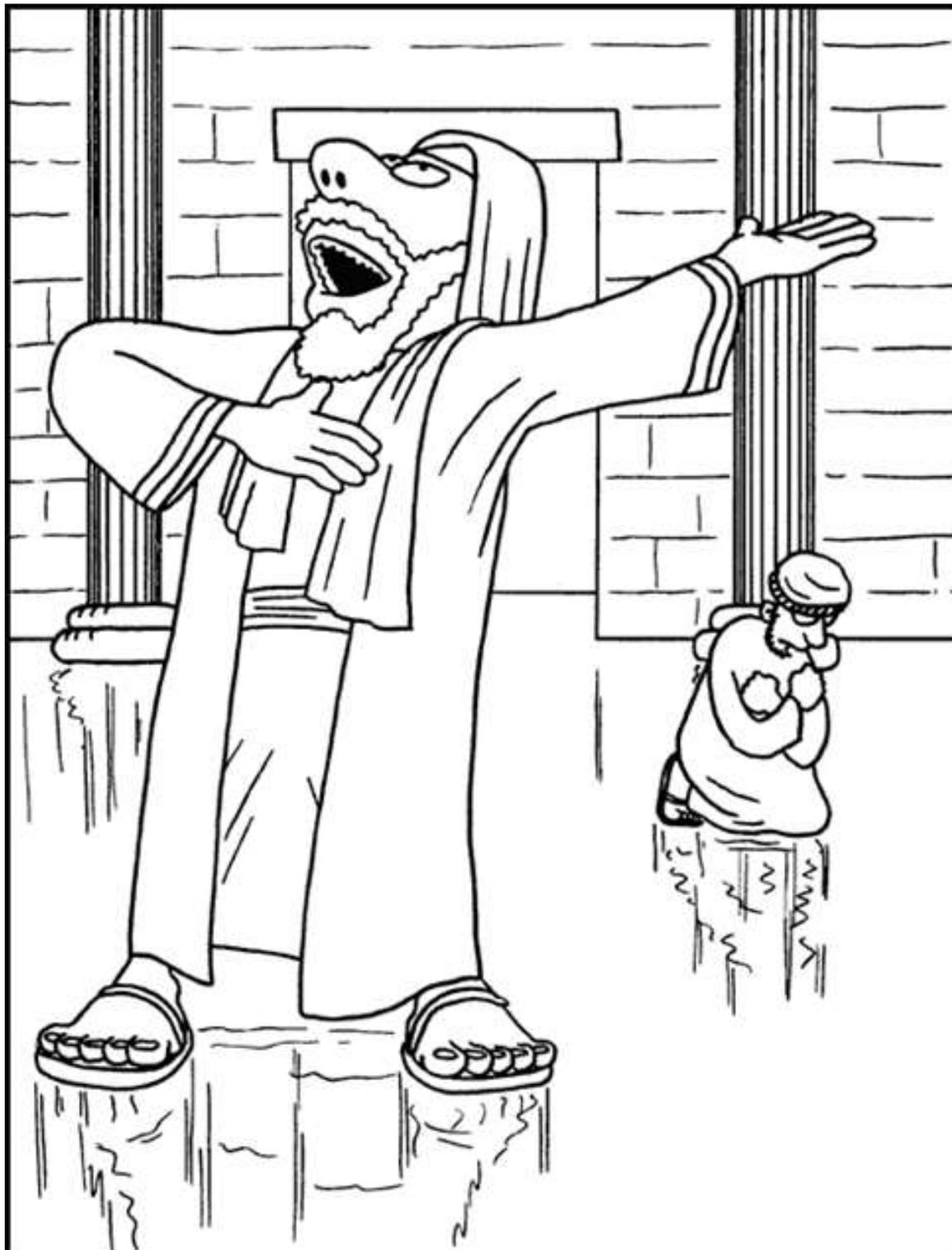


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
OCTOBER 23, 2016—THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: THE PROUD AND THE HUMBLE



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

There was a person who was very proud of himself—just ask him, he would tell you! He even told God how great he was, and that he was so glad that he wasn't like that wicked person over there—that terrible sinner. The other person knelt down and asked for God's forgiveness.

We all do good things and bad things. We all have reasons to be proud of ourselves, and we all need forgiveness.

One of the most important things we do is pray to God. In prayer—our conversations with God—we should always remember to bring everything to God, what we do well, how we mess up, and always No matter what, we seek God's love and forgiveness.

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

Like last week, today's Gospel again talks about prayer. The thing to remember is that God already knows everything about us, but God wants us to talk with him—to be honest, to be open and to bring all of our concerns, cares, and worries to him, as well as our pride, happiness actions and positive motivations. The important thing is to be honest.

In today's story the Pharisee (the first man—the proud one) thought very well of himself, and told God so. He told God about all the wonderful things that he did. He said that he was so glad that he wasn't like that wicked tax collector over there. The tax collector (the second man—the humble one kneeled down and asked for God's mercy because he knew that he needed to be forgiven. Which do you think God wants? Does God want us to praise ourselves? Or does God want us to be humble and ask for God's forgiveness and love? If we look down on other people we might forget that we're not perfect either. God knows all the wonderful things that we do. He also knows when we do wrong. God wants to forgive us, we just have to be humble and ask.

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- Talking
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Write your own prayer.

Dear God,
Here's something I'm proud about _____

Here's something I'm sorry for _____

Please forgive me and help me to do better next time. Amen.

Dinner Table Conversation:

- What good things did you do today?
- What is something that you aren't real proud of?
- How can you do better tomorrow?