

Real World Skit

Two students discuss getting credit.

Student 1: I can't believe it! I'm so mad at Patrick!

Student 2: Why? What did he do?

Student 1: You know that group project we did in science class, right?

Student 2: Yep. Your group already presented to the class—it was great! You guys did that cool volcano experiment!

Student 1: Well, the volcano experiment was *my* idea. Patrick and Beth wanted to do something about the weather, but neither one of them did any of the work they said they'd do over the weekend.

Student 2: Uh oh.

Student 1: And by Monday, we were running out of time, so I said we should do the volcano instead. I figured out the best way to do it, bought all the supplies, and even wrote out what we'd say to the class.

Student 2: Wow! You did a lot of work. Didn't Patrick and Beth do anything?

Student 1: Beth came over and helped me try the experiment at home before the presentation. Then we worked on the paper we handed in to the teacher.

Student 2: So you're mad at Patrick for not doing anything?

Student 1: Well, yeah! But not just that. The most annoying thing is that Patrick told the teacher that the volcano was *his* idea.

Student 2: That wasn't honest of Patrick to take the credit.

Student 1: We all get the same grade, too! I can't believe Patrick is getting an A for not doing anything!

Student 2: I can see why you're upset. I would be, too! As Christians though, we're commanded to forgive those who hurt us.

Student 1: Uh! I knew you'd say something spiritual.

Student 2: I know it's easier to say than to do, but Jesus never said that following him would be easy.

Student 1: I just hate that Patrick is getting credit for my work!

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Student 2: You know, I think God knows how you feel.

Student 1: What do you mean?

Student 2: Well, people don't give God the credit he deserves for a lot of things.

Student 1: Oh? Like what?

Student 2: A lot of people refuse to believe that God created everything. People talk about "Mother Nature" or "random chance" being responsible for everything we see. How do you think that makes God feel?

Student 1: That would hurt my feelings or make me mad.

Student 2: Then there are times when God does amazing miracles for people, but they give credit to fate or chance or just say it's good luck.

Student 1: That's so wrong!

Student 2: I know. In my Sunday school class, we talked about how God did all those great things to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

Student 1: You mean by sending the plagues and protecting them from the Egyptian army when he opened up the Red Sea?

Student 2: Right! But then the Israelites turned around and worshipped a golden calf, saying that *it* saved them from Pharaoh.

Student 1: Hmm. Compared to what God doesn't get credit for, my little class project doesn't matter that much.

Student 2: God was forgiving and merciful, even after all the people rejected him. God can help you forgive Patrick, too.

Student 1: You're right. If God can forgive all that, including my sins, I should forgive Patrick, too.

Student 2: Great! And I still think your volcano was awesome!

Student 1: Thanks!