

UNDER THE WISDOM TREE

SAMPLE LESSON 4

Main Issue:

What is humility?

NOTE: *This session is meant to be a multi-generational event. The children may work on their masks or costumes for this play prior to the play or the day of the play if reading the play is intended. Put on the play for the adults in your church either as part of a service or as another event.*

La Hormiguita: a play

adapted by Connie Dunn

CHARACTERS:

Narrator El Viento (Wind)

La Escarcha (Frost)

La Nube (Cloud)

El Grillo (Cricket)

El Comején (Termite)

La Hormiguita (Ant)

La Pared (Wall) El Sol (Sun)

Narrator: Early one morning, La Hormiguita, the little ant baked a loaf of bread to take to her godmother.

La Hormiguita: I will take my bread to my godmother, she will be pleased with me.

Narrator: (Beat drum or say) pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: Wheee! Eeek!

Narrator: (Make sound effect for BAM! or say it.) Bam! La Hormiguita stepped on a tiny drop of water that was frozen and landed on the ground. She hurt her foot and dropped her bread in the dirt. She sat in the road and rubbed her foot.

El Grillo: What happened?

La Hormiguita: I slipped on the ice, hurt my foot, and dropped my loaf of bread that I had baked for my godmother. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother and my foot hurts.

El Grillo: (Assessing the situation) Hmmm. That is the fault of La Escarcha, the Frost. Frost froze that drop of water, the water turned into ice and the ice made

you slip, which made you drop your bread. Now you have no bread to take to your godmother. Go and ask La Escarcha for justice.

Narrator: So the little ant, La Hormiguita, set off to find Frost. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: La Escarcha, I demand justice! Frost freezes ice. The ice made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

La Escarcha: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. El Sol, the Sun, makes me melt. Go and ask the Sun for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find El Sol. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: El Sol, I demand justice! You melt Frost. Frost freezes ice. The ice made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

El Sol: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. La Nube, the Cloud, covers my face. Go and ask the Cloud for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find La Nube. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: La Nube, I demand justice! You cover face of Sun, Sun melts Frost. Frost freezes ice. The ice made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

La Nube: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. El Viento, the Wind, pushes me right out of the sky. Go and ask the Wind for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find El Viento. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: El Viento, I demand justice! You push Cloud out of sky. Cloud covers face of Sun. Sun melts Frost. Frost freezes ice. The ice made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

El Viento: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. La Pared, the Wall, stops me dead in my tracks. Go and ask the Wall for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find La Pared. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: La Pared, I demand justice! You stop Wind. Wind pushes Cloud out of sky. Cloud covers face of Sun. Sun melts Frost. Frost freezes ice. The ice

made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

La Pared: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. El Comejèn, the Termite, is eating me up. Go and ask the Termite for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find El Comejèn. pum pum pum pum...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita: El Comejèn, I demand justice! You eat the Wall. Wall stops Wind. Wind pushes Cloud out of sky. Cloud covers face of Sun. Sun melts Frost. Frost freezes ice. The ice made me slip, hurt my foot, and drop my loaf of bread. Now I have no bread to take to my godmother.

El Comejèn: No, no, no. It wasn't my fault. There is one much stronger than I. El Oso Hormiguero sends out his long, sticky tongue to catch me. Go and ask him for justice.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita went to find El Oso Hormiguero. pum pum

La Hormiguita: Oh, NO!

Narrator: pum pum

La Hormiguita: I'd better not ask El Oso Hormiguero for justice. My godmother told me to stay way away from him. El Oso Hormiguero is the ANTEATER. I am a little ant.

Narrator: So La Hormiguita tied a bandage around her foot, dusted off her loaf of bread, and set off to her godmother's house. pum pum pum pum ...pum pum pum pum

La Hormiguita did not get justice, but she did not get EATEN. She decided that being humble and seeing her godmother was far better. And as far as anyone knows, La Hormiguita was always humble and took responsibility for her own actions. She never tried to get someone else to take care of her problems. And she lived happily and responsibly forever after.

Activity Ideas:

- Children can make masks out of paper, paper plates or gauze and plaster. (See graphics at end of lesson.)
- Puppets can be made out of papier-mâché, paper plates or recycled socks. (See graphics at end of lesson.)
- Costumes can be made out of paper sacks or an assortment of old clothes.
- Use your imagination and let the children use their imagination.

