

Stanmore Chapel Sunday School

The Pharisee & the tax collector

Luke 18:9-14

Beginners & Pioneers

(Cross out the wrong words)

Who did Jesus speak to in this parable?

People who thought they were very **(good/sporty)** and looked down **(when tying up their shoes/on everyone else)** *(Luke 18 v.9)*

Who went up to pray in the temple?

A **(Pharisee/Philistine)** and a **(stamp collector/tax collector)** *(Luke 18 v.10)*

What kind of people did the Pharisee think he was not like?

(Cheetahs and swimmers/Cheaters and sinners)

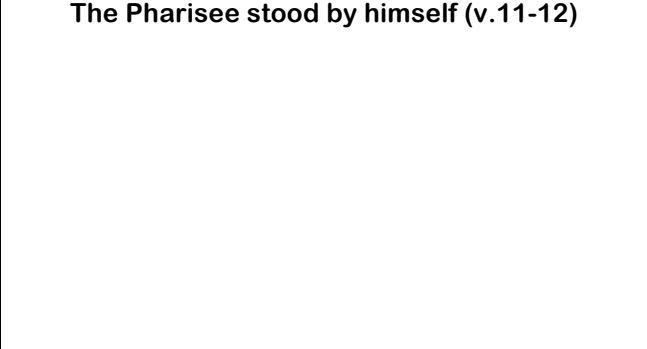
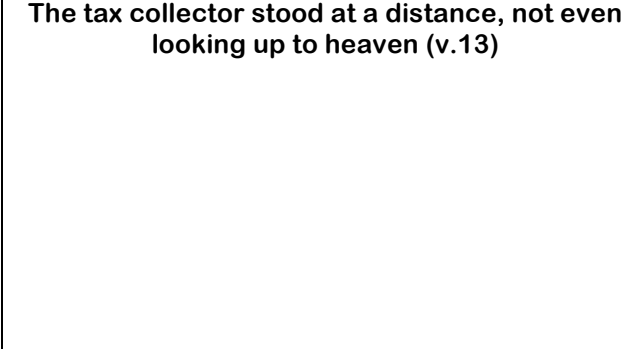
Who specifically did the Pharisee thank God that he was not like?

(The tax collector/The foolish builder) *(Luke 18 v.11)*



What did the Tax Collector ask God for?

(A promotion/Mercy) *(Luke 18 v.13)*

(Draw both men as they were praying)

<p>The Pharisee stood by himself (v.11-12)</p> 	<p>The tax collector stood at a distance, not even looking up to heaven (v.13)</p> 
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Who did Jesus say went home right with God? (Circle the right answer)

<p>The Pharisee</p> 	<p>The tax collector</p> 
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(Luke 18 v.14)

'For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

(Luke 18 v.14b)

Chat with your parents/caregiver

- **How do you think the Pharisee felt about himself?** (E.g. proud/modest/very good etc.)
- **Did the Pharisee think he needed to ask God for anything?**
- **What did the tax collector think about himself?** (Hint: end of v.13)
- **And what did the Tax Collector ask God for?**

These are two completely opposite prayers aren't they? The Pharisee is pretending to thank God, but really he's just boasting and saying how good he is – 'not like OTHER people'. The tax collector however knows that he is a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness, and so humbly asks God for mercy.

