

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.

Free Play

Declaration

Worship

Snack

Prayer and Blessing

God's Big Story

Activity: Stretch So Big

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.

Free Play

As kids arrive...

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. Help them find a toy or activity to enjoy as check-in continues.

Welcome! I'm happy you're here! Let's have fun together learning about Jesus!

Today we'll talk about a woman who poured perfume on Jesus' feet. Where are your feet?

Ask kids to touch these body parts on their own bodies as you call them out: nose, eyes, hair, feet, elbows, knees, shoulders, ears, mouth, tummies, and toes. Run through the parts a second time but at a quicker pace. Then do it again, but instead of calling out the body part, you point to the body part and let the kids call it out.

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

Let's say that while we use some special motions. Do what I do and, if you can, repeat after me.

JESUS—*Point up.*

FORGIVES—*Touch your chest.*

SO MUCH!—*Stretch your arms out as wide as you can.*

Clean Up

At the end of free play...

Play the Clean Up video and encourage kids to help clean up toys to prepare for worship, snack, and story time. After working together to clean up, gather kids on sit spots to say the declaration together.

Declaring God's Wonder

Welcome! I'm so glad to be here with all of you. Let's get started. 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").

Worship

SUPPLIES: Worship music videos

Today we're learning that Jesus forgives so much! We'll learn how Jesus forgave someone who did wrong things. And we'll learn that Jesus can forgive the wrong things we do too. Let's sing together and thank Jesus for how He forgives us!

Play songs and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

Snack

SUPPLIES: small paper cups, cheerios, pitcher of water

Gather kids around snack tables and serve snack. After praying, begin the Bible story while kids are busy eating.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's pray and thank God for how He forgives us!

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank you that Jesus forgives so much! We love You, God! 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 a friend of Jesus today, tomorrow, and forever. And may you know that He forgives you so much! Amen.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, dolls

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a time when Jesus had dinner at someone's home and taught something very important. Let's find out from the Bible what Jesus said!

Show kids the dolls and use them throughout to act out the story.

As I tell you what happened in the story, I'll show you what happened with my doll.

One day, Jesus went to Simon's home for dinner. Move your doll like it's walking.

When Jesus got to Simon's house, Jesus sat down to eat. Have your doll sit down.

While Jesus was eating—move your doll so it picks up food and eats it—**a woman came into the room. She was someone who had done many wrong things.**

The woman was carrying a jar of perfume. Move your doll's arms so it looks like it's carrying something.

The woman went to Jesus and poured out the perfume on His feet. Pretend to pour out your jar— **every last drop. She cried and wiped Jesus' feet with her tears and her hair.** Touch your doll's feet and hair.

Simon wasn't happy about it because the woman sinned a lot—that means she did a lot of wrong things. Jesus said that He forgave the woman for the wrong things she had done! He didn't just forgive a little. He forgave a lot!

Jesus told Simon that the woman wasn't wrong to pour perfume on Jesus' feet. He said that Simon hadn't even given Jesus water to wash His dusty feet. So the woman showed more love to Jesus than Simon did!

Jesus forgave the woman for the many wrong things she had done. When she left she was very happy.

Have your doll stand up and dance. **Let me see if you can be as happy as the woman Jesus forgave!** Encourage the kids to dance and celebrate.

Activity: Stretch So Big

In this game, you can show me how tall or big something is by holding your hands apart. If I call out something that is little, keep your hands close together, like this (demonstrate holding your hands close together). **If I call out something that is big, you might have to stretch out your arms.**

Ask the following questions:

- How big is your favorite stuffed toy?
- How long is a marker?
- How long is the spoon you use to eat?
- How long is your foot?
- How tall is your bed?
- How long is your finger?
- How big is a dog or cat you like?
- How far can you stretch your arms?
(Demonstrate stretching your arms out to your sides.)

- How big is a building block?
- How big is a ball you play with?
- How wide is your smile?
- How tall are you?
- How much does Jesus forgive us?

See if you can stretch so big. Now stretch sooo big—just a little bigger. Now stretch your biggest stretch ever! That’s how much you can stretch, and it’s not even big enough to show how much Jesus will forgive us for the wrong things we’ve done. Jesus forgives soooooo much!