



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 30

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Lesson Aim: To know God looks at the attitude of our hearts, not our deeds.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing about God?

GAME: Heart Relay Race

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: Philippians 2:2-3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Parable of the Talents.

Today, we will hear the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 18:9-14. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 18:14. Pray. Read.

THE WAY HUMBLE HEARTS

How does the Bible describe the people Jesus told this parable to? ("Confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else.") **To be confident of their own righteousness means they were sure their own good deeds made them right with God. But, the Bible says it is not our good deeds but faith in Jesus that makes us right with God. What does it mean to "look down on others"?**

What was the difference between the Pharisee's prayer and the tax collectors' prayer? (The Pharisee bragged and looked down on others. The tax collector humbly asked for mercy.) **What good things did the Pharisee brag about doing?** (Fasting, giving money.) **God is pleased with good deeds when we do them for the right reason. Why do you think God was not pleased with the Pharisee? Instead of looking down on others, the Pharisee**

should have been looking at his own sin. He should have been asking God for forgiveness as the tax collector did. Instead of praising himself, the Pharisee should have been praising God!

What does a humble heart mean to you? Those with humble hearts do not judge others. They treat others as more important than themselves. To be humble we must put away all our pride. The tax collector asked for mercy – that means he asked for God to forgive him instead of giving him the punishment he deserved for his sins.

To be justified before God means to be forgiven by God and in a right relationship with Him. Even though the Pharisee did good things, which man was justified? (The tax collector.)

Do you know someone who is looked down upon for what he or she has done? If you are ever tempted to look down on someone, or to brag about yourself remember this parable and be sure to ask God to give you a humble heart!

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God is not pleased when we brag about ourselves. 600 years before Jesus told this parable, Jeremiah explained what God says about boasting. Reveal Jeremiah 9:23-24. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What does God say we can boast about? (Understanding and knowing Him.) **Let's boast about Him now by praising Him with this heart of praise.** Display a paper heart. **When you hold the heart of praise, it is your turn to praise God for something He has done either in Bible times or in your own life.** Encourage each child to praise God for a specific act or character attribute such as all-knowing, kind, faithful, etc.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Pharisee and the Tax Collector Kingdom Parable Sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #30
- OFFERING OF ART: Pharisee and the tax collector praying
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Humble Hearts

GAME: Hidden Heart

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

BONUS PARABLE: The Wheat and the Weeds

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Fruit Concentrate, Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch

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