

Oct 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Virtue:

Humility

Jesus Teaches Humility

Luke 18:9-14



Jesus told a story about two men praying. One man bragged, and the other was sorry for his mistakes. Jesus said the one who was humble made God happy.

Be not afraid!



St. John Paul II



Jesus teaches us to be
humble.

Match the right prayer to the right man: the Pharisee's proud words vs. the tax collector's humble words.

"I am so good, I am better than others!"

"God, please forgive me. I have made mistakes."



"I need Your help to be kind and good."

"I do everything right and always follow the rules!"



"I thank you, God, that I am not like that man."

"I am sorry, God. Thank You for Your mercy."

Puppet Play: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

What You'll Need:

- The coloring page of the Pharisee and the tax collector (print it out!)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors (with help from an adult)
- Glue or tape
- A stick for each puppet (popsicle stick, tongue depressor, straw, or chopstick)

What To Do:

1. Color the puppets – Color the Pharisee and tax collector in your favorite bright colors.
2. Cut them out carefully.
3. Attach a stick to the back of each puppet with tape or glue.
4. Play out the story!
5. The Pharisee puppet says proud words like: "I am so good. I always follow the rules!"
6. The tax collector puppet says humble words like: "God, please forgive me. I need your help."
7. Act out how Jesus wants us to be humble, like the tax collector.
8. Show your puppets to your family and tell them what you learned!

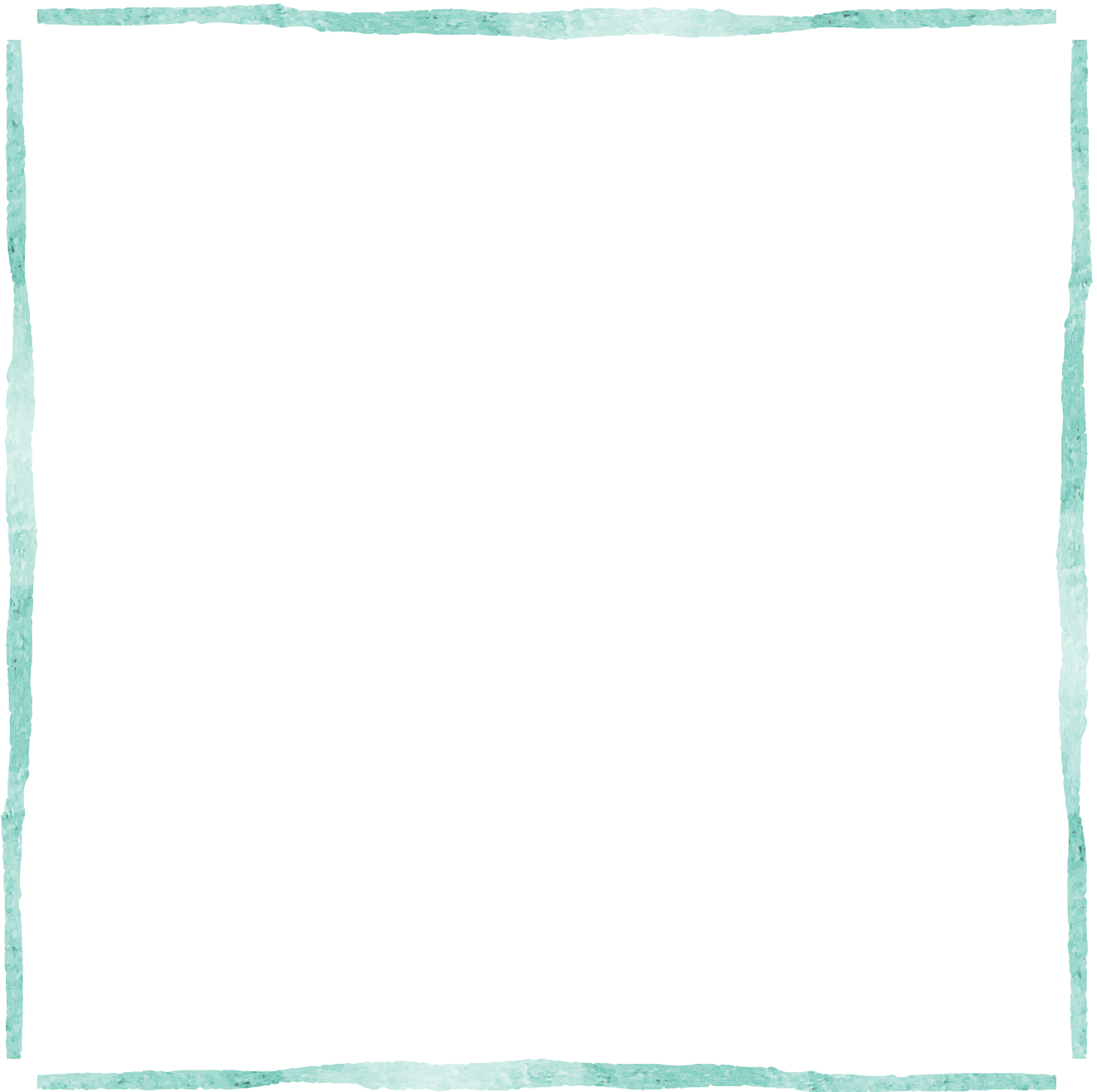


Reflection Page

Think about a time when you said “I’m sorry” to someone.

Describe what happened and how you felt. Write or draw about it.

Think of something you can do today to ‘make it better’ for someone you hurt.

A large rectangular area with a light green, textured border, intended for writing or drawing. The border is composed of four thick, slightly irregular lines that meet at the corners, creating a frame for the reflection. The interior of the rectangle is white and empty.