

## ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

**CHARACTER TRAIT:** Humility

**DEFINITION:** Living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am, and who you are

**MEMORY VERSE:** “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

**FINISH LINE:** Jesus is the perfect example of humility

**READ:** Philippians 2:3-11

### WHAT DOES IT SAY? (Observation)

- 1) **Who is our perfect example of humility?** *(Jesus) Look at verse 6. Who is Jesus?* *(He is God.)*
- 2) **Look at verse 8. What was Jesus’ ultimate example of humility?** *(He was obedient and died on a cross.)*
- 3) **Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Why did Jesus die on the cross?** *(Christ died for our sins.) Did he stay dead?* *(No! He came back to life 3 days later.)*
- 4) **Flip back to Philippians 2 and look at verse 9. What did God the Father do?** *(He raised Jesus up and gave Him the place of highest honor.)*
- 5) **Look at verses 10-11. What will Jesus receive because of who He is and what He did?** *(He will receive worship and praise from everyone!)*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (Interpretation)

- 1) **Look at verse 7. What did Jesus choose to give up?** *(Because He is God, He has God’s power. When He came to earth, He could have used that power to make His life easier but He didn’t.)*
- 2) **Reread verses 3-4. How did Jesus show the kind of humility these verses talk about?** *(Because He loves us, Jesus came down from heaven and suffered for us. That’s the most unselfish thing anyone has ever done!)*
- 3) **Why is it good news for us that Jesus was willing to show this kind of humility?** *(Because of our sin, we owe God a debt we could never pay and our relationship with Him is broken. Jesus humbled Himself, came to earth, lived a perfect life, and paid the debt we owe when He died on the cross. When we have faith in Him, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God!)*

### WHY DOES IT MATTER? (Application)

- 1) **Verse 5 tells us our attitude needs to be the same as Jesus’. Do you think any of us could do that on our own? Why not?** *(No. We are all sinners and none of us are perfect like Jesus.)*
- 2) **Who can we ask to help us show this attitude of humility?** *(God) Talk about some ways you need God to help you show humility this week. Spend time as a family praying for God’s help in those situations.*