

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:

10:45-10:55 - Welcome/arrival
11:00 - 11:20 - Project Station (classroom)
11:25-11:45 - Game Station (LG1)
11:50-12:10 - Story Station (LG2)
12:15 - Back to room for dismissal

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: Perfume Jar Craft

- Brown construction paper
- Perfume Jar sheet
- Scissors
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scotch Tape

Have the children find Luke 7:36 in their Bibles. Summarize the story and then read verses 44-47.

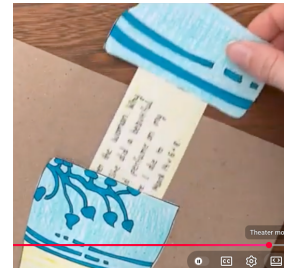
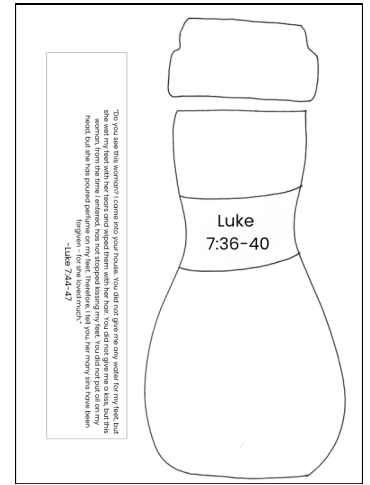
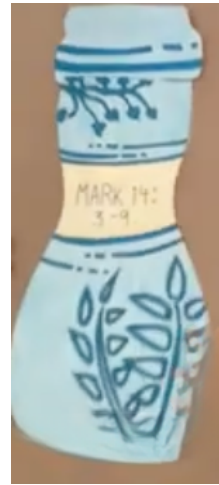
Pass out a perfume jar sheet to each child.

Have them decorate their perfume jar with markers and colored pencils. Then, have them cut out the jar, lid and verse.

Pass out a sheet of brown construction paper to each child.

Have them tape the verse to the top of the perfume jar lid. Then, have them glue the perfume jar to the brown construction paper, but only putting glue around the edges, not anywhere in the middle.

For the final step, have them slide their lid (with the verse attached) inside the jar so they can open and close the jar.



Doodle Prayer

- Doodle Page
- Pencils
- USB link to Kidz at Heart Doodle Prayer Experience

Pass out paper and pencils and ask the kids to spread out across the room.

Inform them that you are going to give them some time to sit alone, think, and pray, asking God to reveal anything in their lives that they may need to turn from. Encourage them to bring their requests, questions, struggles, joys and trials before God and to simply relax and enjoy being still in His presence as they doodle.

Pull up the link on the USB to the KidZ at Heart Doodle Prayer Experience. Hit play and follow along with the audio prompts.

****Check it out ahead of time [HERE](#)**

Doodle Prayer is also a great spiritual practice to help children connect personally with God! It can be done with children of nearly all ages, and helps them stay focused during quiet times. We encourage you to introduce it as a way to help students discover God's love for them.

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