- Make enough copies of the play, so the children can read their lines. Put on an impromptu play for the adults or for the other children.

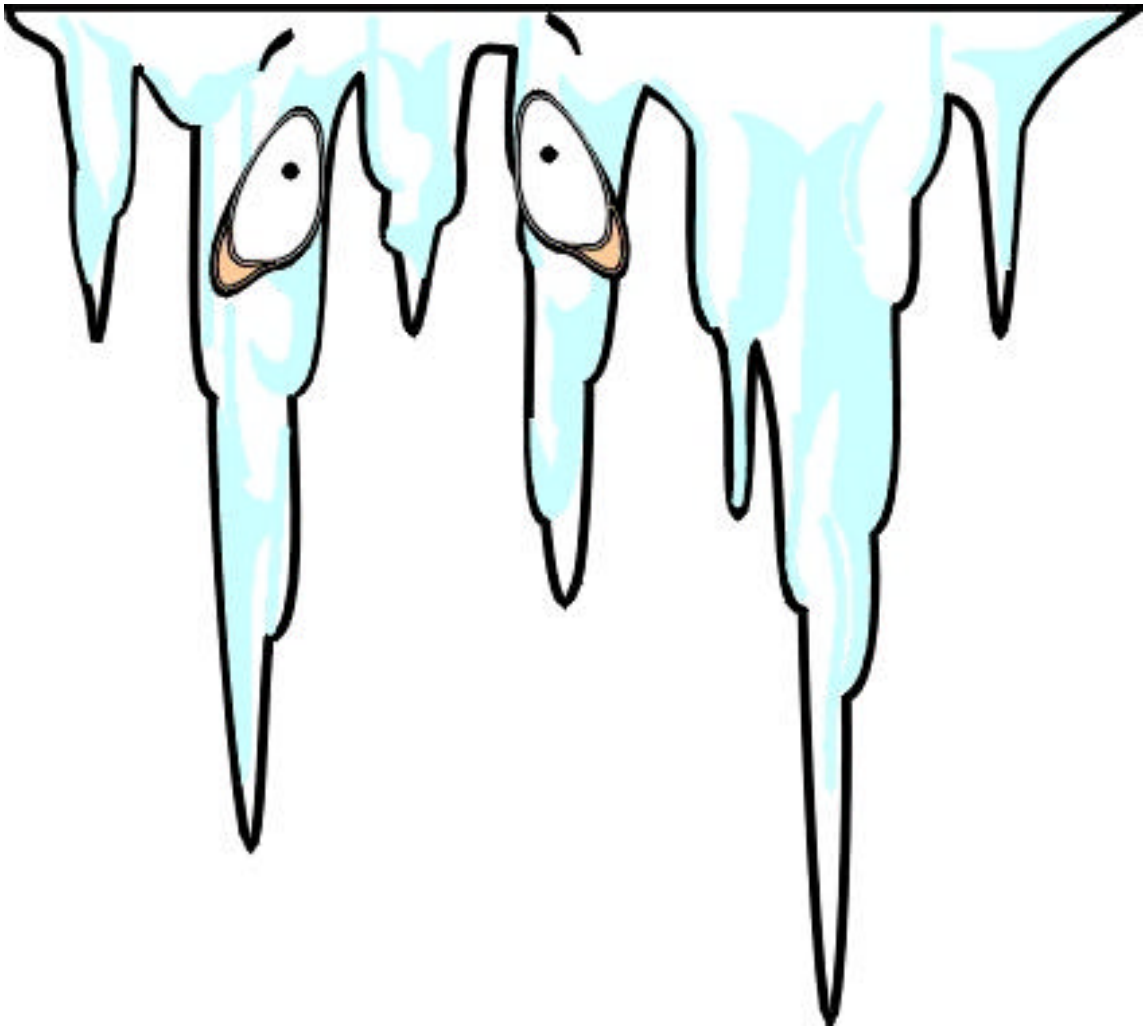
Discussion

- Discuss what humility means.

