



Humility - content ideas for Christian collective worship

Definition: We live in a world where some people say: “look at me, look at me”, chasing after fame and wanting to be noticed. Yet the real heroes are those who care and think of others. Many Christians across the world believe that **Jesus is a ‘Servant King’** – one who both **showcased and valued humility**. Humility is not considering yourself “too important” to:

- get involved and help others
- Do ‘servants work’
- Step out of your comfort zone for someone else’s benefit
- Ask for help
- Trust God

Questions – What does it mean to be humble? How can we go about showing humility to one another at home or at school? How can we encourage others to celebrate each others’ achievements, even when it means they personally have been surpassed by someone else? How do we encourage a sense of self-worth in people without feeding arrogance or self-centredness?

Key Bible Character -



Numbers 12:3 –‘Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.’

Moses received authority from God to lead the Jewish people yet it never made him proud.

Key Bible verse:

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” - Ephesians 4:2

‘For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great’ -Luke 18: 14

	Bible stories and verses linked to humility	Bible chapter and verse	Key message
1	Jesus washing the feet of the disciples Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet - YouTube	John 13:3-5	<p>Jesus was both servant and king, yet he washed the disciple's feet, even the feet of the one who would betray him. That act of humility might be the greatest act of humility ever done in history. Here was God himself, in Jesus Christ, taking the form of a servant and washing the dirty, smelly feet of the disciples...even the feet of an enemy (Judas Iscariot), to give us an example of serving in humility like he did.</p>
2	Jesus welcomes little children Jesus and the Children - YouTube	Mark 10:14	<p>Jesus taught his followers that if they wished to enter God's kingdom they must become like children. What sort of child like behaviour was Jesus talking about? We all know that children are capable of various types of both good and poor behaviour, and are programmed to believe that the whole world revolves around them, but this is not what Jesus is talking about. Jesus is challenging people to be humble, like those who, in his time and place, had no legal or social standing. Welcoming everyone is a sign of humility knowing no one person is more important than ourselves.</p>
3	The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector - YouTube	Luke 18:9-14	<p>Jesus started talking about the Pharisees and describing how they acted. The Pharisee liked to draw attention to himself. 'Look at me! Look how amazing I am! Look how I am so much better than others around me!' In order to build himself up, he put others down. Their behaviour he describes as the opposite of humility—they do everything for show, they take the best seats and wear the biggest tassels, and demand respect when they walk around. Jesus lived in the opposite way. He was born in a lowly barn, he</p>

			<p>put others before himself, and never bragged. Jesus tells his followers that "Whoever is the greatest should be the servant of the others. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured." Humility, or being humble, is about putting others first and knowing that you are not perfect. In this Bible story, Jesus mentioned that it was the tax collector that God was most pleased with.</p>
4	<p>King Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 4) - Gospel Project - YouTube</p>	Daniel 4	<p>King Nebuchadnezzar was a boastful King who was very rich. He ignored Daniel's warning and spent 7 years away from his kingdom, just like in his dream. At the end of 7 years, he praised God and knew that God was in charge. He wrote a letter to his people and said, "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble." From the story we can see that God values a humble spirit.</p>
5	<p>King Solomon Solomon Asks For Wisdom - YouTube</p>	1 Kings 3: 1-15	<p>He prayed and admitted he needed help from God. He was humble enough to ask for wisdom. Asking for help can be a real challenge when our pride gets in the way.</p>
6	<p>God's call to Moses God's Story: Moses - YouTube</p>	Exodus 2: 11-3:22	<p>Moses thought himself unworthy to lead such a great nation. When God called Moses he said '– I think you've got the wrong person!' He was a humble man and thought he wasn't good enough but God was with him. Moses never boasted about his achievements.</p>
7	<p>John baptises Jesus The Baptism of Jesus - YouTube</p>	John 3:22-30	<p>John the Baptist is a very important person in the New Testament. He was a cousin of Jesus, and he was chosen to proclaim the message that the Messiah had come. In this famous story, John says one of the most well-known verses in the Bible: "he must increase, but I must decrease." John</p>

			is giving us a picture of what it means to be humble, and how Christians seek Jesus before themselves and their own gain.
8	Jesus calling Simon Peter Jesus Calls Peter - YouTube	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus brings into the nets enough fish to fill and almost sink two boats. When Peter sees what Jesus has done, he falls on his knees and says "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." Peter recognised who it was in front of him, and his immediate action was to kneel. Kneeling is a sign of humility.
9	The conversion of Paul Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-19) - YouTube	Acts 9:1-9	Once Paul was a proud man who was busy persecuting Christians but the moment he met Jesus, he was dramatically changed and put on the cloth of humility.
10	Joseph and his brothers Joseph Forgives (Genesis 42-45) - YouTube	Genesis 42-45	In the second half of his life Joseph reached the second-highest position of Egypt. He had a lot of power. But when he met his brothers he did not take any revenge. He forgave them. He helped them. He loved them. He was an example of humility. He saw himself as no different to them despite his status.