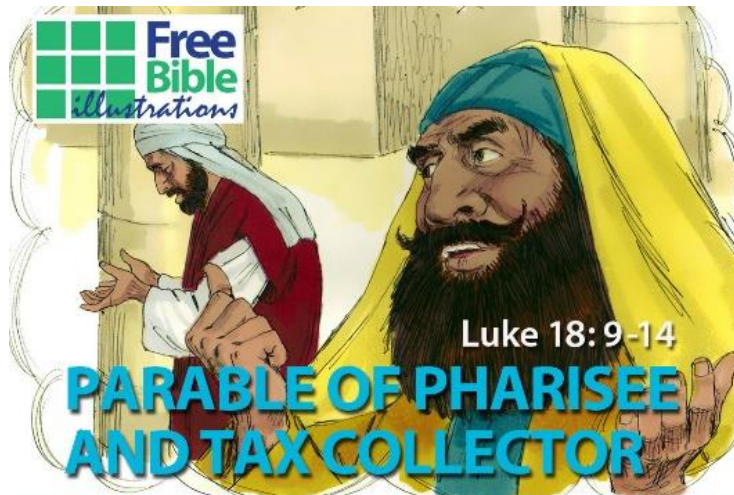


## The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

This is a story Jesus told about two people going to pray. "One day a Pharisee and Tax Collector go to pray..."



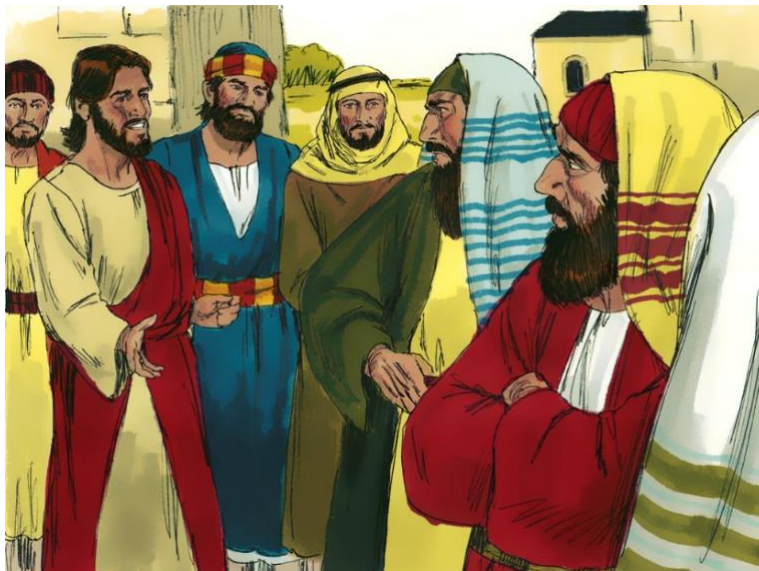
You may ask, "What is a Pharisee?" A pharisee is a teacher of the Bible in Israel.

"What is a Tax Collector?" A tax collector is person who collects money from people to pay to the Romans, who ruled at the time of Jesus. Most Jewish people **hated** the Romans and **hated the Tax Collectors** even more!

Let us find out why God blessed the Tax collector!

Let's begin this important Bible Story

When Jesus was teaching in Israel, there were some people who thought that they were very, very good and looked down on everyone else. Jesus used this story to teach them:



"One day there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. Both went to the Temple to pray.



The Pharisee stood alone, away from the tax collector. When the Pharisee prayed, he said, 'God, I thank you that I am not as bad as other people. I am not like men who steal, cheat, or take part in adultery. I thank you that I am better than this tax collector. I give up eating twice a week, and I give one-tenth of everything I earn!'