Graphics



Narrator: El Viento (Wind)



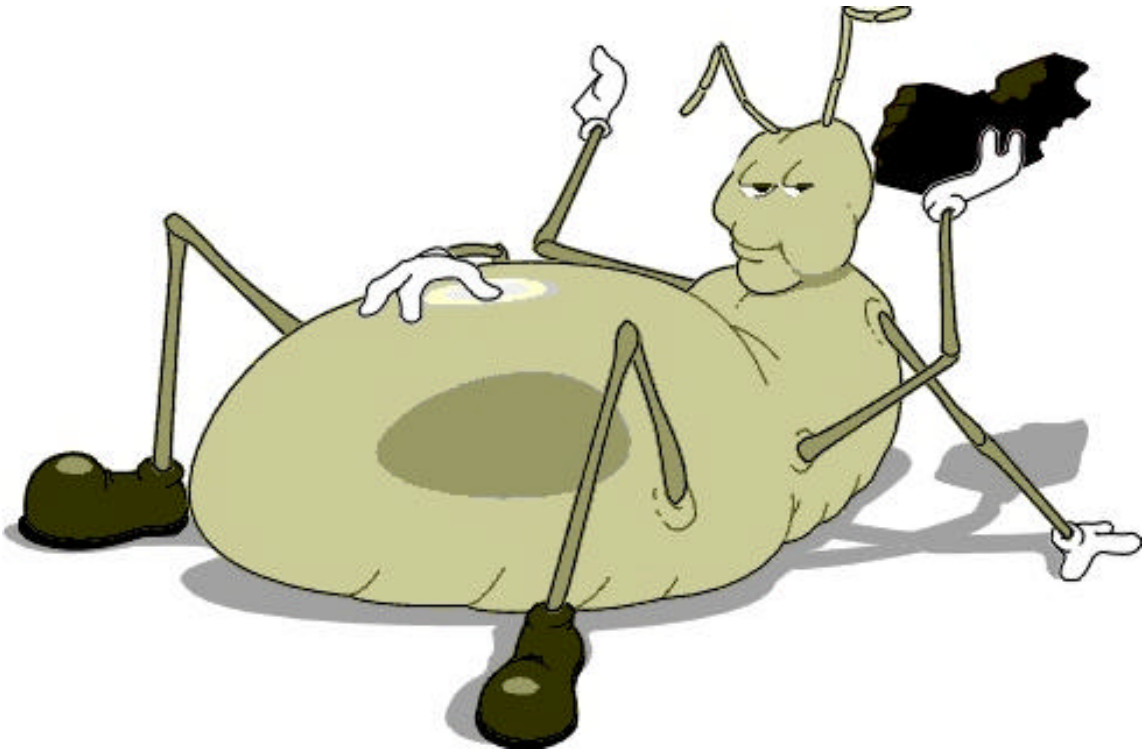
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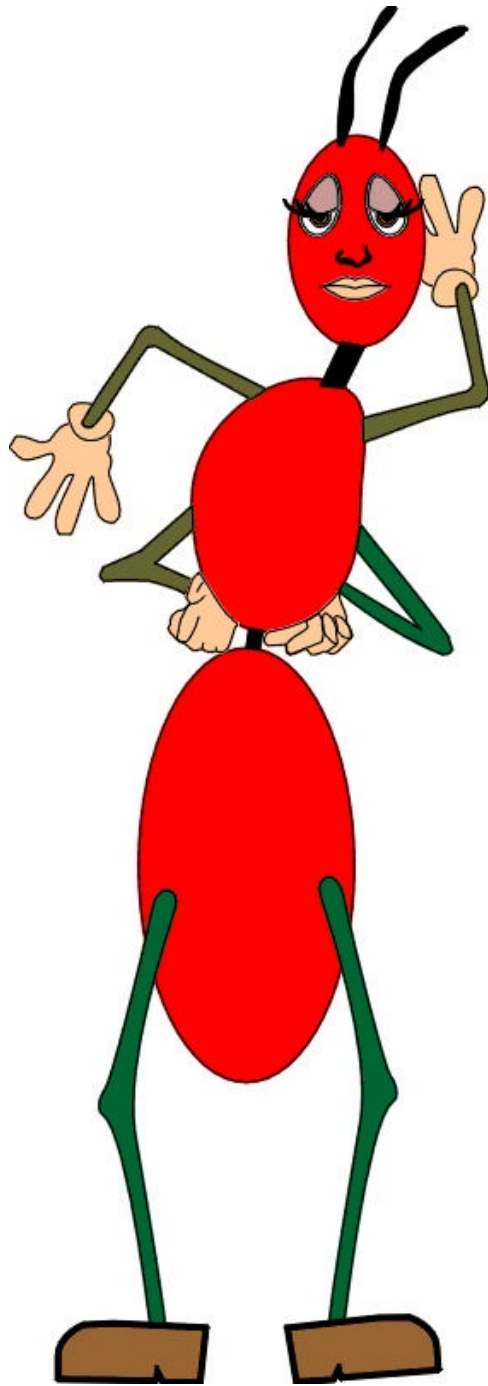
