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RELATE

Share a time in your life when you had to ask for forgiveness from someone. How did you feel before asking for forgiveness? After?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Luke 18:9-14, then answer the following questions:

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- How would you describe someone that is “holier than thou”?
- Here, Jesus notices some Pharisees that we might call “holier than thou.” They thought they were better than everyone else and weren’t afraid to show it. Have you ever been “looked down on” by someone else? How does that feel?
- What are some differences between the Pharisee’s and Tax Collector’s prayers?
- The Pharisee obviously thought his own sins (if he even thought he had any!) weren’t nearly as bad as the tax collector’s. What sins do people today consider “worse sins” than your “typical” ones?
- How does God view these sins? Check out James 2:10-11.
- What does this say about how we confess?
- Is it necessary to confess every sin we’ve committed? Why or why not?

RESPOND

Choose one of the following resolutions to keep until the next class:

- Be quick to forgive others who have wronged you, even giving it before they ask for it.
- Spend time each night asking God for forgiveness for the sins you’ve committed that day. Then read 1 John 1:8-9.
- Find a different Psalm each day that includes the word *forgiveness* or *forgive* in it.

