



Lent: Living as Followers of Jesus Today

YEAR 4 – UNIT G

LESSON 2: TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2021

Let us begin with a prayer for Lent:

Loving and compassionate God,
teach us to show love and mercy to each other.
As we begin our journey through Lent, inspire us to be
generous and kind.
Through our joy, patience and kindness, may we help to build
a better world.

Amen.

Lent

In this topic we will be exploring the customs and celebrations associated with the celebration of the season of Lent. We will learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and the forgiveness God offers to those who believe in him.



The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector

Watch the video of the the parable:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_WwehuK6LU&safe=true



(Luke 18:9-14)

In this parable, a **Pharisee** and a tax collector went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee prayed about how good he was, but the tax collector asked for God's mercy as he was a sinner. Jesus said that it was the tax collector who went home justified before God. He concluded, "**Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**"

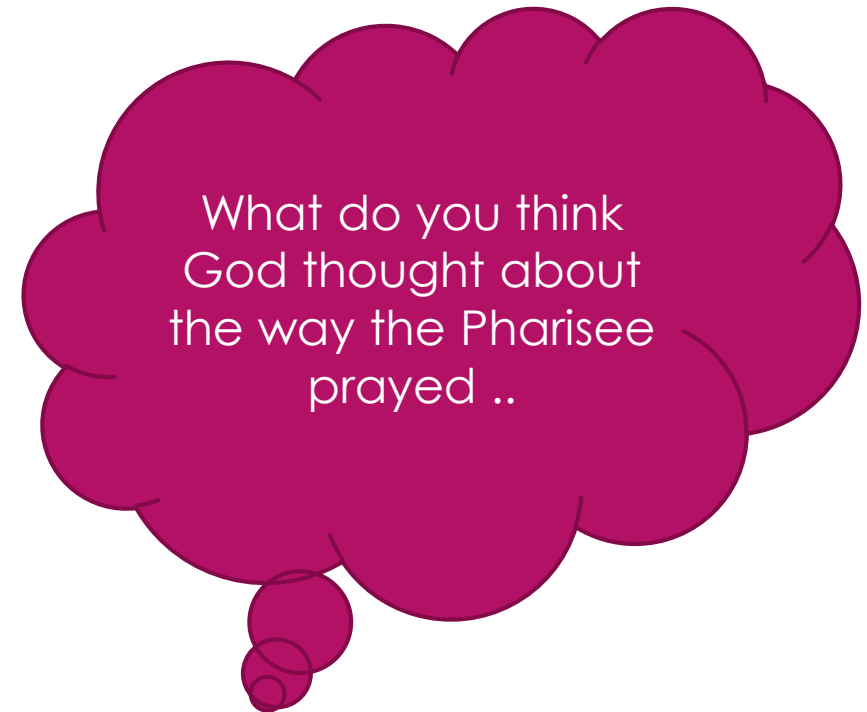
The **pharisees** were a Jewish group

Tax Collectors were seen as sinners, they were Jewish but worked for the Romans (so many saw them as traitors). They did not get paid for their work so they would take extra money from people and keep it for themselves!

Think about...

Jesus wants to teach people the importance of praying with the right attitude. This parable is aimed at those who think they are very righteous and look down on others – like the Pharisee.

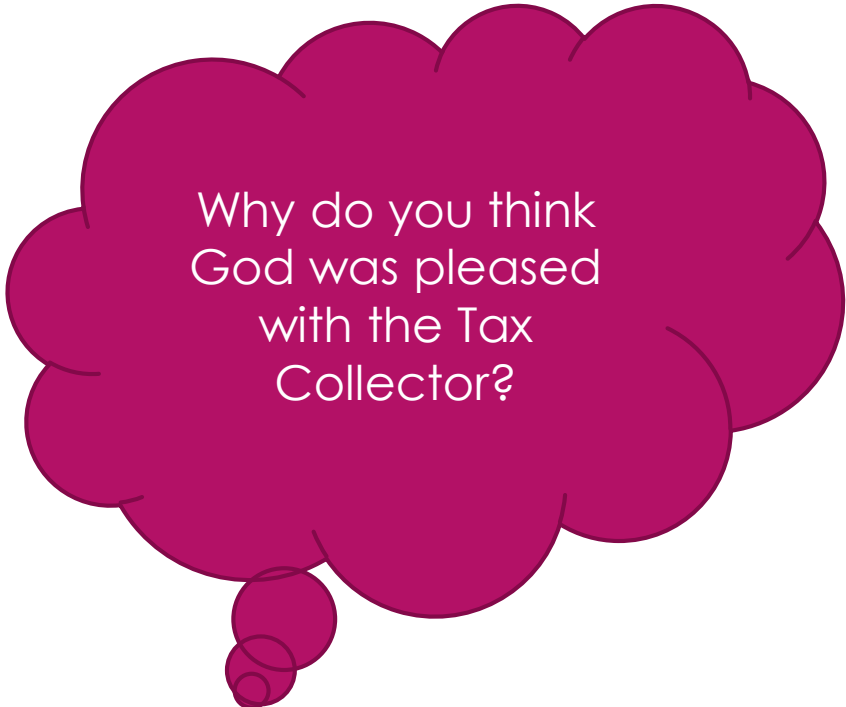
Jews had to pray three times a day and people would go to the temple for private prayer. The Pharisee stood up to pray, which was the usual practice. The Pharisee prayed about himself, informing God of the wrong things he had not done, **“I am not like other men – robbers, evil-doers and adulterers”**. Then he spoke about all the things he did, fasting twice a week and praying daily. The Pharisee was really just praising himself.



Think about...

The tax collector, on the other hand, put his head down in shame to show how sorry he was. He knew he was a sinner and he knew he needed God to forgive him. Nobody can be proud of himself in front of God.

The men went home but only the tax collector had pleased God, as he had been humble and asked for forgiveness. **A person's attitude is important to God.**



Why do you think God was pleased with the Tax Collector?

Task 1: The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Today's Parable teaches us how God forgives us and this is important throughout Lent. Write out the 'Lords Prayer' and underline any words that are about forgiveness.

The Festival of Yom Kippur: The Jewish Day of Atonement

In the Autumn term we explored the Jewish faith (the religion that Jesus grew up in). Today we are going to learn more about the festival of Yom Kippur, which is all about atonement – when we make amends and say we are sorry for the things we have done wrong.

Watch the video to find out why and how Yom Kippur is celebrated:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGrK2Zzvjew&safe=true>



Yom Kippur

Task 2: Make an Information Poster all about Yom Kippur.

Can you use the following?

- Headings and sub-headings
- Information boxes
- Pictures
- Labelled diagrams

Well Done Year 4!

JUDGE NOT,
AND YE SHALL NOT BE JUDGED:

CONDEMN NOT,
AND YE SHALL NOT BE CONDEMNED:

FORGIVE,
AND YE SHALL BE FORGIVEN:

LUKE 6:37

