

LESSON 2

JESUS IS ANOINTED

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Forgives So Much!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7

GOD'S BIG STORY: Jesus is invited to a Pharisee's house for dinner. A woman who has lived a sinful life enters and anoints Jesus with perfume. Jesus commends her faith and generously forgives her sins.

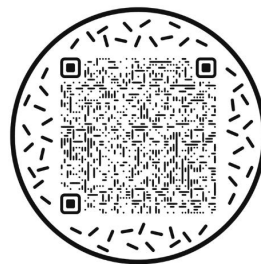
WORD OF WONDER: Come to me, all who are tired. I will give you rest. —from Matthew 11:28

CURIOSITY

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FAITH

- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder
- Prayer of Invitation
- Worship: God's Way, All I Wanna Do
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Prayer and Blessing



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INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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Have you ever had to forgive someone, but you didn't really want to? Or maybe you were told to forgive someone and said, "I forgive you," but deep down you didn't really mean it?

Forgiving others can be hard sometimes, especially when they have hurt us. Jesus doesn't merely tell us to forgive others; He embodies the very idea of true forgiveness. He is our living example.

Read Luke 7:36–50. In this passage, Jesus publicly forgives a woman whom the Pharisees least expected Him to forgive. In their eyes this woman was one of the worst women to be associated with. Yet Jesus forgave this woman's sins generously. This woman knew that though her sins were many, Jesus offered forgiveness. This led her to want to serve Jesus sacrificially, her sacrifice in turn demonstrating her deep love for Him.

What would it be like to forgive someone in your life generously? It isn't easy, but as we receive God's generous love and forgiveness, we too become able to forgive others.

Take a moment to rest in God's generous love and forgiveness for you. Receive it, thank Him for it, and ask Him to help you extend it to others. What a generous, loving gift from our Savior!

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Simon the Pharisee was an influential Jew who promoted certain purity laws and traditions. The sinful woman may have been a prostitute, given her apparent reputation.

WHAT?

While Jesus ate dinner at the house of Simon the Pharisee, a sinful woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears, kissed them, and poured perfume on them. The woman's acts demonstrated her gratitude and love for Jesus, the generous forgiver of her many sins.

WHERE?

Though the town in this story is unnamed, Jesus had been traveling around the region of Galilee. Luke 7 starts in Capernaum, on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee. In verse 11, Jesus goes to Nain, which was nine miles southeast of Nazareth.

WHEN?

This story takes place relatively early in Jesus' ministry, as He had just chosen the 12 disciples in the previous chapter. Even so, Jesus had done enough at this point that news about Him was spreading far (see Luke 7:17).

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

This story highlights Jesus' willingness to forgive sinful people. It points ahead to the cross, where Jesus made the way for the complete removal of sin. Jesus' love is transformative, compelling His followers to love greatly because they've been forgiven much.



LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Welcome

Slide: Series Welcome Loop

As kids arrive...

Walk around the room and welcome as many kids as possible by showing excitement that they have joined you. Give high-fives, fist bumps, encourage them to sit on the floor in their spots, and ask questions about their week.

Video: Countdown

Welcome kids to worship time. Introduce yourself by name.

Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Introduce the kids to Tac, the curious cat.

Leader: Hello, Tac! You seem very happy today.

Tac the Cat: I am!

Leader: Why? What happened?

Tac the Cat: Well, last week, I scratched the couch and made a small tear in it. My mom forgave me for that. But then this week, I made a big scratch on a chair, and I was afraid she would be so upset.

Leader: And what happened?

Tac the Cat: My mom forgave me for that too. She also showed me how to use my cat things for scratching. I was so scared, and she didn't get mad. She helped me.

Leader: Tac, that's wonderful! Sounds like you're really learning some new things.

Tac the Cat: I am. I feel much better.

Leader: That reminds me of a time when Jesus forgave a woman who had done a lot of wrong things.

Tac the Cat: Was she happy too?

Leader: She probably was! We do know she showed her love for Jesus and her thankfulness to Him in a special way.

Tac the Cat: I was thankful too when my mom forgave me.

Leader: I bet you were. We'll hear more about forgiveness in our story today.

Tac the Cat: This story about Jesus sounds great! I can't wait to hear it. First, I'm going to get a snack. My kitty tummy is hungry.

Leader: Sounds like a good idea. Everyone, wave goodbye to our friend Tac!

"Have you ever been like Tac—been curious about something? Let's take a moment and be curious: Have you ever done something really wrong and hoped someone would forgive you? Allow the kids to respond. Have you ever forgiven someone else? Allow the kids to respond. We all see and hear things that make us curious. Did you ever stop to think about how much Jesus forgives us?"

