

# S.A.F.E. Homes



***“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world”  
(Galatians 6:14)***

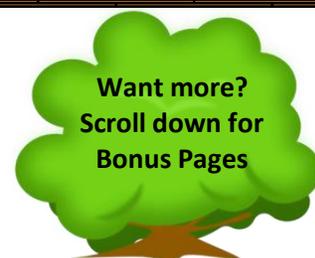
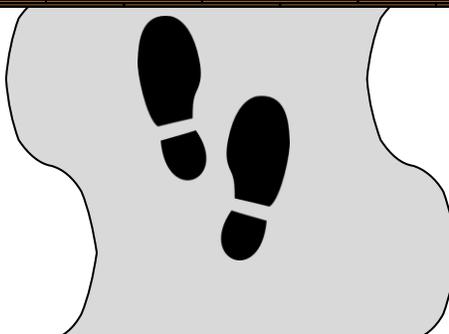
## **The Point of Reference**

Character education has been primarily absent from public school curricula for many decades now, and, sadly it has become painfully noticeable. It also seems that many homes and indeed Christian homes were reliant on the education system and Sunday school to teach character values to our children, thus relieving us of our parental duty and responsibility to teach such values at home. However, the truth is that it is our responsibility to teach and exemplify Christian character into our children.

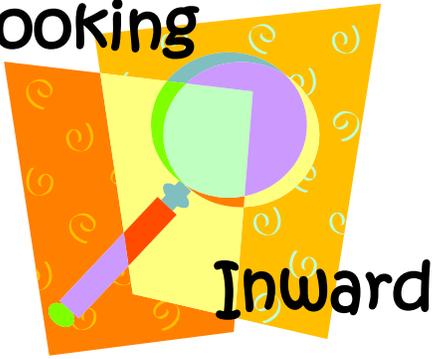
A simple browse through social media will reveal exactly what is being referred to, the mere concept of humility is almost completely non-existent! If we are honest, this is not an issue that is merely affecting our children. Even within the church, we are seeing ministries that say it is all about him (Christ) but he seems to be absent. Our actions and our very personhood should reveal Christ to a lost and dying world, but the world cannot see Christ when everything we do is boasting about ourselves.

The Apostle Paul spoke and wrote about many things concerning the church, and perhaps one of the most evident things that we can learn about him and his writing was that he was a humble man. In his pastoral and missionary status he always made sure that Christ was the point of reference. The primary danger of a life which lacks humility is the glorification of the self which carries many ramifications. Nevertheless, a life which is lived with humility is a life which has a focus outside oneself and for the Christian, it is centered on Jesus Christ the Lord. Such lives are pleasing to God and are able to function with greater meaning and purpose, due to Christ being the point of reference.

**Family Prayer: Dear Jesus, I know I can't brag about anything that I have done. I would be nothing without Your mercies. Please help me to walk humbly before You every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



Looking



Inward

Check out your humility meter! In a set period of time (an hour, an evening, or a day) during a normal family day, record how many times each member of the family is heard using the word "I". Being conscious of this one small word may help us turn our focus to others. Give a small prize to the one with the fewest number of "I's". This should be interesting!

Let's talk

We live in a selfie generation. It's all about us, our wants, and our needs. Does this make us 'Christ-like'? How does shifting our focus from ourselves to others better align with the words of Jesus in Philippians 2:3 when He admonished us to esteem others more highly than ourselves?

Take a look around you this week. Do you see a family in need? Discuss ways that your family can help meet this need and take action! But the action needs to be taken anonymously. That means the action will never be credited to your family or no one will ever know you did this helping act. Only Jesus will get the glory for your kindness. Let's make Him the point of reference!



Looking



Outward

## Additional Challenges

***Jesus had to deal with His disciples a couple of times about their misconception of importance in the Kingdom of God. Check it out...***

Matthew 18:1-4

What question did the disciples ask Jesus?

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Jesus called a \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

Jesus made it very clear to the disciples-

“Except ye be \_\_\_\_\_, and become as \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall not enter into the \_\_\_\_\_.”

So what did Jesus say in answer to the disciples’ question: Who is the greatest?

“Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ himself as this \_\_\_\_\_ the same is \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of heaven.

