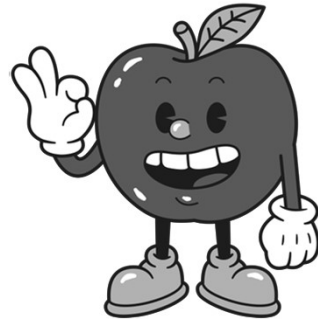




Who Got an Award?

Family Discussion



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All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor. 3 Then the royal officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" 4 Day after day they spoke to him but he refused to comply. Therefore they told Haman about it to see whether Mordecai's behavior would be tolerated, for he had told them he was a Jew. 5 When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged.

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Discuss

- Describe an occasion where you were recognized for an accomplishment or got an award for doing something notable.
- What different kinds of things do people do or say when they receive an award or recognition?
- Why are we tempted to be overly proud or want to show off when we win or come in best in some competition?
- How can we avoid pride and apply the principle of humility in all areas of our lives, especially when we are recognized for being "number one"?

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Pray



- Thank the Lord for helping you to do well those times when you excelled or were successful.
- Tell God that you are depending on him to do your best at school, at work, or in sports.
- Ask God to help you when you are successful to remember to thank people for their words of encouragement but give credit and glory to God for His help.
- Pray that God will work in your heart to help you demonstrate humility in all areas of your life.

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