

Scripture Memorization

Hebrews 4:13 (GNT)

"There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before His eyes."

Motions:

There is nothing – shake head no
that can be hid – hide face behind hands
from God; – point up
everything – stretch arms wide
in all creation – take hands overhead, out, and down
is exposed – start with hand covering a fist, then uncover
and lies open – palms open
before his eyes. – point to eyes
Hebrews 4:13 – hold hands open like a book

Blessing

May you always be humble.

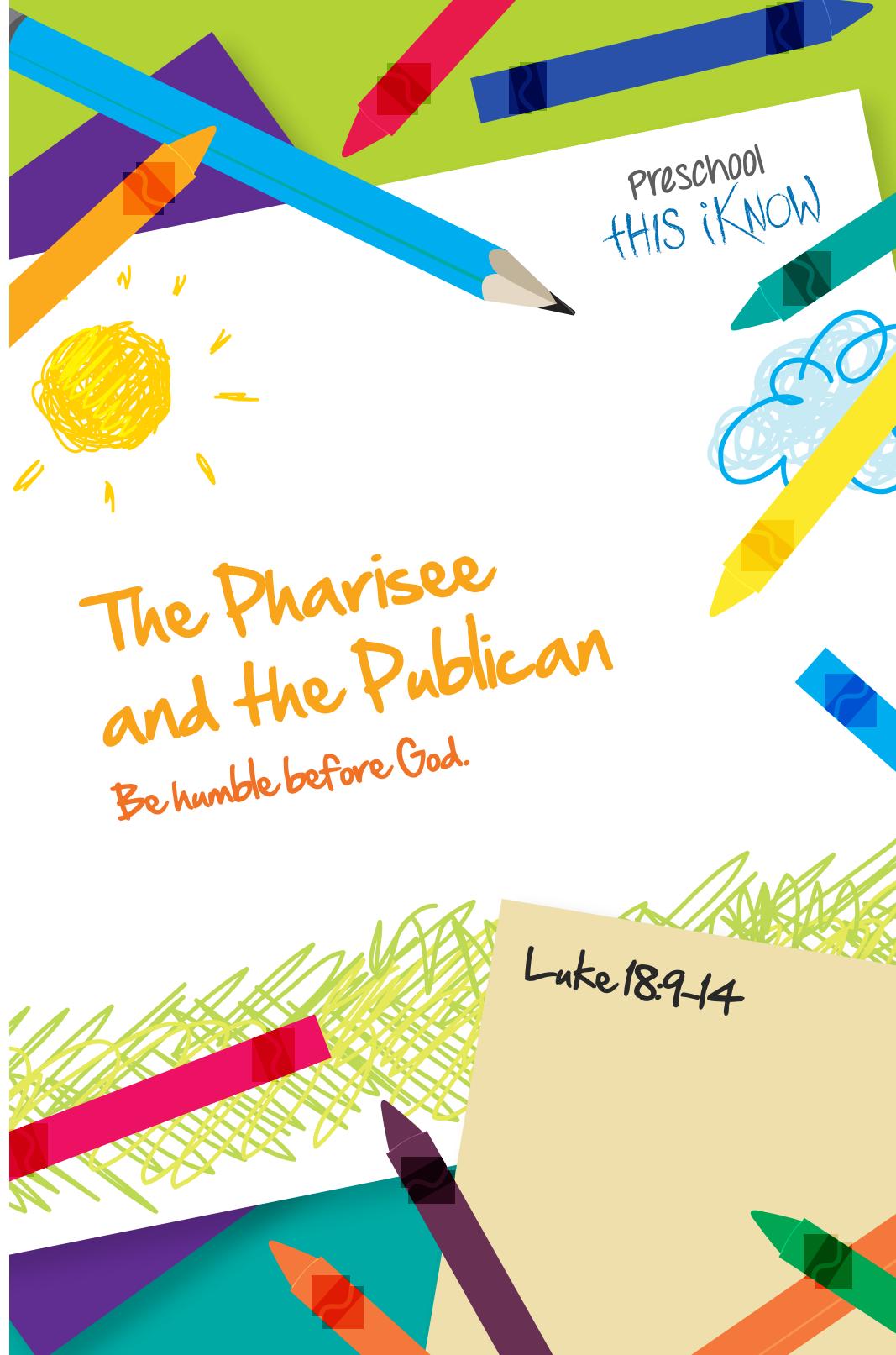
Take the Lead

Prepare your child for next week's lesson by reading together Luke 8:42-48, the story of the woman touching the hem of Jesus' robe.

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We believe that spiritual development happens in the home as well as in the church setting. We encourage you to engage as a family. This take-home piece is designed to help you connect with your child about the lesson they had the past week. Use all the ideas one night, or spread them out throughout the week. Enjoy!

Activity

God wants all of us to be humble like the Publican, and not proud like the Pharisee. Being humble means we don't think we are any better than others, but realize that God has made everyone special. Being humble also means we put others ahead of ourselves. Think of ways you can humble yourselves to put others first in your home. Everyone will think of 3 ways they can humble themselves to put others first, and they will try to do all those things at home ... in one day! Here are some ideas: Let others go into the bathroom first for shower/bath time; serve everyone at dinner; bring a drink to someone; do someone else's chores.

So often, it's easy for us to be kind to friends, neighbors, church friends, and even strangers. But, it's the hardest to treat our own family with humility, and they're the people we're the closest to! Look for practical ways to honor one another and practice humility in everyday life.

Game

Play a game of "I Can Top That!" One person will start off with a rather common statement like, "I can run to the end of our driveway." Someone else will respond with an "I can top that" statement like, "Well, I can run to the end of our street." The next person tops that with, "Oh yeah, I can run all the way to the moon!" The crazier the statements, the more fun!

The Pharisee was a lot like our "I can top that" game. He wanted to be the one no one could top, because he fasted more, tithed more, prayed more, and did everything religious just a little more than anyone else. Is that what God is looking for? Is He looking for someone who can out-spiritual everyone else?

Isn't it nice to know that God doesn't have a spiritual checklist that He's rating us by, but just wants us to be who He created us to be?

Partnering with Preschool Development

A skill that preschoolers are developing is learning to be humble. Too often at this age we focus on a preschooler developing self-confidence, but in order for a healthy and realistic level of confidence to develop, it needs to be balanced with humility. Humility has to be taught and modeled in order for it to become a natural character trait exhibited in a child. Preschoolers can role play how to give praise to others who do well. Too often we are helping our child not get upset when someone runs faster or colors neater. Instead, let's focus on praising when the child is successful, but also helping your child learn how to give praise to others.

Preschoolers also need to know how to respond when they are given praise and compliments. Saying "thank you" after receiving a compliment shows humility, and she will need coaching with this. As with many skills at this stage, preschoolers learn from the examples they see around them. Be sure you use plenty of humility in your interactions!