

Yr 2 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Lesson Luke 18:10-14

Opening Prayer:

+God be merciful to me a sinner.

+God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

+I have sinned without number, forgive me O Lord”

Part of this prayer can be heard in the reading for today. Also, we say it in the prayer before communion and at the end of confession.

Gospel: [Luke 18:10-14](#) - Click Here to read the Gospel.

Read to the children: *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, pp. 334-335 or watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWK2edNPPXE> Start at about 37 seconds.

Lesson: See the Good in others. Do not Judge.

What is a publican? A tax collector. In those days many people did not like publicans because some of them cheated people out of money. What is a pharisee? A religious leader. Many people saw the religious leaders as very special people. Did you notice what the pharisee did when he went into the temple? Was he thinking of how great God is? Was he being kind and loving and praying for others like God taught us to do? NO!! He only thought about himself. He thought he was so great.

What did he forget? He forgot that God created everyone and loves everyone even the sinners. He did not look at the good that was in the other man. He also didn't really see himself like he really was - proud, boastful, vain - a sinner! He thought he was better than everyone else.

What did the publican do? He bowed his head. He felt bad and because he knew that he was a sinner but he knew that God loved him and would forgive him. So he prayed for forgiveness. The publican didn't judge the other man. He knew that judging is God's job not ours.

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In Church: Listen for the prayer before Holy Communion and the special prayer that we learned today, that is part of it. Pray it with everyone and practice making the sign of the cross three times as you pray.