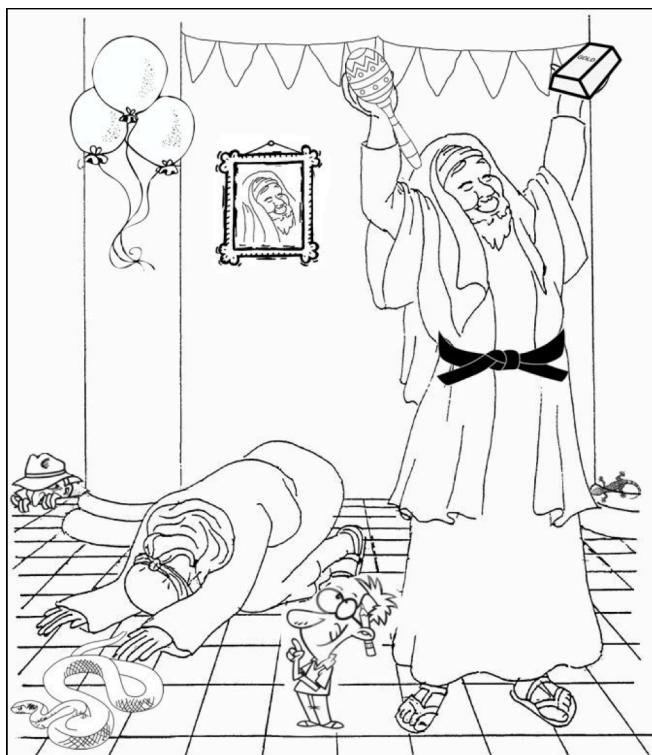
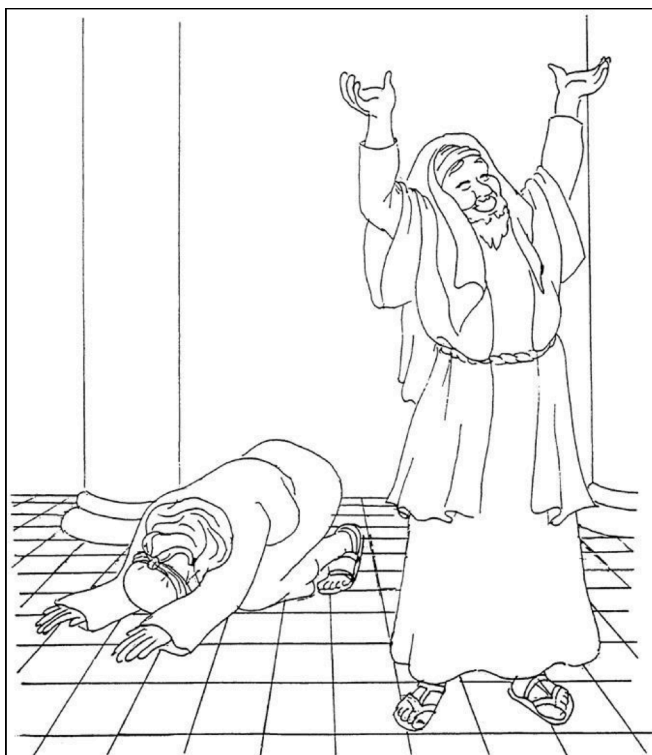
- **Who's prayer did Jesus say was answered by God?**

Jesus says that this is how everyone – how we – should be humble before God and not praising ourselves.

Let's pray!

Let's thank God that He show's mercy to anyone that asks him for it. Let's ask for His help not to think that we are better than other people. Let's say sorry to God for when we've disobeyed Him, and ask Him for His mercy.

Spot/colour in the differences



Explorers

Use the codex below to complete the verses:

To (σωμπ)_____ who were (ΨωβφζΔΠβδ)_____ of their own (ρζγηδΠωλσβΠσσ)_____ and looked down on everyone else, (ςΠσλσ)_____ told this parable: "Two men (ΓΠβδ)_____ up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a (δαξ)_____ collector.

(Luke 18 v.9-10)

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Cross out the wrong word to complete the verses:

The Pharisee (**socially distanced/stood by himself**) and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people— (**coppers/robbers**), (**evildoers/Manchester City supporters**), (**adulterers/toddlers**) — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at (**a distance/attention**). He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a (**winner/sinner**).'

(Luke 18 v.11-13)

Unscramble the words to complete the verses:

"I tell you that this man, (**hatrer**)_____ than the other, went home (**tisefujid**)_____ before God. For all (**shoet**)_____ who (**laxet**)_____ themselves will be (**bleduhm**)_____, and those who humble (**smeltheves**)_____ will be exalted."

(Luke 18 v.14)

(Draw both men as they are praying)

<p style="text-align: center;">The Pharisee stood by himself (v.11-12)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center;">The tax collector stood at a distance, not even looking up to heaven (v.13)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
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(Now circle which man above went home justified before God)

Have a think/chat with your parents/caregiver

- How did the Pharisee view himself?
- Did the Pharisee think he needed to ask God for anything?
- What about the tax collector, how did he view himself? (Hint: end of v.13)
- And what was the tax collectors prayer?

These are two completely opposite prayers aren't they? The Pharisee is pretending to thank God, but really he's just boasting and saying how good he is – 'not like OTHER people'. The tax collector however knows that he is a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness, and so humbly asks God for mercy.

- Which of the two men do you think was earnestly and rightly praying to God?
- Who's prayer did Jesus say was answered by God?
- How do you think we should come before God when we pray?

Let's pray!

**Let's thank God - not that we are better than other people, because we aren't, but that God show's mercy to anyone that asks Him for it. Let's ask God to help us be more like the tax collector in the parable and to humble ourselves before God.
Let's say sorry to God for when we've sinned, and ask him for his mercy.**

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

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sinner	justified	collector	humble
parable	tax	exalt	temple