

Luke 18 v 9-14 Pharisee and the Tax Collector

The link below tells us the story for today's session.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWK2edNPPXE>

Our Passage today looks at the Pharisee and the Tax Collector who met at the temple where they had gone to pray. You may think that the Tax Collector would be the one who would go into the temple with his head held high and expecting the praise to be given to him, however as we read the passage we can see that the Tax Collector is remorseful and acknowledges that he is a sinner, he doesn't see himself above others and goes to prayer with an open heart.

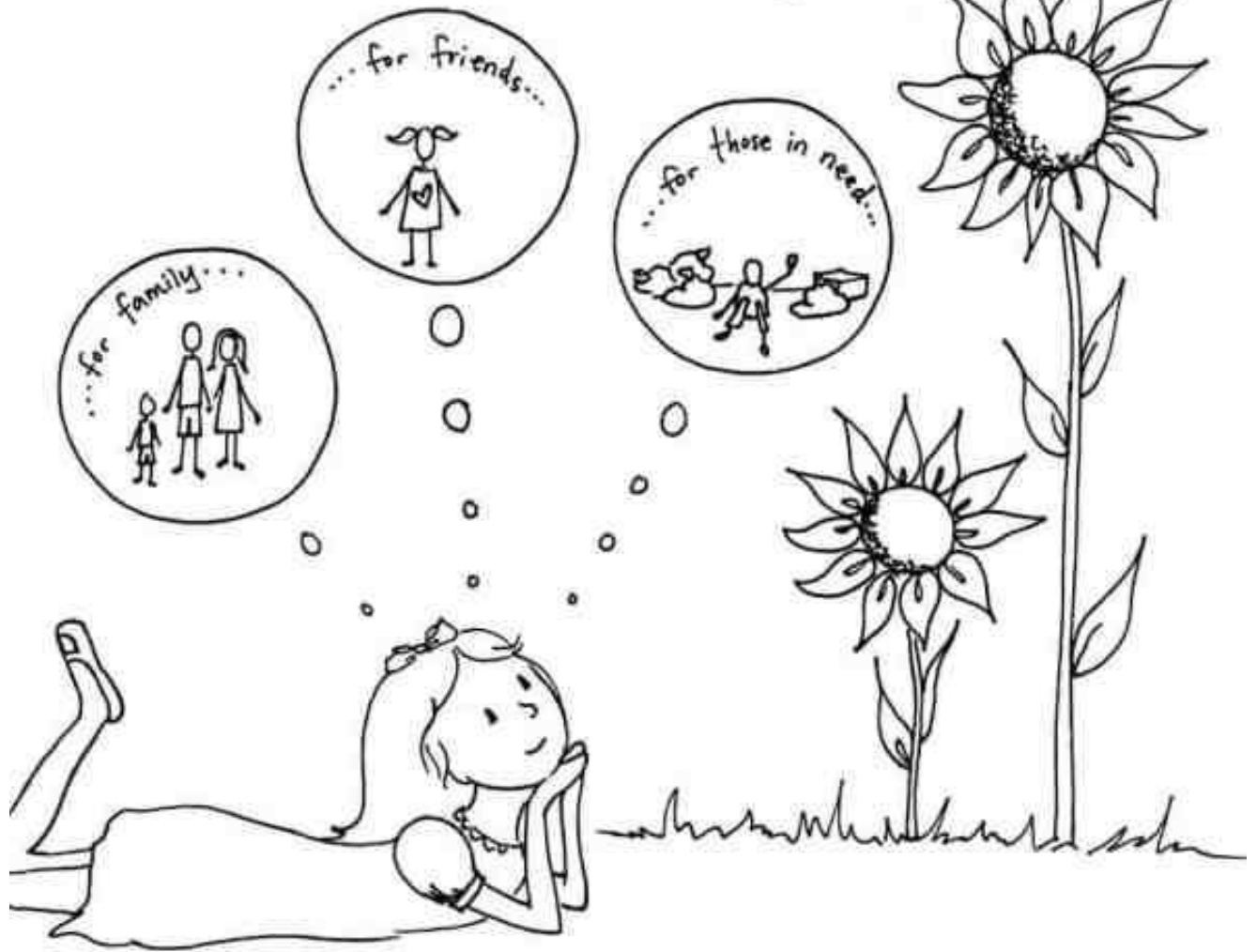
The passage tells us "All those who humble themselves, will be exalted"

- What do we think that it means to be humble?
- How can we act humbly?
- How easy is it to be humble?
- How do we approach prayer?

We should not go to God with a list of who we are better than and why we should receive the blessings, rather we should go to God with an open heart, acknowledging our own faults and asking God for his forgiveness when we do things wrong, and also his help to allow us to put things right. We should follow the Tax Collector's example in this story and come to prayer knowing that God wants us to be open and honest in our conversations with him, and in doing this allow us to build a better relationship with him.

Take some time today to think about how you pray, and spend a few minutes talking to God, thanking him for the blessings that we have been given and also saying sorry for the times when we have done something wrong.

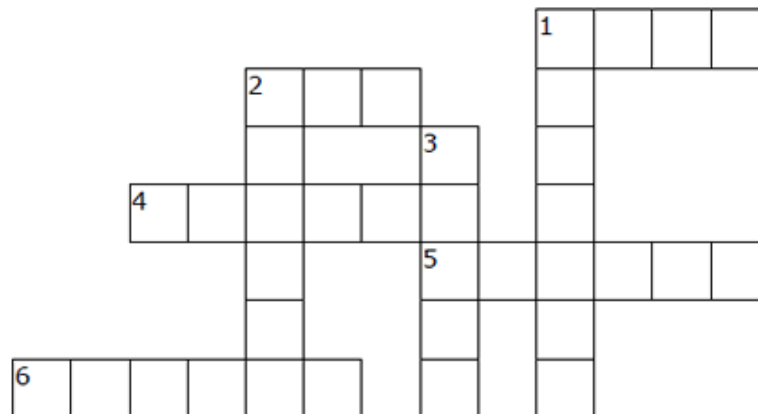
Time to Pray



The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

Based on Luke 18:9-14



ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who breaks God's law

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

TEMPLE	ROBBER	MERCY	SINNER
HUMBLE	PARABLE	TAX	PRAY