



## THE SOCIETY OF EXTRAORDINARY RACCOON SOCIETY ON BOASTING

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### REMEMBER

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.—1 Corinthians 1:31

### READ

Morty and Maggie were doing a good thing when they gave away their things to the poor. So how did things go so wrong? How did they end up fighting with each other over who was the better giver? Read James 4:1. This Scripture says that when we fight with others it is because the things we want become more important to us than what God wants. Morty and Maggie weren't happy just being generous, they wanted to be praised for it too. When they started boasting, they started fighting. Sin always causes beautiful things to turn ugly. Thankfully, God's Word helped Morty and Maggie learn to boast only in the Lord, and it can help us too.

Now read Matthew 6:2-4. Morty and Maggie wanted to get the reward of praise for being generous. But God has better rewards in store, like the peace and joy that come from helping others. When Morty and Maggie started boasting, they ended up fighting and hurting each other. Some reward! God wants us to be happy even when only He knows about the good things we are doing. His rewards are always better!

### THINK

1. How did Morty feel when Maggie said her gift was better than his? How would you feel if someone told you your gift wasn't good enough?
2. Can you think of a way you could be generous to someone else without anyone else knowing you did it? Try planning your own secret mission to serve someone else.
3. What do you think it means to boast in the Lord? What is one way you can boast in the Lord?