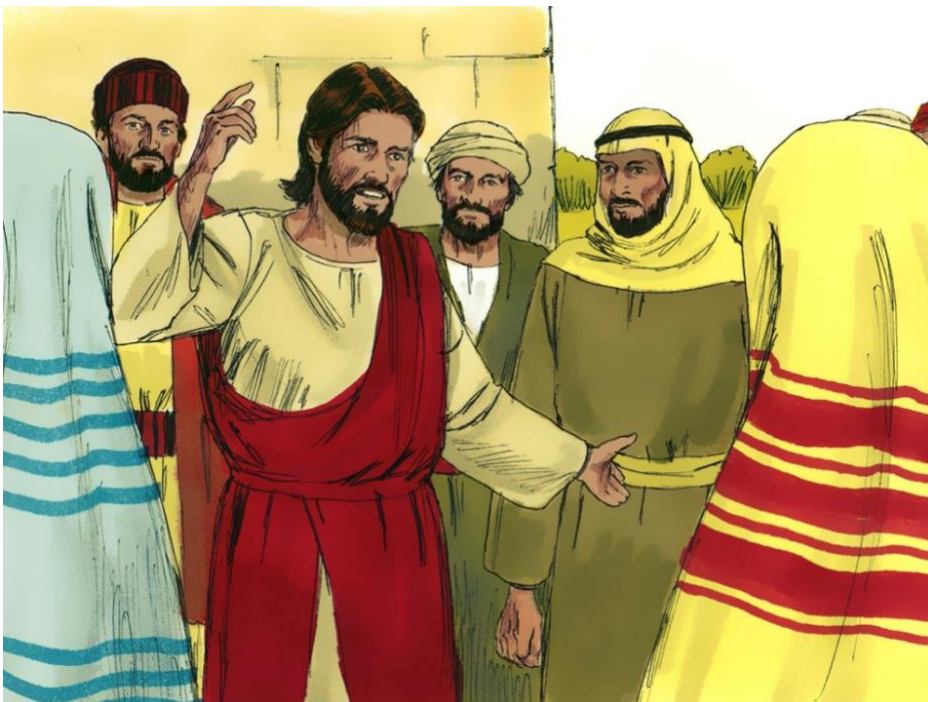


"The tax collector stood at a distance. When he prayed, he would not even look up to heaven. He beat on his chest because he was so sad. He said, 'God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!'"



Jesus said, "I tell you, when this man went home, he was **right** with God. "

"But the Pharisee was **not right** with God. Everyone who makes himself great will be made humble. But everyone who makes himself humble will be made great."



How do you think that Bible teacher, the Pharisee, got it wrong?

In his prayer, the Pharisee compared himself to the Tax Collector, and thought he was much better. He was proud before God.

The Tax collector was sorry and sad about his wrongdoing, crying 'Forgive me, I'm a sinner'. *God wants us to be humble, more like this man, not proud. We have all done things wrong.*

**This is a good memory verse to help us remember.**

*"God is against the proud,  
but he gives grace and is kind to the humble."*

James 4: 6 also in Proverbs 3: 34

*Can you learn this?*

*Say it loudly then softly, or in a squeaky voice! Can you cover it and still say it?*

## LINKS TO VIDEOS

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ci\\_WQ08cts0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ci_WQ08cts0) Holy tales - Nice clear Bible parable with a cute animal introduction.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ufe6zouTq8g> Short version of the parable with impressive visual of the temple in Jerusalem, set to music (2.12 minutes)

