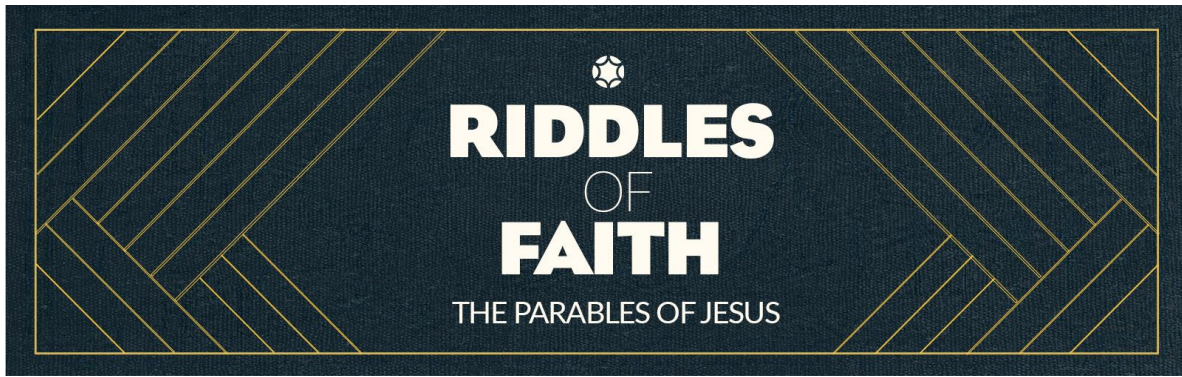




Riddles at Home
Family Companion Guide
Week Five // Who's 'da Man!

Start with a Riddle

The more you take away from me, the bigger I get. What am I?

[Answer: A hole.]

Big Idea

We don't have to prove that we are better than other people to be loved by God. Jesus wants us to come to him honestly and humbly, remembering that we all need his grace and mercy.

Read Together

Read Luke 18:9–14. Jesus tells a story about two men who go to the temple to pray. One man talks about all the good things he does and compares himself to other people. The other simply admits that he has done wrong and asks God for mercy. Jesus ends the parable with a principle that appears repeatedly throughout his teaching: “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Talk About It

- How were the prayers of the two men different?
- What was wrong with the way the Pharisee viewed other people?
- Why do you think Jesus was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Humility is seeing ourselves truthfully before God and recognizing both the good work God is doing within us and our continuing dependence upon his grace.

Try It Together

Have each family member finish both sentences:

Something God has given me that I'm thankful for is _____.

Something I need God's help with is _____.

Remember This

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:14

Pray Together

God, thank you that we don't have to prove ourselves to you. Forgive us when we compare ourselves to others or think we are better than someone else. Help us see ourselves honestly, treat others with kindness, and remember how much we need your grace. Amen

Keep It Going

Choose an activity to enjoy together:

- Celebrate someone else: Attend a sibling's activity, cheer for a friend, write someone an encouraging note, or celebrate another person's accomplishment. Practice being genuinely happy when something good happens to someone else.
- Take the low place: Look for opportunities to let someone else go first—choosing a seat, picking a game, getting dessert, or walking through a door. Talk about how humility can show up in small choices.
- Create a celebration wall: Put everyone's name on the refrigerator and add notes throughout the week recognizing something good you saw them do.
- Make a gratitude jar: Each person adds something they're thankful God has given them. At the end of the week, read them together and thank God rather than comparing what everyone has.