

This week's Bible story is



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

from Luke 18:9-14.

Pray with humility like the tax collector, not with pride.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Righteous
- Contempt
- Pharisee
- Tax collector
- Justify
- Exalt
- Humble

The job of a Pharisee was to interpret God's laws and enforce them.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 396-399

Spark Bible page 1157

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, please help us remember it is through you that we act rightly, and to you that we should turn for help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- What would you like to thank God for?
- Is there a wrong way to pray? If so, what makes it wrong?
- What is okay to say to God?
- Take turns flipping a coin. If it's heads, boast about something God has done for you. If it's tails, give thanks for something God has done for you.



Eye Spark

Look at the night sky on a clear night. Offer a pray of thanks for each star you see. How many prayers can you offer?



Ear Spark

Listen closely to each note of a favorite melody. Remember that all God's gifts fit together.

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LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make up a family prayer in the style of the Pharisee. Then, offer a true prayer as Jesus taught us to pray.

For younger kids

Each night before you go to bed, thank God for those you love.

For older kids

Select a favorite prayer from your family or the Bible and memorize it.

