILITY	Bow down... like the karate kid
CONSIDER OTHERS	Make a thinking face and then point outwards
BETTER THAN YOURSELF	Give a thumbs up then point yourself
PHILIPPIANS 2:3	Hold up two fingers then three fingers