

UNIT 2 – STORY STORY 1

Lesson 3 Look at Me



Text: Luke 18:9-14



Bible Truth: Jesus humbled himself and he came to earth as a man so that we might have eternal life.



Central Truth: We need to be humble.



Memory Verse: Luke 18:13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner.'
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GETTING STARTED



1. Have some of the children take turns to look at themselves in a mirror and describe what they look like. You will then discuss the similarities and differences of those who described themselves.
2. Select some students and have them write what they are like e.g. height, build, complexion, nature. Then pick students to describe the selected students and compare their descriptions.
3. Talk about the parts of the body we can see and a few parts (bones, heart, muscle, which we can't see) Focus on the physical and spiritual heart.

THE WORD



We all need God. Of course we don't have to pray before we can walk or eat or dance, but do you know that there are some people who cannot do those things by themselves? We all need God in the everyday things and in the special things.

In our Bible text today we read about a Pharisee. A Pharisee is a religious leader. He did all the right things. If he was a member of our church that means that he would come to church regularly; he would pay his tithes; he would give offerings; he would be a worker in the church and he would read his Bible regularly. However, he would not associate, talk with someone who was not a Christian. Also, he believes that his good deeds will get him to heaven.

We also read about the Publican. A publican is a tax collector. These are not people you would normally want to be friends with. Many tax collectors in those days collect more money than they are supposed to, so people did not like them. The tax collectors can be likened to some policemen who collect bribe or some government workers who collect money from individuals for work they are paid to do by the government. Also there are some teachers in some schools who teach during school lesson what they are supposed to teach in class, so that more students will enroll for school lessons and they will get more money.

The Pharisee was proud and he felt that he had done well. He was so concerned with his achievements that he didn't take time to appreciate God neither did he ask for forgiveness or for help. The tax collector on the other hand was humble and simply asked God to have mercy on him. It was the tax collector that connected with God in prayer that day.

You are to be humble before God. You should not keep comparing yourselves with children who didn't do as well as you. For example, yes, you did your homework and your friend did not. However, did you do it to the best of your ability? Yes you gave offering and the person sitting beside you did not. However, didn't your parents give you ₦20 for the offering but you gave only ₦10. Yes, you got excellent results in class, in fact you're in second position. Was it by what you did alone, or did your mother drill you, your father buy extra books for you to use, and God bring to remembrance what you had studied?

Let us be humble before God and he will exalt us in due time. Let God see us as humble children of his and not proud people who look like children of God on the outside but whose hearts are not right with God.

MEMORY VERSE

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SONGS

Down at Your Feet

Down at your feet O Lord
Is the most high place
In your presence, Lord,
I seek your face, I seek your face.

There is no higher calling
No greater honour
Than to bow and kneel before your throne
I'm amazed at your glory
And blessed by your mercy
O Lord, I live to worship you.

It's Me O Lord

It's me. It's me O Lord
Standing in need of prayer.
It's me. It's me O Lord
Standing in need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother
But it's me O Lord,
Standing in need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister
But it's me O Lord,
Standing in need of prayer.

AT OUR LEVEL

- How do you feel when you achieve something you thought was very difficult?
- How do you react, what do you say, when someone commends a work you have done, e.g. a project, a piano recital, memorizing scriptures, your end of term results in school.
- Is there any type of people you don't like associating with? If yes, what type of people and why?

CONFESSION

I am a child of God. I am not proud. I know that whatever I do is by the strength that God gives me. Whatever I do, it's with God's help. I don't look down on people. Everyone is important whether he is a Christian or not. I can say follow me as I follow Jesus. I am a child of God.

REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
2. Who believed that he was a good man because of what he did?
3. How did he feel about the other person that came to the temple?
4. How should we relate with people?
5. Who do we need to have in our hearts in order to be like him?

ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

IN CLOSING Summarize the lesson and pray.