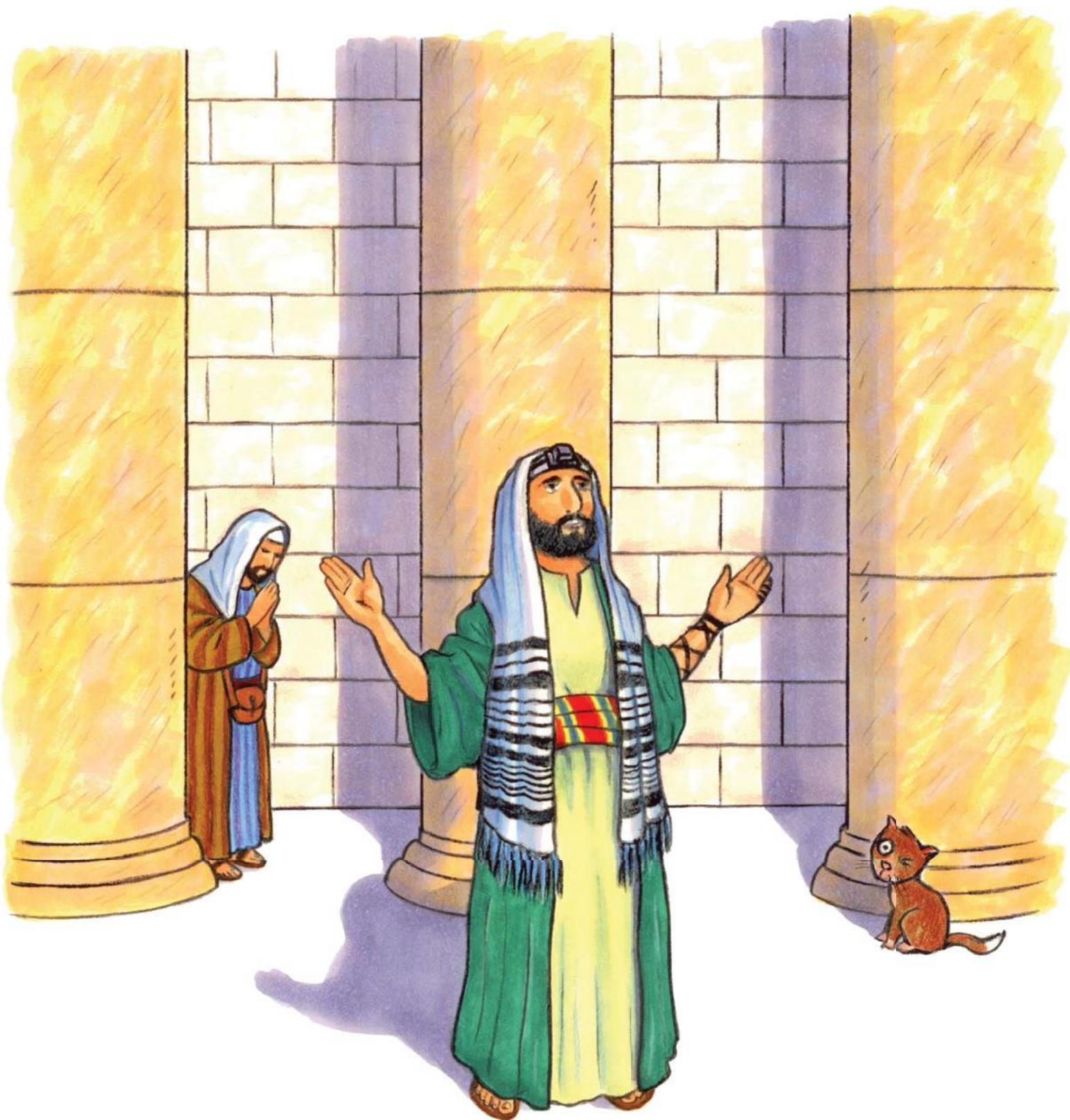


THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

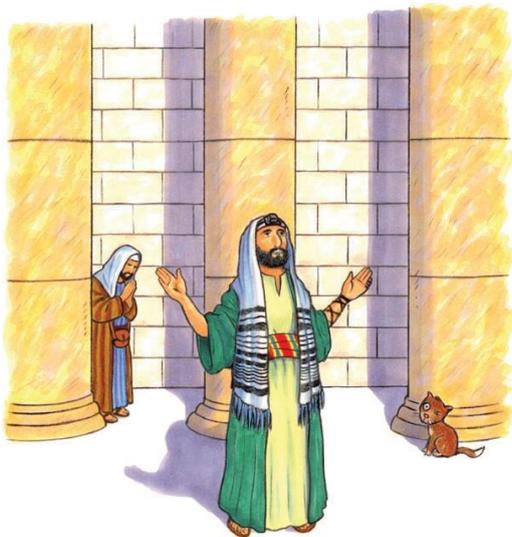
Luke 18:9-14



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Message	We want to have a humble attitude.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ He who humbly seeks will find grace before God.■ We should be humble and not compare ourselves with others.
Bible Text	Luke 18:9–14

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector



The Pharisee stood and prayed, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men, robbers, cheaters, adulterers, or even this tax collector. I fast twice a week and offer a tenth of all my income.'

The tax collector stood at the back. He would not even raise his eyes to heaven. He just stared at the floor.

He said, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

The tax collector went down to his house justified but the Pharisee did not.

Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus told this parable to a group of people who thought they were righteous and despised others who were not like them.

"Two men went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress. ...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What does the Pharisee pray? What is wrong? (He is not humble. He is arrogant.)
- What does it mean to be humble? (To be modest, not being proud of oneself)
- How does the tax collector pray? ("Be merciful, I am a sinner.")
- Why should we all be humble? (Because we are all sinners)

Have the children repeat...

- He who humbly seeks will find grace before God.
- We should be humble and not compare ourselves with others.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus liked the humble attitude of the tax collector.
- He also wants us to be humble and not arrogant.
- Give examples of humbleness and one of arrogance.

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message We want to have a humble attitude.</p>
