


# Jesus says... Prayer Series

## Jesus says... My Heart Matters When I Pray


### Lesson Plan

Key Verses: **Luke 18:9-14**

Objectives:

 2's&3's -

- To know that Prayer is *me talking to God*.
- To know Jesus wants us to pray.
- To know that my heart (what I am thinking) matters when I pray.

 4's&5's -

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 K & 1st -

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- To read the verses with my parents from the bible and know that my heart (what I am thinking) matters when I pray.

 2nd & 3rd -

- To know that Prayer is *me talking to God*.
- To know Jesus wants us to pray.
- To read the verses with my parents from the bible and know that my heart (what I am thinking) matters when I pray and worship God.

 4th & up -

- To know that Prayer is *me talking to God*.
- To know Jesus wants us to pray and pray often.
- To read the verses from the bible and know that my heart matters when I pray and worship God.

## Application:

### 2's&3's -

- To know that I can pray to God.
- I can ask God for anything.

### 4's&5's -

- To know that I can pray to God.
- I can ask God for anything.

### K & 1st -

- To know that I can pray to God.
- I can ask God for anything.

### 2nd & 3rd -

- I can Praise God for who He is
- I can ask God for anything.

### 4th & up -

- I can Praise God for who He is
- I can ask God for anything.

- I can bow my head and pay attention when I pray
- To know God and others come first when I pray.
- I can bow my head and pay attention when I pray
- To know God and others come first when I pray.
- To know God and others come first when I pray.
- To be thankful and humble when I pray.
- To be thankful and humble when I pray or worship God.
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## Activities:

### 2's&3's - Pray Humbly Color Page (page 4)

The Pharisee and Tax Collector Review (page 5)

### 4's&5's - Pray Humbly Color Page (page 4)

The Pharisee and Tax Collector Review (page 5)

### K & 1st - Pharisee & Tax Collector Fill-in (page 6)

My Heart Matters Tic-Tac-Toe (easy) (page 7)

### 2nd & 3rd - Pharisee & Tax Collector Fill-in (page 6)

My Heart Matters Tic-Tac-Toe (medium) (page 8)

### 4th & up - Pharisee & Tax Collector Fill-in (page 6)

My Heart Matters Tic-Tac-Toe (hard) (page 9)

### All Ages - Bible Journal Template (page 10)

# Jesus says... Pray

*Prayer is an important part of our Worship to God. It gives us the opportunity to talk to God and strengthen our relationship with Him. Over the past couple of weeks we have been discussing how Jesus taught His disciples to pray, and that we can ask Him for anything. This week let's look at how what we think and what's in our hearts matters when we pray to God.*

