

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.

MEMORY VERSE: Come to me, all who are tired. I will give you rest. —from [Matthew 11:28](#)

CURIOSITY

Interactive activities to help kids begin thinking about the wonder of God.

- Free Play
- Declaring God's Wonder



BELIEF

A deep and interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Memory Verse: [From Matthew 11:28](#)

FAITH

An intentional interactive discussion that helps kids discover the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own.

- Circle Time: Discussion
- Prayer and Blessing

CLOSING

Interactive activities to reinforce the lesson and keep kids engaged during pick up.

- Is This You?
- Happy Feet

INVITATION

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

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!

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.

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

Free Play

As kids arrive...

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and help them find a game or activity to enjoy until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationship. Getting on their level and playing right alongside them is a great way to do that!

PRO TIP: Use this time for a bathroom reminder!

Clean Up

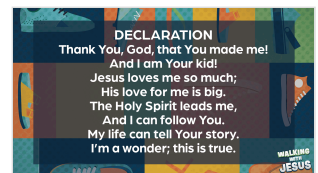
At the end of free play...

Play the Clean Up video to signal time to put away toys and activities. After working together to clean up, gather kids on sit spots, chairs, or benches to begin the lesson.

Declaring God's Wonder

SUPPLIES: Early Childhood Declaration [Slide](#)

Show the [Declaration Slide](#) and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.



Welcome to church today, friends! I am so glad to be here with all of you. Let's get started with our declaration. These words that we're going to declare together remind us of what God says is true about me and you! Stand up and repeat after me:

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 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").



Belief

LESSON 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Guide kids into knowing God more deeply, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Forgives So Much!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7

MEMORY VERSE: From Matthew 11:28

Worship

SUPPLIES: Worship music videos

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

Play songs and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **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.**

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.

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.

God's Big STORY SCRIPT: JESUS IS ANOINTED

SUPPLIES: Bible, paper plates (1 per kid), [God's Big Story Video](#)

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—because she believed in Jesus. Jesus is ready to forgive anyone.

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.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Jesus Is Anointed God's Big Story!](#)



Connecting the Wonder Truth

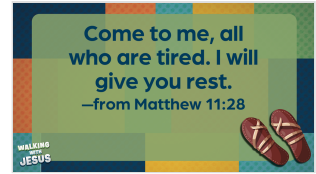
Our Wonder Truth today is **JESUS FORGIVES SO MUCH!**

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!

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse slide

Let's practice saying our memory verse together. Lead kids in saying the verse along with the motions below. **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.



MEMORY VERSE

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

—from Matthew 11:28

We're going to break our verse 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 verse 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.*



Faith

LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

Divide kids into small groups and pass out coloring sheets to keep hands busy during discussion. Don't forget to practice the memory verse and award prizes!

Circle Time: Discussion

In today's story, a woman went to see Jesus and used perfume from her jar on Jesus' feet. Let's talk more about what we heard in today's story.

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.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish, pray with them and thank God for forgiveness.

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.

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.

The logo for Wonder Ink, featuring the word "Wonder" in a colorful, multi-colored font (orange, blue, green, yellow) and "Ink" in a blue font below it, all on a dark blue background.

Closing

LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Use the following activities to reinforce the lesson and keep kids engaged during pick up.

Option 1: Is This You?

Invite the kids to sit down. **We're going to play a game, and I'm going to say something that might be true about you. If it is, jump up and shout, "Jesus forgives so much!" and then sit down again. If what I say is not true about you, just stay seated.**

Call out the following statements and pause after each one to allow the kids to stand up and say, "Jesus forgives so much!" if the statement is true for them:

- I have a brother.
- I have a sister.
- I have a dog.
- I have a cat named Mr. Whiskerdoodles.
- I can do a somersault.
- I like to sing.
- I play soccer.
- My favorite color is green.
- I am wearing the color blue right now.
- My name starts with the letter B.
- Jesus can forgive me.

Be sure everyone stands for the last statement. **Even when we do wrong things, Jesus loves us and still wants to be our friend. And if we ask Him to forgive us, He will. We can be thankful that Jesus can take our sins away!**

Option 2: 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