



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. And it is to Him that we must all give an account of ourselves."



BLESSING

May you always be humble and real in your Christian life.



The Pharisee and the Publican

Be humble before God.



We believe that spiritual development happens in the home as well as in the church setting. We hope that the ideas in “The Kitchen Table” will help you engage as a family. It’s 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!

INGREDIENTS

– Bible



ACTIVITY

Together, look up and read Luke 14:11 “For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Discuss what it means to be humble, and think of ways you can humble yourselves to put others first in your home. Everyone will think of 5 ways they can humble themselves to put others first, and they will try to do all of 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, “Today I went to the grocery store for some milk.” Someone else will respond with an “I can top that” statement like, “Well, today I went to the grocery store for some milk and cookies.” The next person tops that with, “Today I went to the grocery store and someone paid for all my groceries!” 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 that 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?

God smiles on a person who has a sincere, honest, humble heart before Him. When someone comes to Him and doesn’t try to put on a religious disguise, God happily gives that person His grace and His forgiveness. 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.

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Look up these verses and discuss the questions.

James 4:10

- What does it mean to humble yourself before God?
- Which person in the Bible story humbled himself before God?
- Is it easy or hard for you to be humble? Why?

Philippians 2:1-4

- How does God want us to treat people?
- Do you ever struggle with trying to impress others?
- Why should we serve others and think of them first?