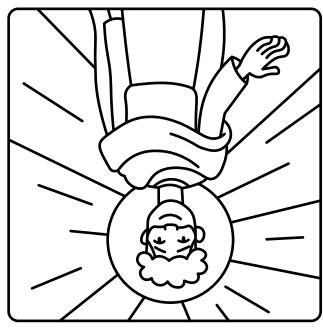
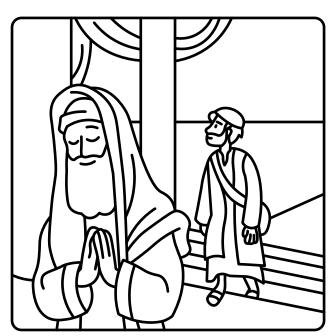
I. Jesus loved telling stories to teach people how to love God, their neighbors, and themselves. We call these parables. One day, Jesus told a parable to a group of people who thought they were better and more important than everyone else.

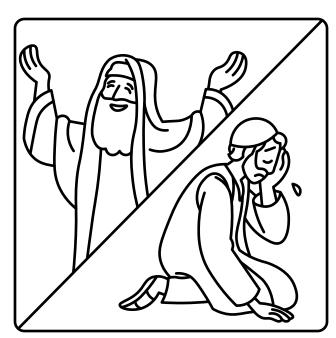


4. Jesus looked at the people listening, the ones who thought they were better than everyone else, and said, "Be humble. Remember, we're all human beings created by a loving God. No one is better or more important than anyone else."





2. "Two very different people went up to the temple to pray," Jesus began. "One was a Pharisee, an important religious leader, and the other was a tax collector, a greedy and mischievous person. What do you think they prayed about?"



3. "The Pharisee prayed loudly, 'God, thank you that I'm not like these other people who do bad things. I do more than you ask!' While the tax collector couldn't even look up, he sobbed, 'God, please show me mercy for all I've done!'"