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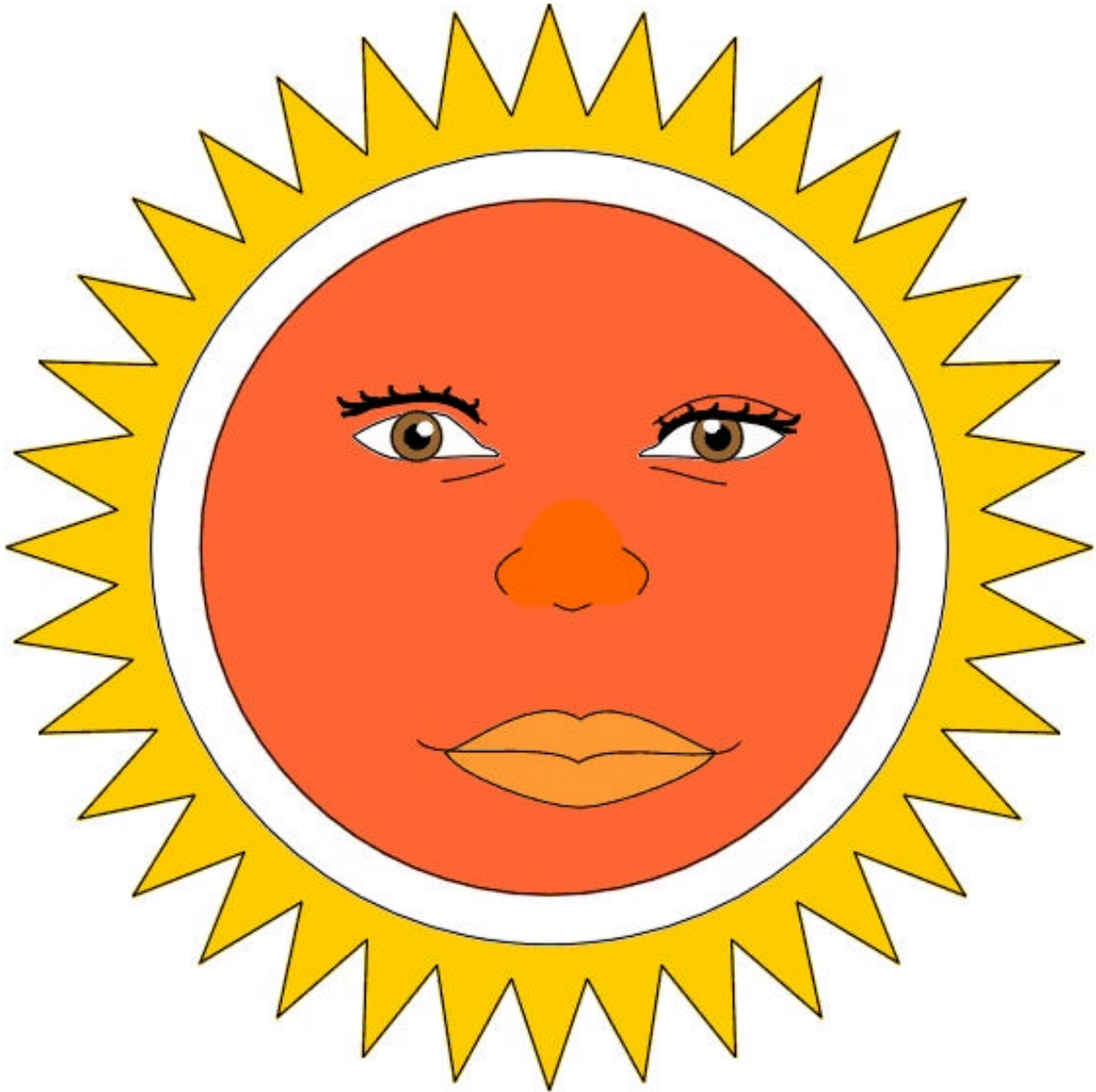
El Comején (Termite)



La Hormiguita (Ant)



La Pared (Wall)



El Sol (Sun)