Can you find other scriptural references to a similar conversation that Jesus had with His disciples?

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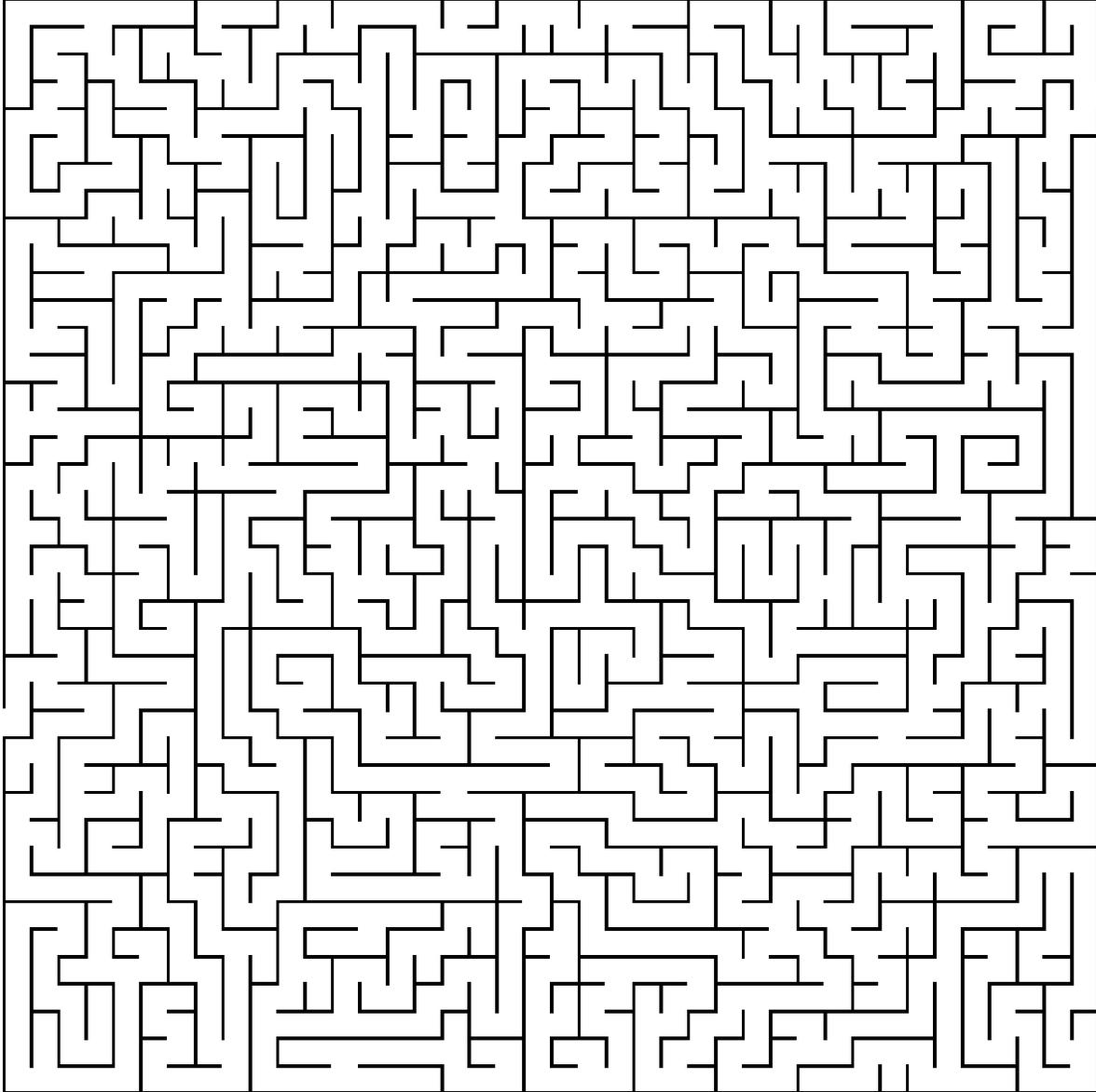
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The Apostle James also had something to say on this subject:

James 4:10 “ \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

***Make sure that Jesus is glorified in all that you do.  
He should always be our “point of reference”!***

# Find your way to Jesus!



# Point to Jesus

