

# This Week's Lesson:

## “Don’t Be A Spiritual Snob!”

THE BIG IDEA

““I Gotta Humble Myself Before The Lord!”



POWER VERSE

““For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored.”  
- Luke 18:14

### This Week's Main Focus:

#### I will be humble and treat others with respect!

Puffer Fish can swallow huge amounts of water. When they do that, they become many times bigger than their original size. Their bodies become like a ball that expands and expands and eeeexxxxppppaaaannnddddsss. One puffer Fish has enough poison in it to kill 30 humans and there is no cure from the poison! If you ever came across a puffer Fish you would want to get as far away from it as possible!

*You want to get as far away from pride as possible, too, boys and girls!* Pride puffs you up and makes you think you are bigger and better than you really are. Once you start allowing pride into your life, you start to eeeexxxxppppaaaannndddd how great you think you are. Pride is like a poison that attacks your soul. After a while, you start to get all full of yourself instead of full of God.

Pretend you just drew a picture. You created the picture and it turned out to be a really nice picture! You loved that picture! Now imagine all of a sudden the picture you made started to talk and it said, “WOW! I’m a great picture! I’m a REALLY great picture! In fact, I’m the best picture EVER! You know what? I’m better than anyone!” Doesn’t that sound ridiculous? It might be a great picture, but it’s not the best picture ever created in the whole entire world ever! And the picture surely isn’t better than you—YOU are the one who created it—it couldn’t be better than its creator! That picture sounds like it is becoming a Puffer Fish—getting way bigger than its original size!

Pride puffs us up and gets us all out of whack! We need to recognize that we ARE pretty cool since God created us, but we aren’t the coolest! God is the coolest! We should be puffing up the fact that God is the GREATEST and we are not. The Creator God is WAY greater than us, His creation. Don’t be a spiritual snob that goes around thinking you love God better than anyone, or that you are the best. We gotta humble ourselves before the Lord! That’s *Between The Lines!*

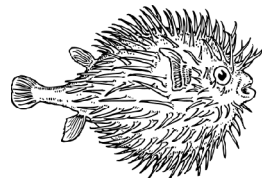


### “Let’s Pray!”

*“Dear Jesus, You deserve all of the honor, all of the glory and all of the praise. I never want to take any of the honor, glory or praise away from You. Keep me humble and not full of pride. Pride can be like a poison to my soul—I need YOU not pride! Thanks for never giving up on me, God! YOU are the bestest! AMEN!”*

### This Week's Activity: Puffed Up Experiment

*You will need an adult to do this experiment!*



Puffer Fish

Take a bar of Ivory Soap (it HAS to be an Ivory Soap Bar—other soaps WON’T work) and place it on a microwave safe plate. Cook the Ivory Soap bar in the microwave for 2 minutes. Don’t overcook it—just 2 minutes. Keep your eye on the Ivory Soap while it is “cooking.” After 2 minutes, remove the Ivory Soap from the microwave- it has expanded into a billowy cloud—it is ALL PUFFED UP!

*DON’T GET PUFFED UP! I Gotta Humble Myself Before The Lord!*