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

Today's Wonder Truth is **JESUS FORGIVES SO MUCH!** Today we'll discover how that looked when He met a woman who came to worship Him!"

Declaring God's Wonder

SLIDE: DECLARATION

Encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

Thank You, God, that You made me! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Make prayer hands, then point up to God and to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much; (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Bring your arms down from the sky, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

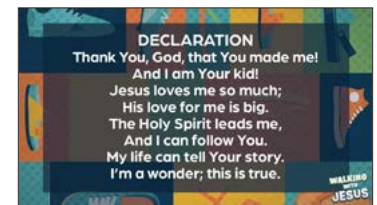
March in place like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands up, shaking your fingers, celebrating ("praise hands").



Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use your own words. Here is an example: **Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to live. And thank You that He died on the cross so our sins can be forgiven. Jesus forgives so much—and we're thankful for that! Through Your Holy Spirit, let us learn more about You today. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Worship

"Today we'll learn about how Jesus forgives so much. Let's sing together about how Jesus loves and forgives us!"

WORSHIP SONGS: *God's Way, All I Wanna Do*

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them that today's story comes from the book of Luke in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

I open my Bible and what do I see? (*Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.*)

God's big story, waiting for me! (*Point to yourself.*)

"Let's watch part of God's big story, a part that comes from the book of Luke in the Bible, which is one of the first four books of the New Testament called the Gospels."

VIDEO: GOD'S BIG STORY

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

SUPPLIES: Bible, paper plates (1 per kid)

Give each child a paper plate.

"In our story today, Jesus went to a meal at someone's house. Let's pretend to join Jesus as He was going to Simon's house for dinner. What would you want to have for dinner if you went to someone's house? Allow the kids to respond. We don't know exactly what Jesus ate at this dinner, but we can pretend we are eating too! As I tell you what happened, you pretend to eat the foods that may have been on Jesus' plate.

On this day, Jesus was sitting for dinner at Simon's home. Pretend to take a bite of warm, homemade bread. **Yum!** Pause to invite the kids to pretend to eat their bread. **Now take a bite of the figs dipped in sweet honey. Tasty! Sticky too!**

At dinners like this, the important people sat at the table and talked with each other. Other people could come and listen, but they didn't get to eat the good food. Everyone, pretend to eat a bit of the fish on your plate. It's so good! Pause to invite the kids to eat the pretend food.

Jesus helped people learn to live in a way that pleased God. He forgave their sins. Sins are the wrong things we do.

A woman who had done lots of wrong things came in. She carried a special jar of perfume. She knelt at Jesus' feet while she cried and wiped her tears on His feet with her hair. She kissed His feet and poured perfume on them.

While I tell you what happened next, let's all pretend to taste the special cake on your plate. It's super-duper delicious. Pretend to take a big bite! Pause to invite the kids to eat the pretend food.

Simon got upset because the woman came to his dinner and touched Jesus' feet. He said Jesus shouldn't let her touch Him because she had sinned! So Jesus told this story: "Two people owed someone money. One owed 500 silver coins. The other owed 50 silver coins. The man let them go without paying. Which of them will love him more?" (From Luke 7:41–42.)

Simon said the one who owed the most money would love the man more—and Jesus agreed. Jesus said the woman showed great love for Him. "I came into your house," Jesus told Simon. "You did not give me any water to wash my feet. But she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair" (Luke 7:44). The woman loved Jesus better than Simon loved Jesus.

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven" (Luke 7:48). Other people at the dinner didn't know how Jesus could forgive sins. Jesus told the woman she was saved because of her faith. Jesus is ready to forgive anyone. Jesus forgives so much!

Our special dinner at Simon's house is over, but there's one last treat: pretend to take a big bite out of the crisp apple on your plate. Pause to invite the kids to eat the pretend food. **Good job!**

Leader Tip: To make the teaching time more creative, you can ask the kids to draw the pretend foods on their plates ahead of time: a piece of bread, figs and honey, a piece of fish, a slice of cake, and an apple.

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask the following question to kids to help them connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

SLIDE: WONDER TRUTH

"Our Wonder Truth today is **JESUS FORGIVES SO MUCH!** Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

Today in God's big story, Jesus forgave the woman who had many sins. Later Jesus would die on the cross to make the way for everyone's sins to be forgiven. Jesus' love and forgiveness changed this woman, and they change everyone who trusts in Him!"

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray over them and thank God for forgiveness. Use your own words. Here is an example:

Dear God, Your love is so big! And Jesus forgives so much! Thank You that our sins can be taken away. Forgive us for the wrong things we've done, and help us love You like You love us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them. Use your own words. Here is an example.

Blessing: May you be like the woman who came to Jesus. May you come to Him, honor Him, and love Him with all your hearts. And as you follow Him, may you walk with Him always.