

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!*

Answers to Match-up: 1. the good fight 2. the race 3. the faith 4. strength 5. the message 6. glory for ever and ever.

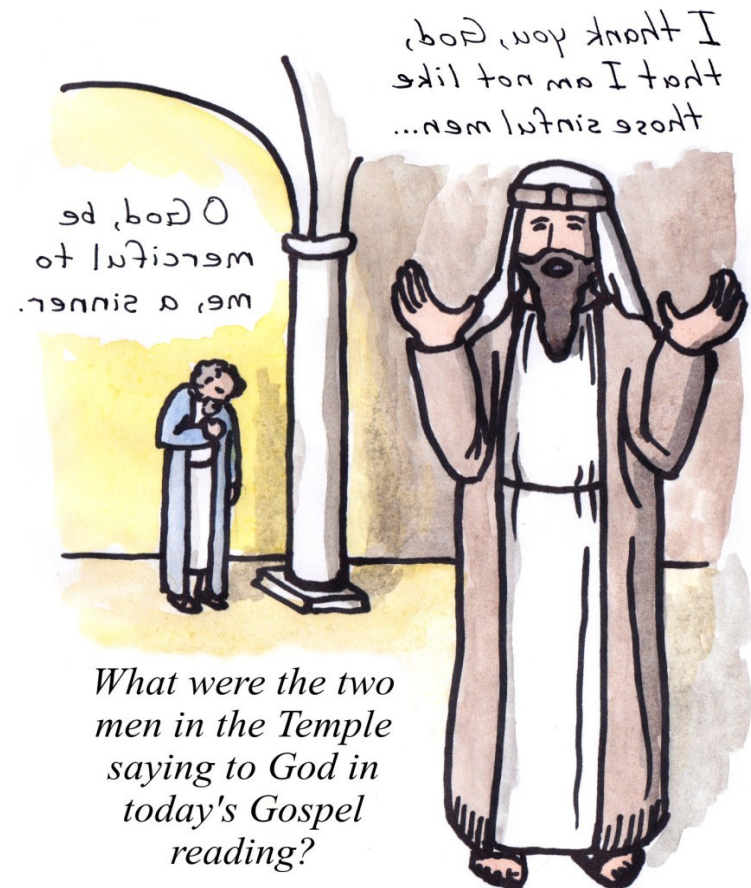
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*What were the two
men in the Temple
saying to God in
today's Gospel
reading?*

*Look in the mirror to
find out!*

Luke 18:9-14

Saint Paul Match-Up

*What comes next?
Match up the first parts with the next parts
from today's second reading.*

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| 1. I have fought ■ | ■ strength |
| 2. I have finished ■ | ■ the faith |
| 3. I have kept ■ | ■ the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me ■ | ■ the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles
could hear ■ | ■ glory forever
and ever. |
| 6. To Him be ■ | ■ the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

In one of our Bible stories this week we hear how St Paul has run the race to the finish. Can you colour in the picture of runner? Do you know where St Paul was trying to get to?



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