

# 17.1 Being humble

Based on Episode 17: Rescue Strangers

## Learning objectives:

- To learn about pride and humility
- To explore how different people are proud of different achievements

### RE Links:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>England:</b>          | 3p) <i>Considering a range of human experiences and feelings</i>  |
| <b>Isle of Man:</b>      | 5E) <i>Rules to live by – How should our respect for other people affect the way we behave?</i><br>5F) <i>How do the beliefs of Christians influence their actions? How should I live? (QCA – 5D)</i> |
| <b>Northern Ireland:</b> | <i>Morality: Respect for self. Respect for God</i>  |
| <b>Scotland:</b>         | <i>Christianity: Beliefs: RME 2-01a</i><br><i>Catholic schools: Catholic Christianity:</i><br><i>Mystery of God: RERC 2-01a</i>   |
| <b>Wales:</b>            | <i>Understand the links between belief, teaching and practice to provide a greater meaning to religious ideas</i>   |

### Stimulus material:

**Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 17: Rescue Strangers**  
*This lesson is based on the first half of the episode from 0:00 – 9:45, when Tamar says “There you are! I hope all goes well today. I know you’re going to make us all proud.”*

### Bible reference for the main story:

*Paul and Barnabas*  
*Acts 14:8-20*

### Other resources required:

*Copies of Worksheet 17.1a*  
*Copies of Worksheet 17.1b*

### Introduction:

*Have the pupils ever heard the phrase ‘Pride comes before a fall’?*

- What does the phrase mean?
- What does it mean to be proud?

*Ask the pupils to look at the cards made from Worksheet 17.1a.*

*Working in groups, the pupils order the ‘achievements’ to show which ones they would be most proud of.*

*Feedback and discuss the results.*

- Which ‘achievement’ would you be most proud of?
- Why?
- Which ‘achievement’ might other people be most impressed by?
- Why?
- Is pride right or wrong?

## Activities:

Show Episode 17 as far as 9:45 when Tamar says "There you are! I hope all goes well today. I know you're going to make us all proud."

- Was the Bible story an Old or New Testament story? (New Testament)
- What were the crowds impressed by (Healings, teaching)
- How did Paul react? (He was upset)
- Why?
- What does the word humble mean?

Explain that Paul was a humble man – he did not want the crowds to praise him – he wanted them to see God at work through what he was doing and to praise God instead. It is okay to be proud of our achievements, but sometimes it is useful to acknowledge the help we have had from others in our successes so we can avoid becoming arrogant.

Ask pupils to think of two things they are proud of. They can use their own ideas, or take suggestions from the cards.

- Who helped you with this achievement?

Explain that a Christian would, like Paul, acknowledge the help they had received from God in their achievements, and will often say a prayer of thanks.

Pupils write their achievements and a note of thanks to the person who helped them on Worksheet 17.1b.

---

## Reflection / Personal search / Response:

Return to the questions in the introduction and recap the meaning of pride.

Emphasise that pride is not wrong, but it is important to be aware of how pride might affect people.

- How did it affect Macky in the episode?
- What do you think will happen in the next part of the episode?
- Will his pride lead to a fall?

---

## Assessment / reporting:

Can the pupils identify achievements they are proud of, and recognise the help given by others in that achievement?

---

## Links to other subject areas:

SEAL - Good to be me: Going for Goals – pride and achievements

Literacy - Speaking and listening – encourage children to share their achievements with others, considering formal language used for this purpose

Creative/other - SHINE week

Name:

Date:

## Being humble Worksheet 17.1a

Photocopy this worksheet onto card and cut into cards so that each group has a set.

**You get the best mark in the mental maths test in your class.**

**You help your Mum to clean the house ready for some visitors.**

**You win a school competition for story writing.**

**You don't argue with your brother over what to watch on TV – you let him choose instead.**

**Your football team wins the local tournament.**

**You eat a meal you don't particularly like without complaining.**

**You spend half an hour helping your younger sister to practise her spellings.**

**You spend your Saturday morning helping to pick up litter in your street.**

**You win a national ballet competition.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Being humble Worksheet 17.1b

Think of two things you are proud of.  
Who helped you to achieve those things?  
Write them in the boxes.



**I am proud of...**

**Thank You...**

**I am proud of...**

**Thank You...**



**Paul was very unhappy when the crowds tried to treat him as a god.**