

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Choosing Humility” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for January 12, 2020. The lesson is found on page 43 of *Young Teen Teacher* by 21st Century Christian.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

The U.S. presidential campaigns are in full swing, and the first primary will be held in Iowa on February 3. And one thing is sure, not one of these candidates is trying to win debates or votes through a grand, fully publicized, luxurious display of . . . humility. But they might want to think about it. The greatest leaders in the world are often those who remain humble.

There’s a story told of a rider who happened to ride along by soldiers who were trying to move a large log. Their corporal stood by, watching their efforts, but not helping. The rider stopped and asked the corporal, “Why aren’t you helping?” The man answered proudly that he did not help, he gave the orders.

The rider dismounted at once, went over to the soldiers, and helped them to lift the log out of the way. Having finished the job, he went back to his horse, pausing to say to the corporal, “The next time your men need help, send for the commander-in-chief.” The rider was none other than the first American president, George Washington.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

People who are entering into presidential campaigns are encouraged to claim many achievements and to advertise all of their greatest skills and accomplishments. It seems one has to be proud to be a good presidential candidate. What do you think—is that true?

What does it mean to you to be humble? Give an example of someone you think of as living a humble life.

How could humility be a beneficial quality for a leader?

Humility can be harder to strive for than we realize. Today we’re going to look at a biblical perspective of the trap of pride vs. the blessings of humility.