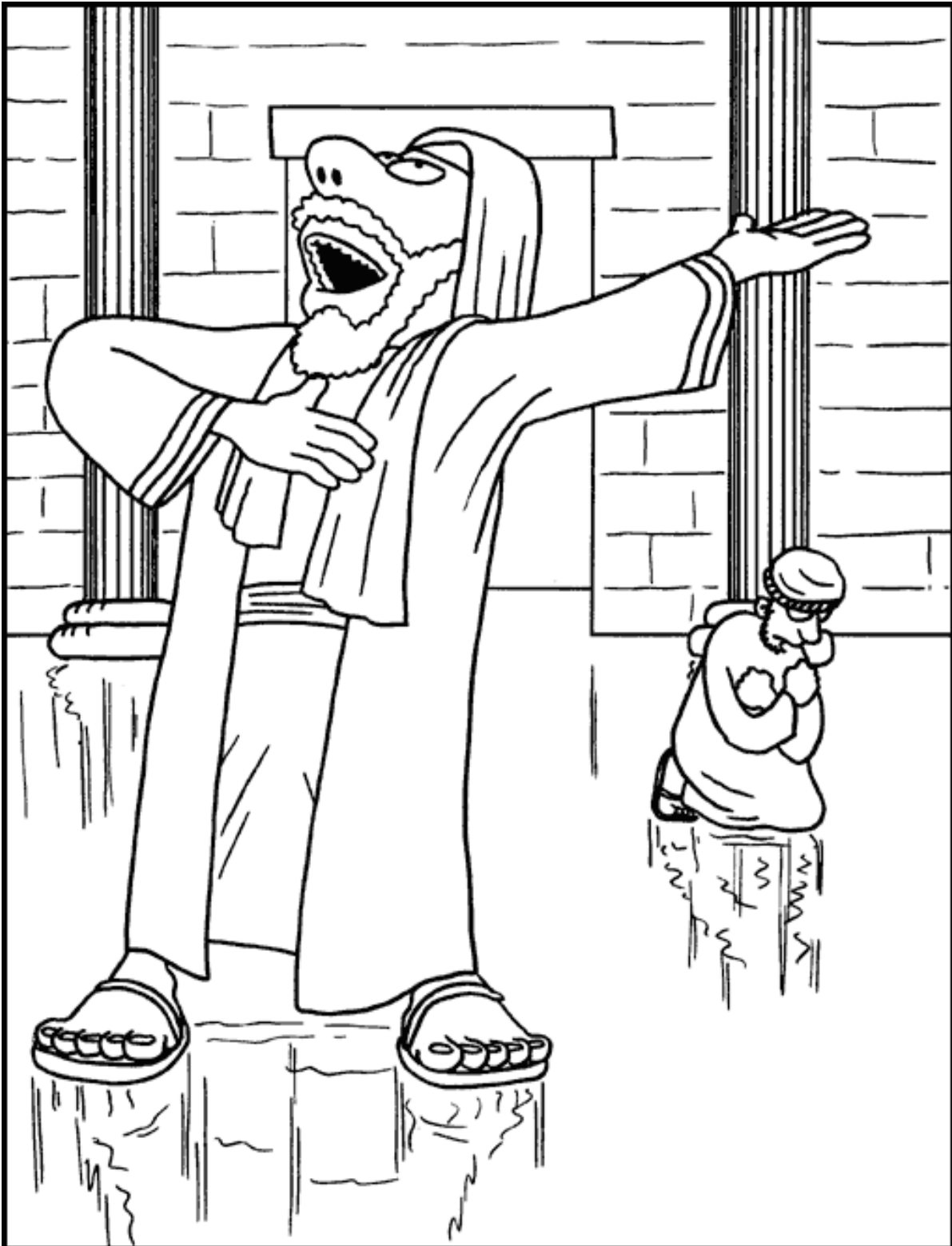
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usqqVPquwMs> This story has an introduction with two children and Uncle Yesh before it starts (3:59)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWK2edNPPXE> Cartoon version (Saddleback Kids)

## PUZZLES

[http://www.wordsearchfun.com/91892\\_The\\_Pharisee\\_and\\_the\\_Tax\\_Collector\\_wordsearch.html](http://www.wordsearchfun.com/91892_The_Pharisee_and_the_Tax_Collector_wordsearch.html)

