



THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN



★ BIBLE STORY CASE FILE ★

1. STORY QUESTION

Whose prayer pleased God:
the proud prayer or the humble prayer?



2. WHO WAS INVOLVED?



Jesus



The Pharisee



The publican



The hearers



3. WHAT HAPPENED?



1 Jesus told a parable about two men praying.



2 The Pharisee prayed proudly about himself.



3 The publican stood far off in humility.



4 He asked God to be merciful to him.



5 Jesus said the publican went home justified.



6 Jesus taught that God honors the humble heart.

4. WHAT CHOICE WAS MADE?

The Pharisee chose pride, but the publican chose humility and repentance.



5. WHAT DID GOD DO?

God heard the repentant prayer and accepted the humble man.



6. WHAT IS THE LESSON?

God resists pride and responds to a humble, repentant heart.



7. SCRIPTURE MEMORY

"God be merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 18:13



8. HOW CAN I APPLY THIS?

How can you pray with humility and honesty before God?



★ 9. STUDENT RESPONSE ★

1 How did the Pharisee pray?

2 What did the publican ask God?

3 Why did Jesus say the publican was accepted?

