

THE SINFUL WOMAN

Matthew 8:5-13



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Message	We love Jesus, so He forgives our sins.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jesus saw how much the woman loved Him and wanted her sins to be forgiven.■ Jesus will forgive us if we are truly sorry for the mistakes we make.
Bible Text	Luke 7:36–50

The Sinful Woman



One day a Pharisee named Simon asked Jesus to come to his house for something to eat. Jesus went to the home of the Pharisee and sat down to eat.

A woman, who was known in the city for the ungodly way she lived, came to the house with a container of expensive perfume. She stood behind Jesus and cried. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. When she was finished, she kissed His feet and poured perfume on them.

The Pharisee, who had invited Jesus into his home, was a little puzzled by what he saw.

He thought to himself, "If this man is a real prophet, He would know what this woman has done."

Jesus said to Simon, "There was once a creditor who had two people who owed him money.

One person owed him five hundred denarii, and the other person owed him fifty. Neither of the people could pay their debts. The creditor forgave both of them of their debts. Which of the two men loved the creditor more?"

Simon replied, "I would guess the person who had the larger debt forgiven."

Jesus answered, "You are right!" Jesus turned to the woman and said, "Do you see this woman? She washed My feet and dried them with her hair when I entered your home. You did not give me any water to wash My feet. This woman has not stopped kissing My feet since I entered your home. You did not kiss Me. This woman put perfume on My feet when you did not. This woman may have many sins, but they are forgiven because she has shown Me much love." He turned to the woman and said, "Your sins are forgiven."

The others at the table said to one another, "Who is He to forgive her sins?"

Jesus then said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, chair, bowl filled with water.....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is a Denarius? (It is a monetary silver coin.)
- If you did something wrong what do you do to show that you feel sorry? (Apologise, ...)
- What does the sinful woman do?
(She cries, washes Jesus' feet with her tears, dries them with her hair, she kisses His feet.)
- What does the Pharisee think? (Jesus is not a prophet. He does not know what she has done.)
- Why does Jesus tell the Pharisee the story about the creditor and the debtors?
(Jesus loved the woman more than he loved the Pharisee.)
- How does the woman feel when Jesus forgives all her sins?

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus saw how much the woman loved Him and wanted her sins to be forgiven.
- Jesus will forgive us if we are truly sorry for the mistakes we make.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus forgave the sinful woman who loved Him no matter how many sins she had committed.
- What situations do you know, where you acted wrongly?
(Telling lies, hurt someone, ignore the plea of your mother, ...)
- Jesus will forgive us if we are sorry for what we have done and ask for forgiveness.

Repeat the Message
We love Jesus, so He forgives our sins.