## Jesus says...

### **My heart matters when I pray (Luke 18:9-14)**



**Once while Jesus was in the temple, He saw two men at prayer, one a Pharisee, the other a Tax Collector.**

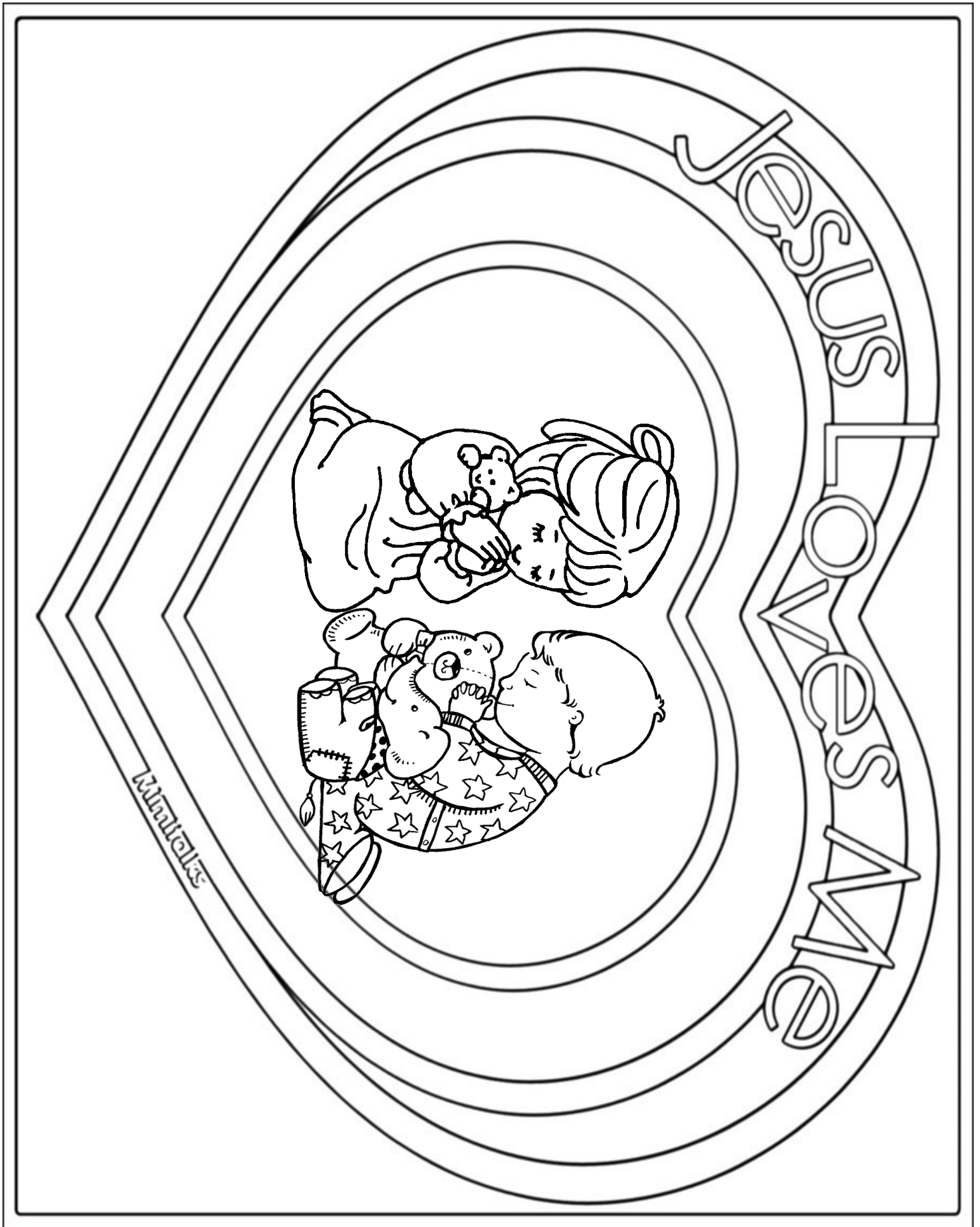
**(Now the Jewish people thought the Pharisees were very important people and good examples, but they thought the Tax Collectors were sinners and cheaters, working for a government they didn't**

**like and cheating people of their money.)**

**Jesus said the Pharisee was standing where everyone could see and hear, while the other man, the Tax Collector, stood off by himself.**

**In a loud voice the Pharisee was telling God about himself, thanking God that he was not like the Tax Collector and others that sin, bragging about all the great things he had done. But the Tax Collector, bowed his head in sadness, humbling himself before God, asking God to forgive him as he was a sinner.**

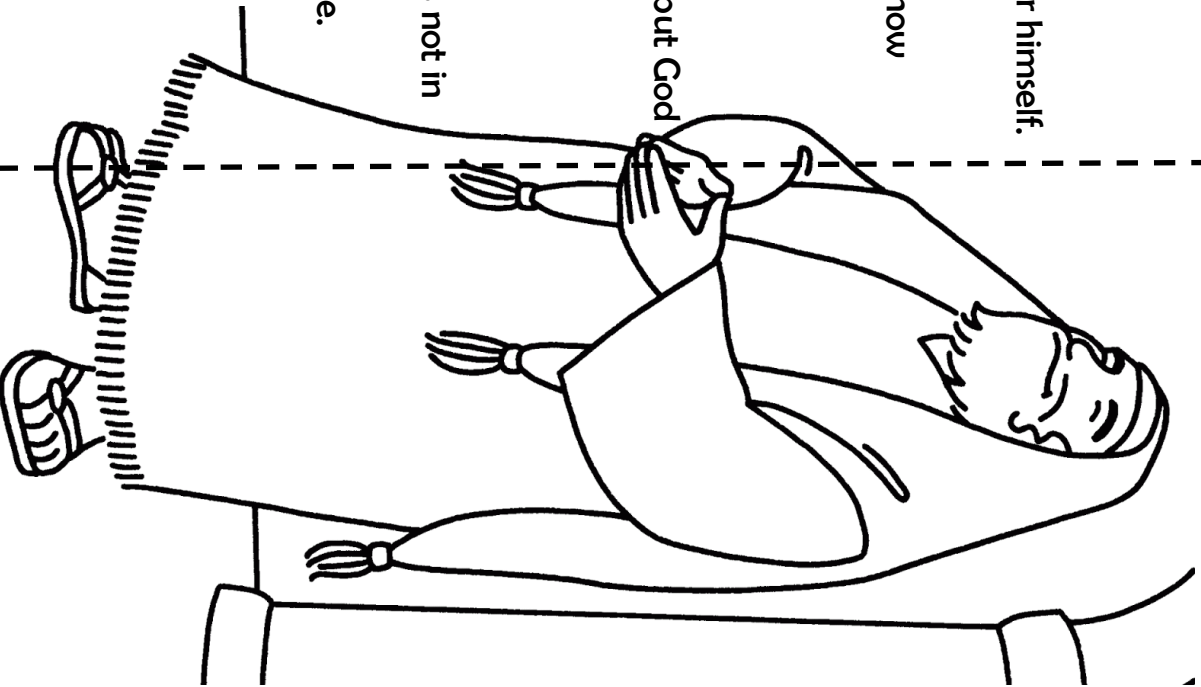
**Jesus said we are to be like the Tax Collector when we pray, humble in heart, thanking God for all He has given us.**



