



Think about what Jesus views as reality.

Who has the power to justify man?
God

What does one man recognize that he is?
A sinner

So, we can see that God and sin are described as “real” and are a part of the reality within which the two experiments in living are conducted.

Think about what Jesus views as right or wrong.

What does the Pharisee exhibit that we know to be wrong?
Pride

What is it wrong to think that we don't need?
*Justification*¹

We can see that humble repentance leads to justification. For the Pharisee, his pride produces a poor result for his experiment in living. However, we can also see that the tax collector gets a good result for his experiment in living because he acknowledges his sin.

Think about what Jesus views as valuable.

What two qualities are shown to be valuable?
Humility and repentance

These qualities characterize a successful experiment in living.



Your student has been asked to identify at least five instances of diligence as displayed by Karana.

Answers will vary.

- She works steadily through half of the winter in order to finish preparing her house (76).*
- In spite of her leg injury, she goes to the spring to fill her basket with water (86).*
- She continues to try to kill the wild dogs that killed her brother (92).*
- Although it is very difficult to do by herself, Karana works on improving the canoe in the event that she has to escape quickly (100).*
- She is diligent to stay with the task of spearing the devilfish in spite of losing her sinew line (124).*

Ask your student why diligence is important. What areas of his life need to be improved regarding diligence? *Diligence in life is important regarding our labors as well as our faith. Read Philippians 3:13-14 and Galatians 6:9. As your student shares areas of his life in which more diligence is needed, consider also sharing areas of your life in the same regard. Especially share how God has enabled you to continue on in spite of difficulties.*



Your student has been asked to give one example of how Karana has changed in the following areas.

Answers will vary.

- Actions: All along, Karana has desired to kill the wild dogs, but instead, she now saves the life of one of the dogs that she wounded (97).*
- Personal traits and abilities: In the past she probably would not have considered going against her father, particularly in regard to protection. However, now she is willing to make a bow and arrow in spite of remembering her father's admonition (82-82).*
- Thoughts and feelings: Instead of dreading another day, Karana now declares that she is happy and acknowledges that the Island of the Blue Dolphins is her home (69, 70, 115).*
- Relationships: Unlike the time when her family lived on the island, the only relationship she has is with Rontu, the wild dog that she saved after wounding him (101).*
- Responses to events or people: After seeing Rontu fight the other wild dogs, she resists the urge to go to Rontu's assistance and does not shoot at the other dogs (110). In the past she likely would have immediately shot him.*

¹ A simple definition of “justification” is “God graciously treating me just as if I never sinned.”