

11th SUNDAY MORNING

// HAPPY ARE THE HUMBLE //

INTRO (5-10mins)

- Welcome everyone
- Ask them how their weeks / summers have been

GAME (5-10mins)

- Play Empires

You will need paper and pens and to explain the game for those who haven't played before.

VIDEO (6mins)

- Play the video from YouTube

Link via the website - <https://www.ivyyouth.org/seriesplan>

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QUESTIONS (10mins)

- How does the Pharisee "exalt" himself before God? (v.11-12) How do people "exalt" themselves like that today?

(Self justification, trying to prove that they're not bad people. Explain all the good things they do, without listing the bad. Encourage youth to share their thoughts on how people their age do this.)

- How does the tax collector "humble" himself before God? (v.13) Do you ever feel like the tax collector?

(He realises he has nothing to boast about before God. Encourage discussion about how our lives aren't perfect, especially before a holy God and how, based on their own merits, they have much in common with the tax collector.)

- Why is humility so important to God?

Leader answer: Spiritually **proud** people believe they can do everything on their **own** and point to their own achievements to prove they're good enough before **God**. They want to say, "Look what I've **earned!**"

Spiritually **humble** people realise they can't do it on their own and they need God's **help**. They are open to His **gift**.

FINISH WITH PRAYER

GOING DEEPER (STILL HAVE TIME?)

– **READ 1 Peter 5:5-7**

1. According to Peter, why can you take the lower seat and humble yourself? (v.7) (*Because He cares for you—He's got your back, so you can cover others'.*)
 2. As you think about all you have in Jesus Christ, how does that help you to be humble?
 3. What are some times when it is challenging for you to be humble ...at home? ...with your friends? ...before God?
 4. What are some ways this week you might apply what you have learned?
 5. So, summing it all up, why is HUMILITY so big of a deal to God (and us)?
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