

## SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 25C

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### CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

#### MAIN POINT

**Humble yourself.**

#### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured.  
(Luke 18:14)

#### AIDS

Balloon

#### ADDRESS

**What do I have here?**

*Balloon*

**What happens if I blow it up?**

*e.g. gets bigger and full of air*

Sometimes if people brag or boast about how good they are we call them full of hot air. It is not always easy to love people who think they are better than everyone else and show off and who think they don't need God's help.

We all need God's help. We all need to ask God to forgive us because we can hurt people with the words we say or the things we do. Thankfully God forgives us. We can ask him to help us find ways to help other people, rather than just asking for things we don't really need.

In our Bible verse today we hear about one person praying in his church. He is praying loudly so everyone can hear him and think he is a great person. There is another person who is praying quietly. God doesn't want us to show off. He asks us to be humble. We shouldn't puff ourselves up like this balloon and think that we are better than anyone else.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, help us not to be proud or selfish. We are sorry for the things we say and do that hurt other people. Thank you for forgiving us. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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