**Jesus says... My heart matters when I pray**

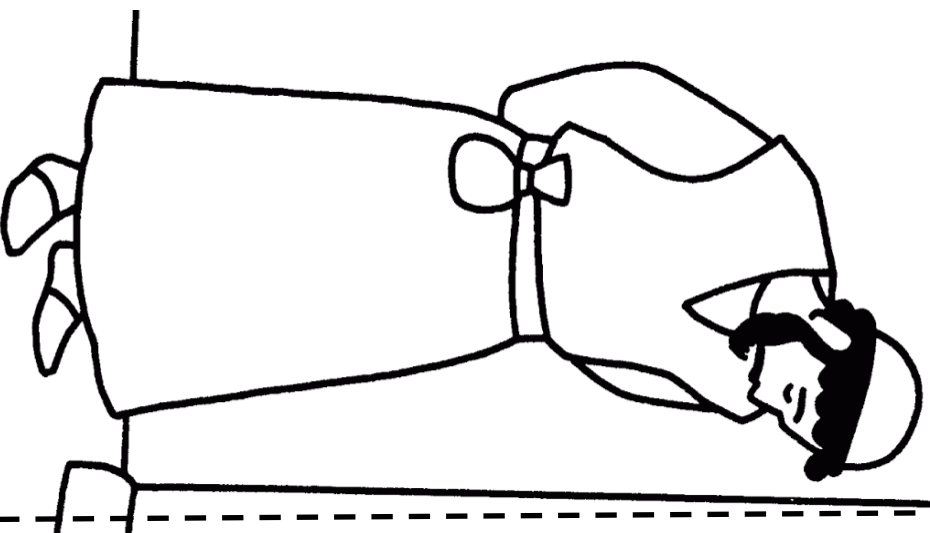
## The Pharisee

- ♥ He prayed for himself.
- ♥ He told God how good he was.
- ♥ He forgot to put God first.
- ♥ His heart was not in the right place.



## The Tax Collector

- ♥ He humbled himself.
- ♥ He told God how sorry he was for doing wrong.
- ♥ He put God first.
- ♥ His heart was in the right place.



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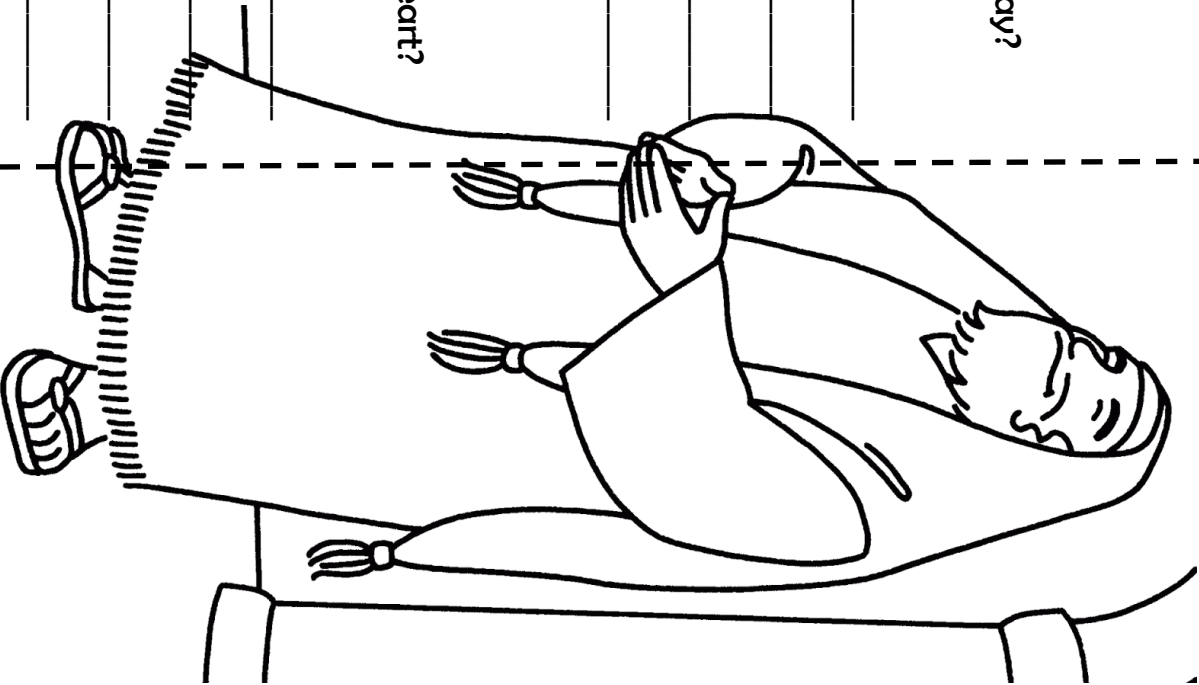
# Jesus says... My heart matters when I pray

Fill in how each person prayed and what was in his heart.

