

Jesus was Anointed

Luke 7:36-50

Jesus: Forgives

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
-John 14:6

Summer Sunday Schedule:

8:55-9:05 - Welcome/arrival
9:10-9:30 - Project Station (classroom)
9:35-9:55 - Game Station (LG1)
10-10:20 - Story Station (LG2)
10:20-10:45 - Back to classroom;
snack and transition to 2nd service

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Take time to prepare your heart and mind by spending time in the Word reading Luke 7:36-50. Note your observations about Jesus' character and what truths you see so you can share them with the kids.

This story is an amazing example of Jesus' great love and forgiveness toward all who believe in Him. Every person carries a spiritual debt because of sin, and it's a debt that we cannot repay on our own. But, the good news is that Jesus offers complete forgiveness and cancels our debt entirely.

As we teach, let's lead our kids to see the bad news of their sin, but also the good news that Jesus loves them and offers them new life with God. He wants to relieve us of the burden of sin in our lives so we can live the way He designed us to.



When the children arrive, introduce yourself, ask them their name, welcome them to the class, and invite them to play with the other children. When most kids have arrived for first service, ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.



LESSON OVERVIEW

- Big bowl
- Towel
- Plastic utensil
- Pillow
- Can/box of food

How do you welcome a guest into your home? **Do you tidy up your house before you have guests? Do you offer them a drink or special seat?** (Allow responses)

Discuss how our bible story today is about a woman who did something very unexpected at a dinner party with Jesus. Pull out props one at a time to talk about the difference between dinner parties in the Bible vs. dinner parties today.

- Big bowl with towel - Dirty dusty feet b/c of sandals and dirty roads meant they washed their feet vs. today we wear fancy shoes (no need to wash feet)
- Plastic fork or spoon - Eating with hands vs. eating with utensils
- Pillow - Sitting on a pillow at a low table vs. sitting on a chair
- Can or box of food - Types of food they would eat - grapes, nuts, bread, figs, wine vs. (kids fill in the blank on their favorite food.)

Summarize Luke 7:36-50 and then discuss the following questions:

Is a person ever too bad or too sinful for Jesus to save? No! Jesus is the powerful Savior who took the punishment for sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. No sin is too big for Him to forgive, and no person is too far away from Him to save.

Can we do anything or be good enough to earn salvation? The Bible tells us that Christians are saved only by grace through faith in Jesus. We are all sinful and cannot do anything to earn salvation. Jesus died in our place so that believers can have forgiveness and a new life with Him.

What are some ways we can show thankfulness and love toward God? The best way we can show our love and thankfulness to God is to live in a way that pleases and honors Him. If He has saved us, we are His children and we should live in a way that points others to Him.



ACTIVITY:

Beaded Crosses

- Pipe cleaners (cut in half and twisted into a cross)
- Pony Beads
- Masking Tape

Draw a line down the middle of the dry erase board and ask the children the following questions. Have them give a thumbs up or a thumbs down for their answer. As you do, write the “sin” words that go along with each question on both sides of the board (lie, disobey, mean words, steal, jealousy, etc.).

Questions:

- Have you ever told a lie?
- Have you ever disobeyed your parents?
- Have you ever said mean words to someone?
- Have you ever not shared a toy?
- Have you ever taken something from someone else?
- Have you ever thought mean thoughts about someone?
- Have you ever wanted something that wasn't yours so bad that was all you could think about?

Talk about how we all do these things, that no one is perfect. We live in a fallen and broken world and our hearts are not naturally good, we all sin and sin is what separates us from God.

Next, form two teams. Relay style, kids will take turns running up to wipe off one word. The first team to erase all their words wins. When all the words are gone, write FORGIVEN across the board.

SAY: When you wiped the words off the board, it showed what Jesus does when He forgives us. Our sins—like lying, disobeying, or being selfish—don’t stay written down forever. Jesus doesn’t just smudge them or make them lighter; He erases them completely. In our Bible story, JESUS FORGAVE A WOMAN’S SINS. She had many sins, but Jesus forgave her and gave her a clean slate. The Bible says that when we trust in Jesus, He removes our sin and gives us His perfect life. That’s why we can live with joy, peace, and thankfulness—because we are truly forgiven.

Pass out supplies to make bead crosses (2 pipe cleaners per student and beads). Explain that they will get to take their own cross home to remind them of Jesus’ forgiveness and love toward them. Follow the steps below:

- Slide 1 accent color and 3 regular color beads on opposite sides of the cross.
 - Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner containing the beads around the last bead.
- Slide 1 accent color and 7 regular color beads on the bottom of the cross.
 - Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner containing the beads around the last bead.
- Slide 1 accent color and 3 regular color beads on the top of the cross.
 - Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner containing the beads around the last bead.



MEMORY VERSE GAME

Tower Stack

- Key Passage Poster
- Cups with words from verse

Practice John 14:6 together a few times.

Divide the class into four teams. Give each team a set of cups with words from the verse written on them.

Have each team work together to stack their cups in the correct order of the verse (with the verse starting at the bottom and working their way up!)

For an added challenge, see which group can finish first without their tower falling over!

Have the whole class repeat the verse again.

