

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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- Responding in Worship: Disappearing Sins
- Closing Game: Happy Feet



[Walking With Jesus Preschool Spotify playlist](#)



## LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

### 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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**Play Stations**

**SUPPLIES:** assorted toy coins (at least 15), plastic bin, water, cups, measuring spoons, various small measuring items, coloring utensils

**RESOURCES:** [Jesus Is Anointed Coloring Sheet](#) (1 per kid)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

**"Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today?"**

**Play Station: Counting Coins**

**Set-up:** Set out assorted toy coins.

**Play:** Invite kids to count out five or 10 coins. Ask which number of coins is bigger: five or 10? What are their favorite coins—and why? Can they stack coins? Can they toss them in the air, so they land with heads up?

**Play Station: Water World**

**Set-up:** Fill a bin with water. Place cups, measuring spoons, and various small measuring items nearby.

**Play:** Encourage kids to experiment with scooping up water and pouring it into other containers or over their own hands. Challenge kids to pour water from a larger to a smaller container to see how much water will fit and how much will overflow.

**Play Station: Jesus Is Anointed Coloring Sheet**

**Set-up:** Print one copy per kid of the Coloring Sheet. Set out the Coloring Sheets and coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. Encourage kids to draw their favorite pair of stinky shoes or something they think smells good.

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

### WORD OF WONDER

**Come to me, all who are tired. I will give you rest.**

—from Matthew 11:28

**"Let's practice saying our Word of Wonder.** Lead kids in saying the Word of Wonder. **Great job!** **Now let's play a hopping game.** Stand at one end of the room and have the kids stand at the opposite end.

**We're going to break our Word of Wonder into three parts: "Come to me," "all who are tired," and "I will give you rest." In our game, each time you say a part of the Word of Wonder, you can take one hop toward me. Let's see how many hops it takes for you all to get here."**

Have the kids say the three parts and hop once with each phrase until all the kids get to where you're standing in the room. To play again, move to the other end of the room and start over.

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

- **COME TO ME,**—Fan one arm toward your body, as if inviting someone to come with you.
- **ALL**—Spread your arms out in a circle.
- **WHO ARE TIRED.**—Pretend to sleep.
- **I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**—Cross arms over your chest.
- **FROM MATTHEW 11:28**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **What's a special place you like to rest in when you're tired? What did God make special about that spot?**
- **Jesus invites everyone to come rest in Him. What does that help us know about Jesus?**

## God's Big Story / Snack

**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 hear 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."**

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read Luke 7:36–50 from the Bible.

## Circle Time: Your Nose Knows

**SUPPLIES:** common essential oils, such as lemon, peppermint, vanilla or orange (4) cotton balls (4); disposable cups (4); clear kitchen stretch wrap; rubber bands (4); writing utensil; paper

**"In today's story, a woman went to see Jesus and used perfume from her jar on Jesus' feet. We're going to use our smell today as we review our story."**

Prepare several small containers with cotton balls soaked in various scented oils or extracts, such as lavender, vanilla, or citrus.

Before kids arrive, gather three essential oils with distinct scents. Add a bit of essential oil to each cotton ball and place one cotton ball in each cup. Wrap clear kitchen stretchy wrap around the top of each cup, and use a rubber band to seal each cup (if the wrap doesn't seal on its own to the cup). Shortly before doing this activity, poke several holes through the wrap using the tip of a pencil or pen to allow kids to smell the scents.



**"We're going to do an activity where we'll take turns smelling different scents. As you smell them, you can think about whether the scents smell good or bad. If the scent smells good to you, give a thumbs-up. If the scent smells bad to you, give a thumbs-down. There's no right or wrong answer in this activity, so don't worry if you think a scent smells good and someone else doesn't!"**

**We don't all like the same smells, but maybe we can find a favorite.**

After passing around all three cups, see if there is one that the kids all liked the most—that one is the winner!

**Let's remember how much we liked some of these smells because today we'll hear about something that smells even nicer: perfume. A lot of perfume. Perfume poured out on the feet of someone special. Do you know who it is? Allow answers.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Why did Jesus go to Simon's house?** *(to have dinner)*
2. **Why didn't Simon want Jesus to be near the woman?** *(She'd done wrong things.)*
3. **What was in the woman's jar?** *(perfume)*
4. **What did Jesus do for the woman?** *(forgave her sins)*
5. **How do you think the woman felt when Jesus forgave her sins?**
6. **The woman poured out her perfume to show she loved Jesus. How can you show that you love Jesus?**
7. **How does it make you feel to know that Jesus forgives you?**

**Jesus forgave the woman's sins, and He still forgives sins. We all do wrong things—that's sin. But Jesus will forgive our sins, no matter what we've done. Let's be thankful that Jesus forgives so much! Let's talk to God now in prayer!"**

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not want to pray out loud—and that's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and to thank God for Jesus' forgiving so much.

## Head to Large Group!

Return and finish the rest of this guide before parents arrive.

### Responding in Worship: Disappearing Sins

**SUPPLIES:** disposable tablecloths, bins (1 per every 5 kids), water, black permanent marker (leader only), paper towels (1 per kid), washable markers (1 per kid), lined trash can (optional)

**RESOURCES:** songs from the [Walking with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) (optional)

Before kids arrive, place tablecloths where kids will work. Fill the bins halfway with water and put them out on the tablecloths. Ahead of time, use the permanent marker to draw a heart on a piece of paper towel for each child.

**"Today we discovered Jesus forgives so much! When He forgives us, He takes our sins away. Let's have some fun seeing how that looks."**

Gather kids and give each child a paper towel and a washable marker. First, invite kids to draw a picture of something people do that is sinful. Remind them that sin is anything we say, think, or do that is not what God wants. If they need help thinking, offer examples such as disobeying a leader, telling a lie, or hurting a friend. Next, have kids dip their paper towels in the water in the bin. If kids move their towels around a bit, the washable marker will come off, and the heart will remain. Once they see that the picture is erased and the heart is still on their towel, encourage the kids to carefully throw away their wet paper towels and dry off their hands.



**Leader Tip:** It may help to have a lined trash can nearby so kids can throw their wet paper towels away when finished.

**When Jesus forgave the woman's sins, those sins disappeared forever. When Jesus forgives our sins, He takes those sins away too. Jesus forgives so much—I'm so glad He forgives us!**

**Leader Tip:** This activity takes some patience, so encourage kids to take their time when gently moving their towels underwater.



Consider playing worship music from the [Walking with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) in the background as children do this activity.

## Closing Activity: Happy Feet

Ask kids to spread out around the room.

**"When the woman came to pour perfume on Jesus' feet, she didn't let anyone stop her. I'm going to call out some things you can do with your feet. Don't let anyone stop you either!"**

Call out actions kids can take with their feet. Keep the game fun by joining in yourself. Also, frequently switch up how they'll move. Encourage kids to move around the room as they do the actions.

Call out the following actions:

- walking
- hopping
- dancing
- jumping
- balancing on one foot
- sliding (moving without lifting feet from the floor)
- walking backward
- walking sideways
- running in place

**Make It Inclusive!** Involve kids who have mobility challenges by having them join you in clapping to set the pace of the various actions. Do quick clapping for running in place and slow clapping for walking backward.