## The Pharisee

What did he pray?

How was his Heart?

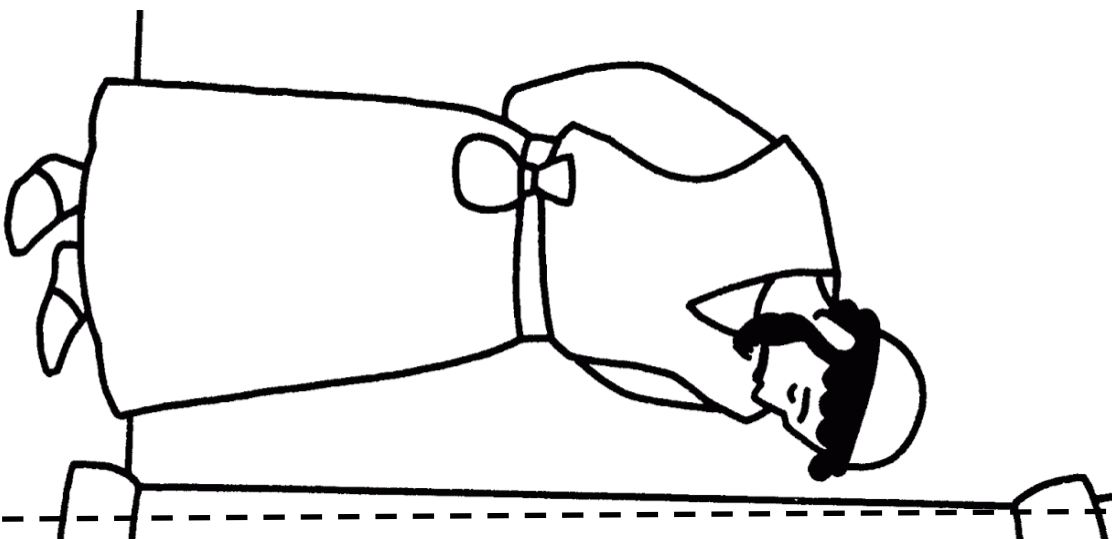


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## The Tax Collector

What did he pray?

How was his Heart?



# Tic-Tac-Toe

Put an O on the sentences of how our heart should be when we pray.

Put an X on the sentences on how are hearts should NOT be when we pray.

When I pray,  
I compare  
myself to  
others like  
the Pharisee.



When I pray, I ask God  
to help me be more  
like Him.



When I pray, I am  
thankful for God and  
what he has done for  
me.



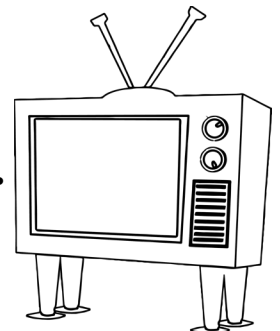
When I pray, I brag  
about what I can do.



When I pray, I think of  
other people's needs  
and want  
God to  
help them.



When I pray, I just  
want to be  
done so  
I can  
watch TV.



When I pray, I am  
humble and respectful,  
praising  
God.



When I pray,  
I am more  
worried  
about what  
other people  
think.



When I pray,  
I remember that God  
loves me  
and  
wants to  
take  
care of  
me.



Jesus says... My heart matters when I pray

# Tic-Tac-Toe

Not only does my heart matter when I pray but anytime I worship God. Look at the bible lessons below and decide if they have the right heart.

Put an O on the people that have the right heart when they worship.

Put an X on the people that did NOT have the right heart when they worshipped.

**Daniel**  
Daniel 6:10-28



Daniel prayed to God three times a day after he had been told not to worship God.

**Simon the Sorcerer**  
Acts 8:9-24



**The Leper**  
Luke 17:11-19



**Jesus**  
Matthew 14:13-21



**Hannah**  
1 Samuel 2



Hannah prayed for a baby.

**King Saul**  
1 Samuel 13:11-14



**Nadab & Abihu**  
Leviticus 10:1-2



**The Pharisee**  
Luke 18:9-14



**David**  
2 Samuel 7:18-29





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Put an X on the people that did NOT have the right heart when they worshiped.

*Then write why it was acceptable or unacceptable worship.*

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# Prayer Journal

Others

Praises to God

Thankful

Forgiveness

Help me