

Listen to God!

WASH THOSE HANDS?

Mark 7:1-23

(especially 5-7, 14-23)

“When my grandpa was a little boy, the people in his church said you weren’t allowed to watch television. Were they like these Pharisees?”

asked Sean. “Yes, I guess so,” answered Matt and he went on to explain. “The Pharisees had so many rules for outward behaviour, but didn’t care if their thoughts and feelings were unclean. They even paid more attention to washing the outside of cups and bowls than they did the inside because that’s what others saw. Jesus said it’s not what goes into our mouth, but what is in our heart and mind that needs to be clean. He showed how worthless all the outside show of goodness is if there is no love for God and others in our hearts.”

Delbert our dictionary says

Hypocrite: pretending to be something you are not, pretending to believe something that you don’t. In this case pretending to be holy and morally clean.



Talk to God!

Heavenly Father, we know that we will never be clean in your sight by keeping rules. Thank you that when we ask your forgiveness, you make us clean.



God makes us clean inside.



Where does our food go? (verse 19)

What does Jesus say makes us unclean to God? (verse 20)

What are some things that can make people unclean? (verse 21-22)

Write down some good things that can come from a person’s heart.