

## Jesus' Parable of Two Men Praying in the Temple

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a **Pharisee** and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay **tithes** on my whole income. But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who **exalts** himself will be **humbled**, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



### 1. Understand It!

<b>Pharisee</b>	a Jewish person who strictly followed God's Laws.
<b>Tithes</b>	a Jewish practice to offer 1/10 part of their money to support the church and clergy.
<b>Exalt</b>	thinking highly of oneself.
<b>Humble</b>	not proud or arrogant.

### 2. Explore It!

We are all different from each other. Some of us are born into a good family and get to go to school while some of us do not have a chance to go to school and might not even have a family. We cannot look down or say mean things to them because of that. We should try to get to know them and find their strengths, talents, and goodness, because we are all children of God, and God created us all beautiful and wonderful.

### 3. Connect It!



To teach people who only think about themselves, Jesus told them a story about a Pharisee and a tax collector who went to the temple and prayed. The Pharisee always praised himself for all the good things he did and said mean things about others. Meanwhile, the tax collector was humbly asking for God's mercy and felt sorry for his sins against God. And God forgave the tax collector.

### 4. Live It! [HUMILITY]

This week's Gospel invites us to live the virtue of humility - to think less about ourselves and learn to think about the goodness of others.

To practice this virtue, during this week, we will write down one good thing about the people we meet each day, one person per day only. By the end of the week, we will submit these notes to the leaders and pray for people we met during Sunday mass.

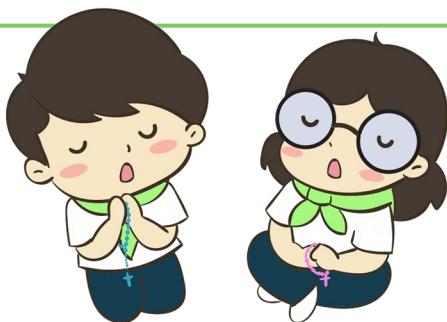
### 5. Remember It!

**"...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted"**

(LUKE 18:14)

### 6. Pray It!

Dear God, please help us see the goodness in others and to help those who are in need of our love. Amen.



My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week \_\_\_\_\_

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