

# Home Church Sunday

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen



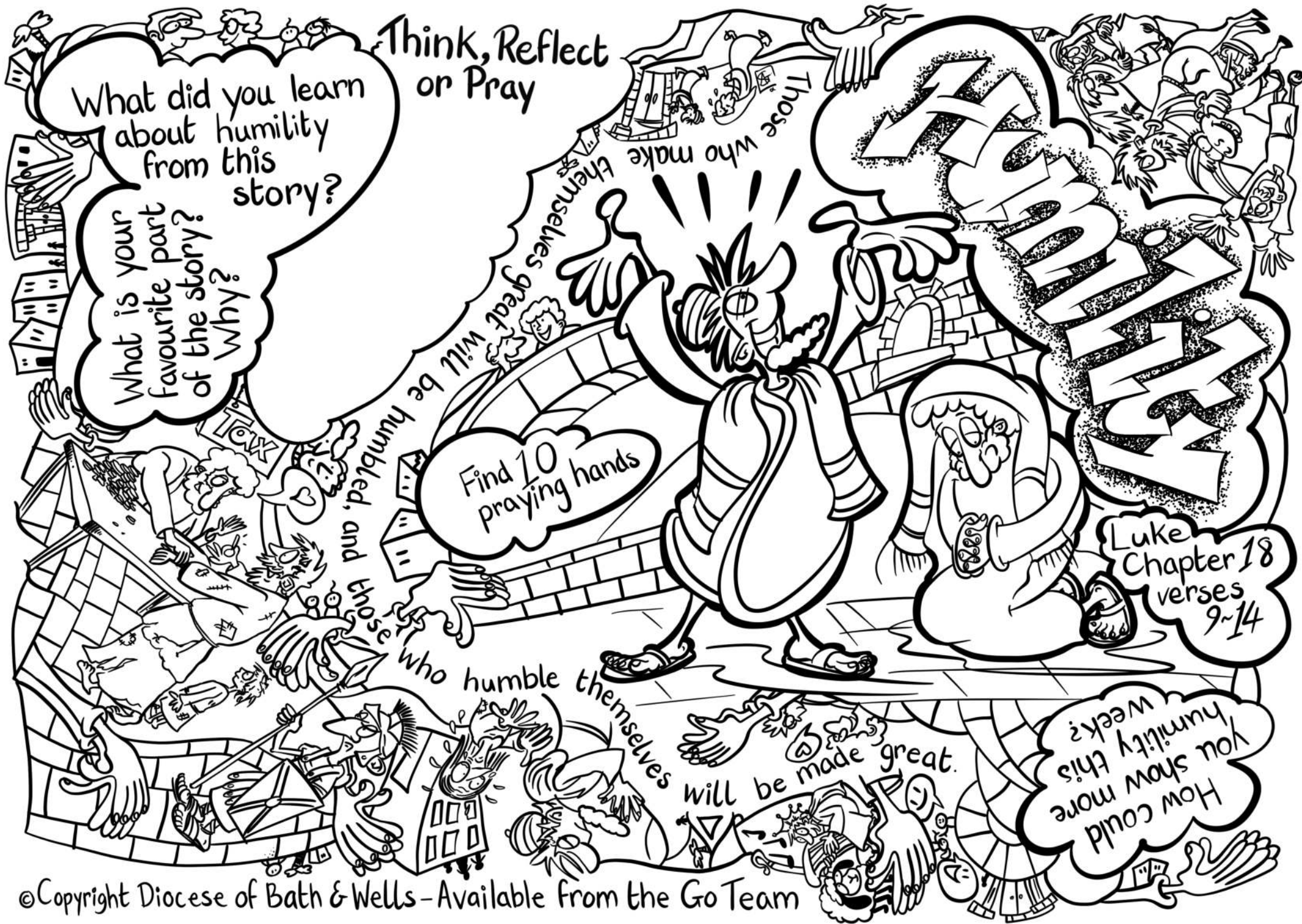
Whether you manage 5 minutes or 1 hour, it's time focussed on God at home!



Chat Mat

## Indoors at Home

- ♦ Use this simple template with the Chat Mat.
- ♦ Alternatively watch The Chosen episode and use The Chosen resource sheet. (PG)



# **The Chosen Resource Sheet**

## **Series 2, Episode 4: 'The Perfect Opportunity'**

We're introduced to Simon the Zealot and the Feast of the Tabernacles. The disciples travel to outside of Jerusalem for the feast. They face some unexpected opposition- the anger and tension against Jesus is building. Jesus performs a miracle.

### Quote:

Jesus tells His disciples, "Everyone has wandered through the wilderness at some point."

### Scriptural references that you might like to read before watching:

John 5:1-16 ; Leviticus 23:39-42

Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 69:9; Exodus 20:8-11; Zechariah 14:16

### Characters:

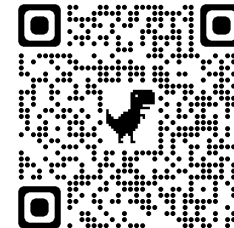
Jesus, the disciples, Simon the Zealot, Jesse (the invalid), Shmuel (Pharisee), Atticus (Roman inspector), Rufus (Roman procurator), Zealots

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### Episode 4 - The Perfect Opportunity

The Chosen is available on Netflix or free on the web (also now on Prime in some format):

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683594356>



### Questions about the episode to consider:

- ♦ How could the Pharisees, Zealots, and others interpret the same scripture passages so differently?
- ♦ What do you rely on to help you interpret the scriptures?
- ♦ As Jesse carried out his mat, he was confronted by Shmuel who accused him of working on the Sabbath. How did this example of legalism gone rogue impact you? How/when might you be guilty of a similar mindset?
- ♦ As you witnessed the disciples' preparation for the Festival of Booths, what thoughts did you have about the significance of religious tradition/heritage? About the importance of experiencing God in community?

Pray together and say the Lord's Prayer together.



## Out and about

- ◆ Before going for your walk read John 5:1-16
- ◆ Go out for your walk.
- ◆ Remember to walk slowly and to take time to stop and look, really look at things.
- ◆ Now take notice of the paths that you are walking along.
- ◆ Look at them in detail, what do you notice and how are they different?
- ◆ How you would describe them?
- ◆ Now think about the man waiting to be made well by Jesus. As he carried out his mat along a pathway, he was confronted by the Jewish leaders who accused him of working on the Sabbath. How did this interpretation of the law make you feel? How/when might you be guilty of a similar mindset?
- ◆ As you continue to walk pray about what's on your mind.
- ◆ Pray the Lord's Prayer to end your Home Church.

John 5:1-16

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda<sup>[a]</sup> and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.<sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.<sup>[4] [b]</sup><sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.<sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

<sup>7</sup> “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”<sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,<sup>10</sup> and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

