

PLAY THE HYPOCRITE

BIG IDEA

Sometimes Christians get so caught up in looking and acting like Christians that they forget to clean up their hearts. They become hypocrites.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 6:4b

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:4b

“Your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

Cast: Narrator only

Props: A nice dress shirt that can be ripped and stained (get one from a thrift store). A pair of dress socks that can be ripped and stained. A sport coat, tie, slacks. Nice shoes. Chair.

GAME

- Blindfolds or large paper grocery bags

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)

CRAFT: PAPER PLATE MASKS

- White paper plates (the thin, inexpensive type)
- Yarn
- Colored paper or colored felt
- Glue
- Decorations such as sequins, glitter glue, fake flowers, cotton balls, pompoms, colorful fabric, etc.
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils



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BIBLE LESSON

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Before the skit cut, tear and stain the sleeves and sides of the dress shirt, just the parts that are hidden by the sport coat. Make holes and stains in the dress socks. Put on the outfit so that all holes, tears and stains are covered up and the speaker looks neat and clean.

Be familiar with Matthew 6 where Jesus warns us not to be like the hypocrites. He gives examples of how the hypocrites show off and impress men by praying in public, announcing their generous giving and looking gloomy when fasting.

When teaching this lesson, pretend to be a hypocrite who is instructing the children on how they can become good hypocrites too. Mockingly teach them how to fool people into thinking they are holy. Use the same three illustrations that Jesus did and give them practical steps on how to look really impressive when praying, giving and fasting.

Share the ultimate secret of a hypocrite's success, "always look good on the outside and never let anyone see what you look like on the inside. "

Pretend you are wrapping up your presentation and tell the kids you'll sit down take a few moments to answer questions on how to be a good hypocrite. You will now go from formal mode to relaxed mode. Wander to the chair and remove the sport suit as you go. Loosen the tie. Remove shoes and sit down comfortably. Ask the kids if they have any questions on how to be a good hypocrite.

At this point there will probably be a lot of laughter and talking with neighbors. Once the kids have settled down have a more serious discussion about what it means to be a hypocrite and what kind of heart God is looking for. Below are some starter questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the hypocrite do to impress people?
2. Is God impressed with a hypocrite?
3. What is God looking at?
4. What is the opposite of a hypocrite? (authentic, honest, genuine)
5. How can we keep ourselves clean on the inside?

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CRAFTS

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OBJECTIVE: PAPER PLATE MASKS

Kids will make masks using a variety of materials and their imagination.

EXAMPLES



MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- White paper plates (the thin, inexpensive type)
- Yarn
- Colored paper or colored felt
- Glue
- Decorations such as sequins, glitter glue, fake flowers, cotton balls, pompoms, colorful fabric, etc.
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DIRECTIONS

- Cut the center out of a paper plate OR cut out eye holes, mouth hole, or a different mask shape (see examples)
- Punch a hole on the left and right side of the outer circle.
- Tie 12 inch pieces of yarn through the holes and knot them securely (these will be for tying the mask to the child's head).
- Decorate the masks using a variety of materials

SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Pre-cut eye holes or large hole in the center
- Attach yarn to sides of plate prior to club

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: LIGHTHOUSE

Kids play rolls and lighthouse, rocks and boats to bring the boats to safety.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Blindfolds or large paper grocery bags

INSTRUCTIONS

Ask one player to be the Lighthouse. Divide the remaining players in to two groups. One group spreads out and sits on the floor. They are the Rocks. The second group spreads out, places blindfolds or bags on their heads. They are the Boats.

Boats attempt to walk to the Lighthouse without running into any Rocks. The Lighthouse makes a beeping noise. The Rocks make the sound of water splashing. If a Boat runs into a Rock, the boat sinks and stays where it is. Continue playing until all the Boats have either sunk or arrived safely to the Lighthouse.



SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

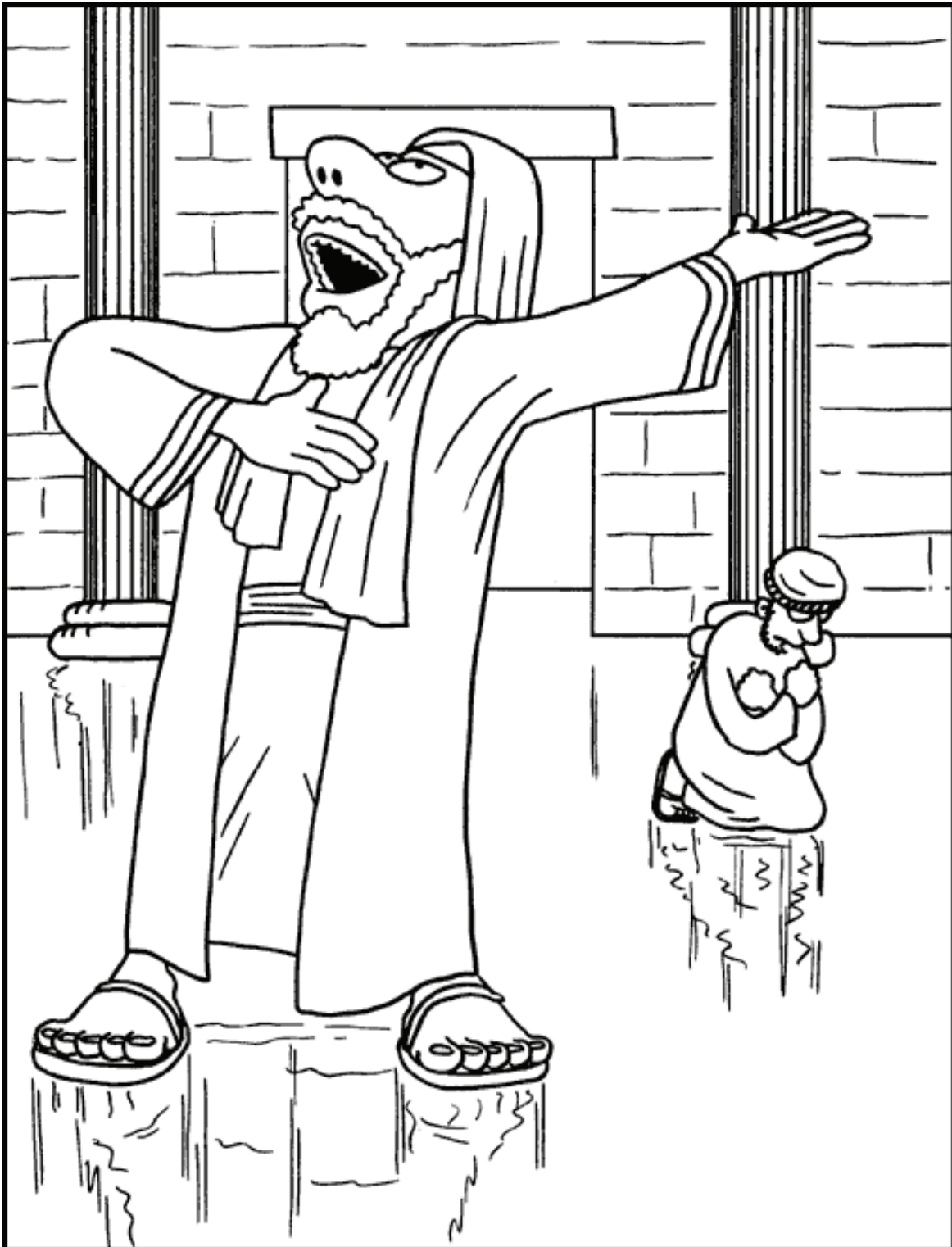
- Assign a “tugboat” for each team to help guide the boats
- Move any boats that have sunk outside of the play area so they are not a hazard to other boats.

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Kids Club



"I'm really glad that I'm not
like that tax collector..."