

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18:9-14

*The Parable of the Pharisee and
the Tax-Collector*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt.



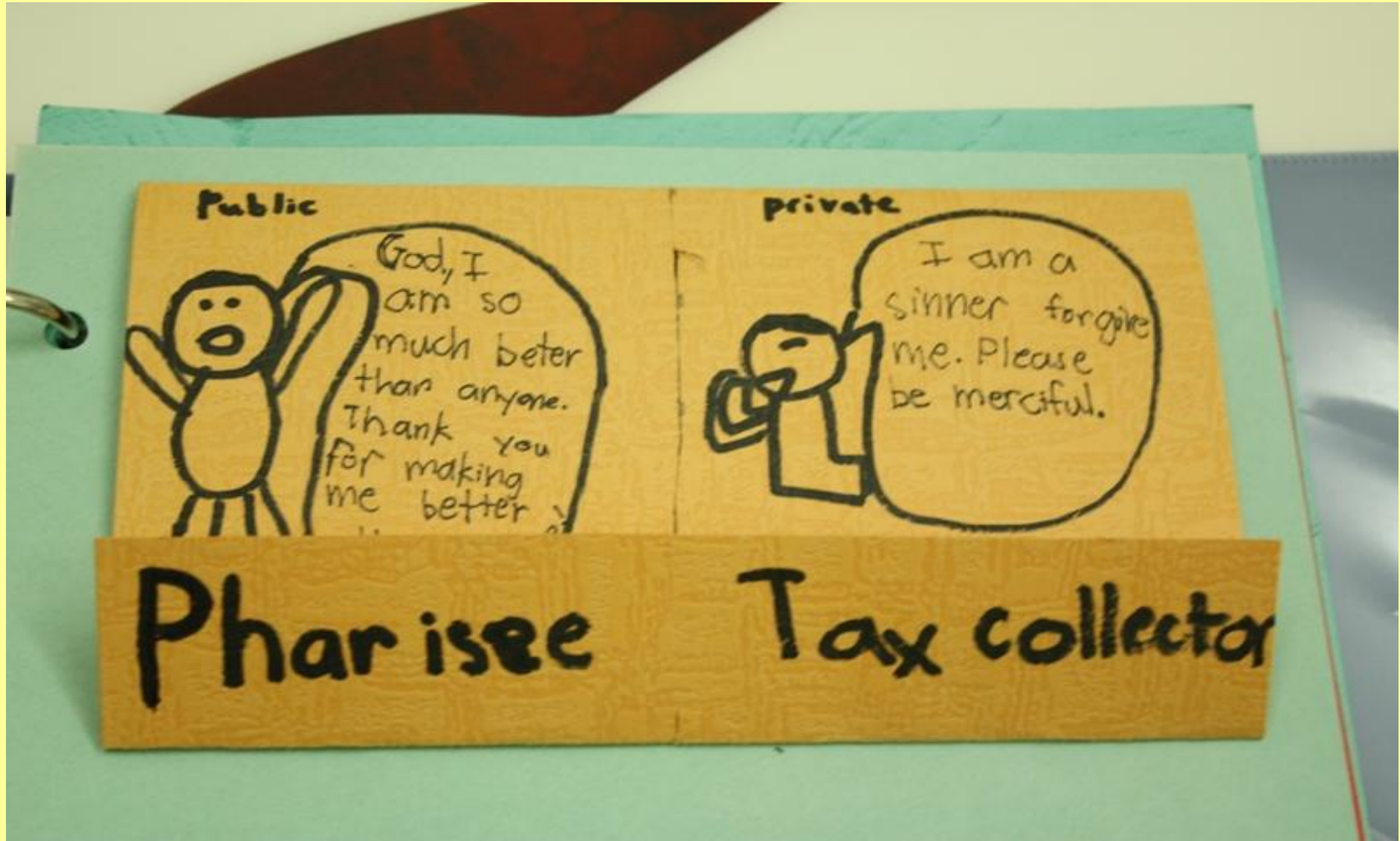
Pharisees by James Tissot

Jesus wants the Pharisees to realise that they are as good and no better than anyone else. We are all created by God and precious to Him. Why should any of us think that we are better than anyone else?

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.



The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."



But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”



**The tax collector
knew that he was
not perfect.
He was asking God
to help him to
grow to be a
better person.**

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.



If you know what your faults are, then you can do something to change!

If we accept that each person is precious to God, we can grow to appreciate them more as gifts from God.

Bible Search

Read **Luke 18:9-14** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

- Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.



- Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider



**Do you appreciate other people?
What change do you need to make today to become a better
person?**

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to be humble.

