

# Pride Children's Sermon

**Pride pop:** (*Proverbs 16:18- "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."*)

Okay, you guys. Who loves bubble gum? I know I do. What's more fun than blowing a huge bubble and popping it? Except when it gets in your hair. Did you know that my volunteer today is good at blowing bubbles? (*Call your volunteer up and ask him to begin blowing the bubble slowly.*)

I want to share with you a verse from the Book of Proverbs and my friend is going to slowly blow a big bubble. He may have to take a few turns to get the best bubble possible. The bible talks about something called pride. Does anyone know what pride is? There's the good kind of pride, like when you drew a nice picture or won the spelling bee. Then there's the bad kind of pride. The bad kind of pride is when you think that you are better than others, even better than God.

Nobody can ride a bike as good as you or read faster. The Bible says that being proud will lead to destruction. Let's say you are like the gum and the air inside your bubble is pride. What happens when you get too much pride?

(Pop the bubble! Of course, meet with the volunteer before you start and let him know you plan to pop the bubble. If not, you may have one mad kid.)

Alternative Children's Message

**Sticky sins:** (*Hebrews 12:1 "...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."*)

Have you ever looked under a desk or a table at school? I bet you'd see some gum there. Yuck! ABC gum! I love gum but when I'm done chewing it, it's easy to forget about it. Did you know that sin is sticky like this gum. The Bible tells us that sin clings to us, it sticks to us.

(Show the kids a posterboard with a stick figure kid on it.) Look, I'll show you. (Stick your gum to the poster kid.)

Ew! Poor guy. He needs to get rid of that sticky sin. How can he do that? (Wait for answers!) That's right! Pray for forgiveness and turn away from the sin! You guys are awesome!

I John 1:9 tells us that if we confess our sin (admit we've done wrong), He (God) will forgive us our sin and forgive all our unrighteous (wrong) things we think, say or do.

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