

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: HUMILITY

FINISH LINE: Humility helps us respond rightly to sin

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:9-14

(Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Ball to either toss or kick

EXPLAIN: All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your child repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss (or kick) a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your child will catch the ball and toss it back to you, saying the next word. Play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your child knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse and continue until you both know the whole verse!

Multiple kids? Stand in a circle and toss or kick a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can choose to have the whole group or individuals say the words with each pass.

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Two items to represent "pride" and "humility"

SET UP: Head to your backyard or an open space in your house. Choose a side of your space or an item to represent "pride" and another to represent "humility."

EXPLAIN: Remind your kids that in this week's story, Jesus taught about two men. One was prideful (the Pharisee) and the other was humble (the tax collector). Ask your kids to tell you how they would explain "pride" and "humility." Explain that you are going to read some statements people might say. Their job is to figure out if what you say is coming from a prideful heart or a humble heart. Once they decide, let them run to the side or item that represents their choice. Talk with them about why they chose what they did for a few of the scenarios, especially ones they may have been unsure about. You can even let them come up with examples of their own.

STATEMENTS:

- I'm more important than you.
- I sometimes make mistakes.
- I always have to be first.
- I'm so angry that we lost the game.
- I'm sorry, will you please forgive me?
- I want to share my crayons with you.
- I'm better than you.
- You can choose first.
- I'm taking the biggest piece of cake for myself.
- I'm not going to say I'm sorry.
- You did a great job!