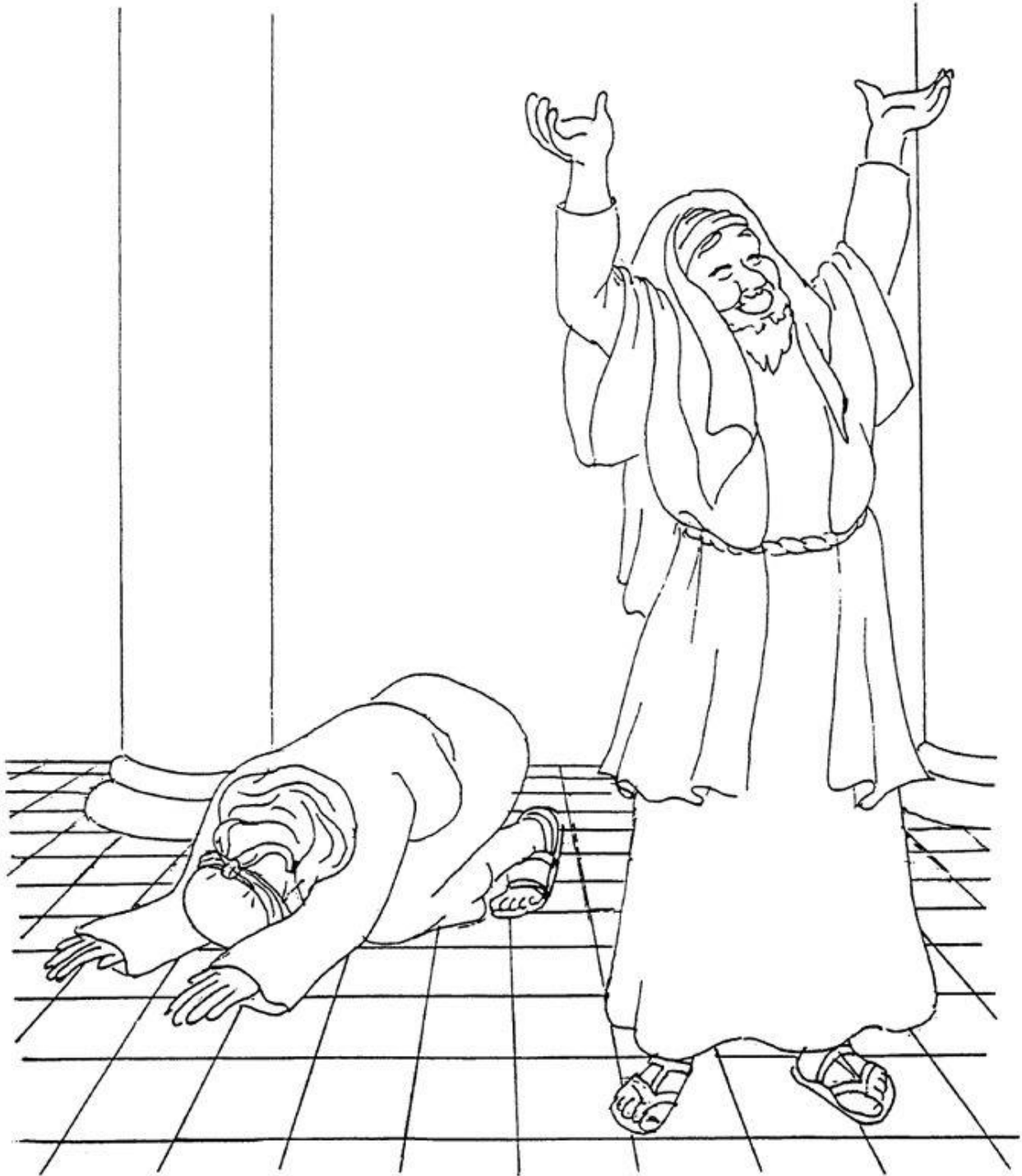
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"I'm really glad that I'm not like that tax collector..."

# The proud Pharisee and the humble Tax Collector

Luke 18 verses 9 - 14







"This man went  
down to his house  
justified rather  
than the other."

Luke 18:14

Two men went to pray at the temple. The first was a Pharisee and although he seemed very religious he did not love God. He prayed more to himself than God and was very proud. He despised the second man, a tax collector, who was so ashamed of himself that he could not look up to heaven but asked for God's mercy because he was a sinner. God exalted the second man because he was humble.

We cannot be proud when we are all sinners before God.