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This verse tells us about two different people - the proud and the humble - and how God treats them.

The first person is proud. What do you think this means? The proud person is always thinking of himself. He selfishly thinks he deserves the best of everything; the newest toys, the biggest piece of pizza, the last cookie. He thinks he's smarter, stronger, and better looking than everyone else. So he expects others to give him their attention and praise. He doesn't think much about God because he doesn't believe he needs God's help or forgiveness. The proud person has put himself in God's place.

The second person is humble. What do you think this means? The humble person is always thinking of others. She looks for ways to serve others and will gladly give up her place in line to help someone. She knows her weaknesses and is quick to confess her sins or admit that she is wrong. She doesn't think too highly of herself. In fact, she doesn't spend much time thinking of herself at all. She's too busy thinking about God and trying to live in a way that pleases him. The humble person puts God first in her life.

How does God treat the proud person? He opposes him and is against him. Why? Because the proud person has made himself God's enemy by putting himself in God's place. How does God treat the humble person? He gives her his grace and blessing. God watches over and helps those who are humble.

Which person do you want to be? Pray and ask God to help you get rid of pride and to grow in humility. Then, ask your dad or mom to help you think of one place where, with God's help, you can practice humility.