

# Teaching the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Discussion: Is it possible to do a good thing in a bad way?

Read: Luke 18:9 -14

Give each child a deflated balloon. Ask them to stretch the balloon and twist it around their finger. Now have each child blow up the balloon and just hold it shut without tying it closed. What can you do with the balloon now? It isn't very flexible, is it?

When we are humble, we are like the deflated balloon. God can use us to do his work. When we are arrogant and boastful and full of ourselves, it is difficult for us to have room to do God's work.

Now have them let the balloons go and watch how they fly around with no guidance or direction. Liken the flight of the balloons to being aimless when we try to be in charge instead of following God's way.

Let each child find their own balloon again. Have each child write the word Humility on the balloon with an ink pen or permanent marker. Encourage each child to take the balloon home and post it on a bulletin board or refrigerator to remind them of being humble.



Please Note: Some children or their family members are allergic to latex.