

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Take Charge of Your Attitude” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for September 23, 2018. The lesson is found on page 23 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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In the normal world, having a bad attitude can result in you losing your job, losing friends, or even getting arrested if your attitude happens to reveal itself at the wrong place and the wrong time.

But in the world of celebrities, some people seem to make their living, or at least, a name for themselves, from having a bad attitude. Nicki Minaj is known for her outspoken outbursts. Funny man Alec Baldwin has been in several not-so-funny interactions with paparazzi. Kanye West has been known to make one or two narcissistic comments and lately has gotten some negative press for his comments supporting the president. Some stars, such as Shia LaBeouf and Shannen Doherty, have lost jobs because of their less-than-pleasant personalities.

The key to having a bad attitude and still maintaining your star status seems to be how much money you are making at the time. If you’re making the film company a lot of money, your bad attitude may be played off as a joke or being a “diva.” But once you start losing money? That’s when people start forgetting to call you back.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What do you think about this topic? Have you ever been accused of having a bad attitude?

Which stars do you think of when you hear the words “bad attitude”? Does someone’s behavior out of the spotlight make a difference to how you feel about them as a movie or pop or athletic star? Why or why not?

What happens in your community when people are known for having a bad attitude? Do people who have money seem to get a pass when it comes to evaluating their attitudes? Or does economic status matter at all?

When life isn’t going our way, it can be easy to get a negative attitude. Today we’ll look at some extreme consequences of a bad attitude and what lessons we can learn from the story.



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