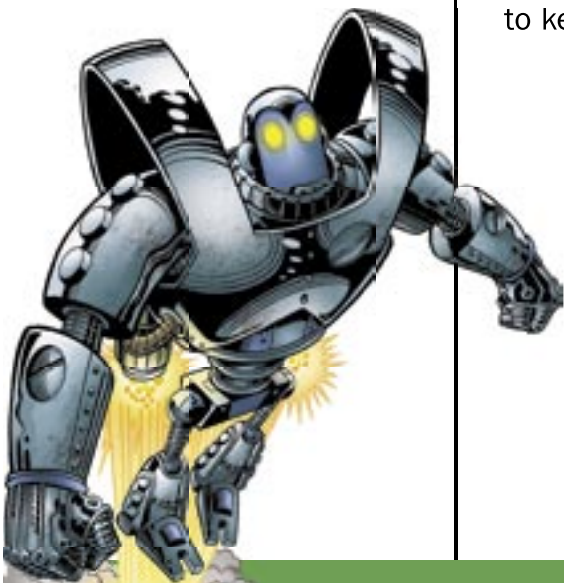


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## Comparisons

# Look at Yourself!

After making snide and unkind remarks about others, Dillon says he's as good as the next guy and probably better. It's easy to compare ourselves to others and use their life as the standard by which we measure our "goodness."

Everything about a person is compared to whomever is standing next to them. Am I taller? Do I have more stuff? Am I better looking? It goes on and on.

Help kids understand how important it is to measure ourselves against the standard God gave us in the Bible. When we stand before Him one day, we will stand as individuals. Not as a community.

Help kids learn to listen to themselves. When they catch themselves thinking, "I'm better than ..." or "I'm just as good as ..." Teach them to "stop, drop, and pray." Stop the comparison immediately. Ask God to help keep you from comparing yourself to others and focus on your relationship with God.

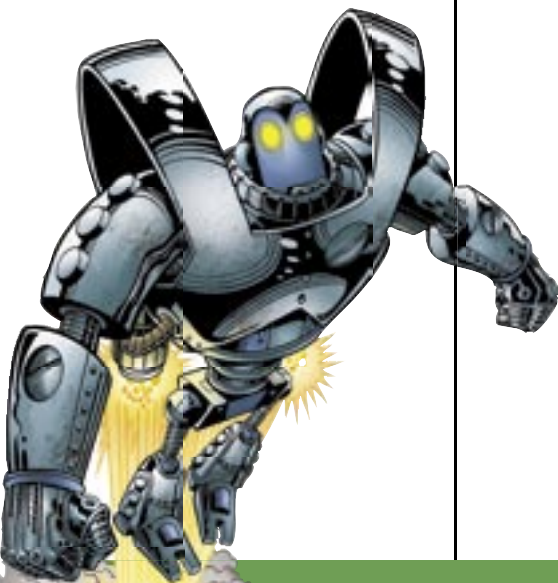
Kids don't have to live in the comparison trap. You can help equip them to keep their mind on their own lives.



## Holsom Comics Discussion Questions

After kids have read [Welcome to Holsom, Issue 18](#), begin a discussion about comparisons by asking these questions:

1. How did it make you feel when Dillon went “off” on Tabitha, Horatio, Otto, and the others? Were you surprised Jordan stood up to him? If you were in a similar situation, how do you think you would have reacted? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. At lunch Dillon compared himself to “the next guy.” Do you think it’s a wise thing to compare your “goodness” or your relationship with Christ to someone else’s life? Why or why not? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. In that same scene, Dillon said that he goes to church on Sunday and attends youth group. Do you think these are enough to make a person “good” or get them into heaven? Why or why not? *(Answers will vary.)*
4. During PE, Ashley gave Jordan a hard time because Jordan no longer went to parties. Do you think Jordan handled herself well? What would you have done if you had been in a similar situation? Did Tabitha’s response (on the way to the nurse’s office) surprise you? Why or why not? *(Answers will vary.)*



## Activity

### Mirror, Mirror ...

**You will need:** a mirror large enough for kids to see their faces in.

Ask each child to look into the mirror and tell his or her reflection something good about himself or herself (emphasize a character quality, rather than a physical.) Ask him or her to tell one thing that he or she needs to improve.

