

JESUS

— The Humble Man —

In James 4:6 we read, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (ESV), and Proverbs 6:16-17 tells us that God hates a prideful attitude.



God wanted to show mankind how much He valued humility and the lowly of heart, so He allowed His own Son to be born in a stable. Jesus' humility toward others is a good example of how we should behave toward others, too.

Thank You, Father, for showing Me a better way to manifest Your Spirit.



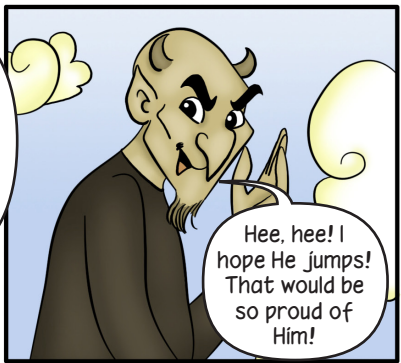
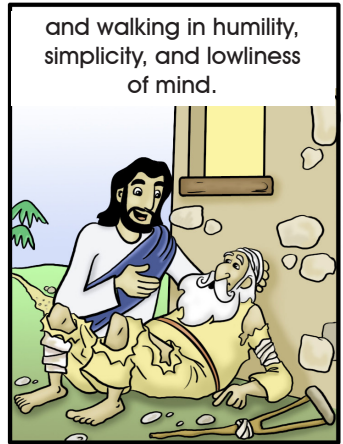
As a man, there were probably times when Jesus didn't always feel like being humble or caring.

But as the Son of God, each time He looked to His Father, the Father taught Him and led Him and showed Him what to do and say.

Be loving and humble!

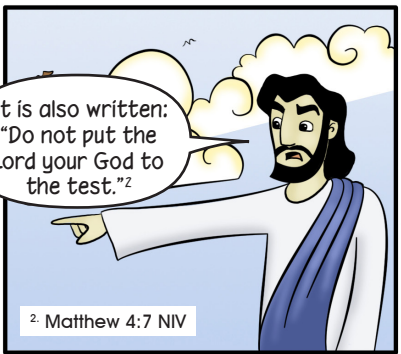
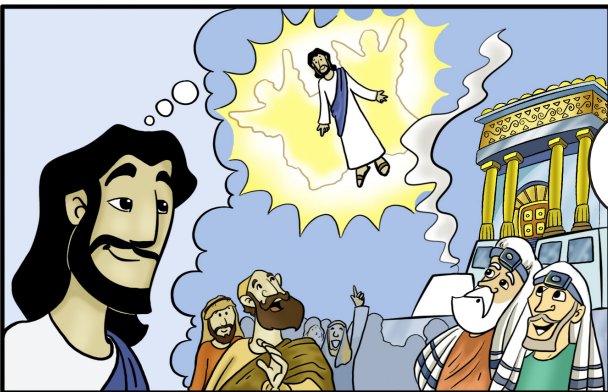
Jesus could not merely preach humility and love, it was important for Him to live it as well.





The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in all points just as we are—including pride.

This was a point that Satan would have delighted to see Jesus fall in, since it was the cause of his own downfall.



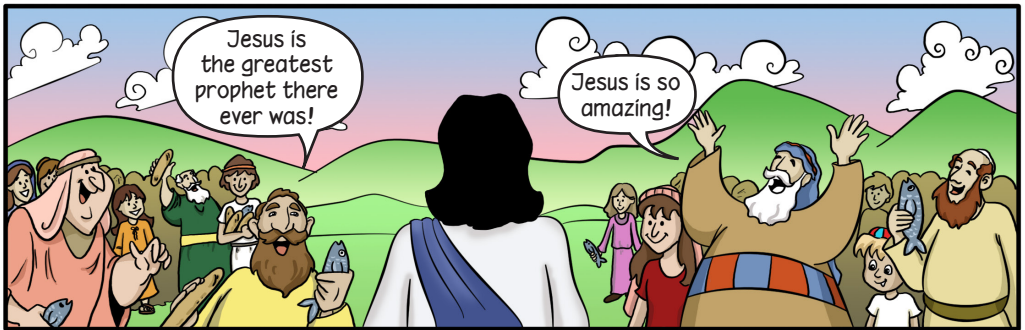
It would have been very easy for Jesus to be lifted up in pride. After all, He was the Son of God. Though He was weak in the flesh, He was strong in the spirit.

In order to truly walk in humility, Jesus had to continually be on guard to not fall into pride.



And as news of Jesus spread abroad, as the crowds began to gather around Jesus everywhere He went, and as His Father wrought great miracles and mighty signs and wonders by

Jesus' hand, this could have easily gone to His head. He could have thought that it was in His flesh that He was able to do such things.



That day when the 5,000 gathered and Jesus fed them from the few loaves and fishes,



the praise of the people could have caused Jesus to be lifted up in pride, had He not resisted the temptation.



As He worked miracle after miracle He was probably frequently tested on whether He would let it go to His head or He would give His Father the glory and honor that was His due, choosing to walk in humility.

However, we see that in all Jesus did He was always acknowledging His Father, and giving Him the credit.



When the learned men of the world questioned Jesus, Jesus told them,

"I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."⁴

Jesus continually pointed to God, and gave Him all the honor and glory.

"If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me."⁵

⁴ John 8:28 NIV; ⁵ John 8:54 NIV

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