LET IT SHINE
4. Pharisee and Publican

OBJECTIVES
Teach humility with this parable. The 2s and 3s will probably get more out of the lesson if you stress being quiet and acting appropriately during a prayer.

PREPARATION
Print the coloring page for all students, as well as the circle the answer activity. Print only one copy of the true and false page. This would be best to use with children 4 and older. Color one copy of the coloring page to use as a visual aid. **Look over Lesson 5, and be ready to make bread, or ask someone in the congregation to do it for you.** The bread could be made ahead of time and frozen in the labeled baggies. Then just take them out the day of your class.

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 18:9-14 and Matthew 6:1-13.

LESSON
This lesson could be acted out by a teacher and helper, or you could teach the lesson using the visual aid provided. If you do act it out, be sure the Pharisee uses a boastful tone of voice and acts very haughty, so it will come through more clearly to the little ones.

ACTIVITIES
When you work on the page where the children are to circle the ones who are praying nicely, point to each picture and ask the class if that is how a person should act when they are praying. Of course it is OK to laugh, but not during a prayer. So make sure they understand that you are talking about behaviors during prayer.

SONGS AND PRAYER
Use the flashlights to sing, “This Little Light of Mine.” Use the song about prayer from last week, and talk about how you should act during a prayer before you sing it. Then have the prayer right after the song. Another good song is, “Be Careful Little Eyes” (and talk about how their eyes should be closed during the prayer). Use the song from last week, “If You’re Thankful,” and talk about how you want to be thankful like the publican, not like the boastful Pharisee. Then have a prayer. Thanks God for letting us talk to Him in prayer.