

Pharisee and Tax Collector: Act It Out Story

An action based story telling where everyone acts out the story.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness

(brush shoulders with hand to show confidence)

and looked down on everyone else,

(stand on tip toes and look down, or bend neck to look down)

Jesus told this parable: Two men went up to the temple to pray,

(hold up two fingers up and then points them down and start to do a walking movement with them)

one a Pharisee

(‘holy’ pose with hands together in prayer)

and the other a tax collector.

(Pretend to grab everyone’s money)

**The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I
am not like other people**

(Touch chin with hand and bring it out - the ASL/BSL sign for ‘thank you’)

—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

(Point at someone else)

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

(Rub tummy and pretend to give money)

**But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look
up to heaven,**

(Look down and shake head)

but beat his chest and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

(Beat chest and say "I'm a sinner!")

**I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified
before God.**

(Wag finger to show telling someone)

**For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those
who humble themselves will be exalted.**

(Move hands up for exalt and down for humble, then reverse the actions)