

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 9: Anointed By Sinful Woman (from Luke 7:36-50)

## To the Teacher:

*This week we see how Jesus spent time with and cared for a woman who was likely abused, rejected, and shunned from her society. We do not know the specifics of her work, but it was likely not the type of work we often speak to children about. Yet, she was a human made in the image of our Creator and loved by Jesus. Though she was rejected by her community, taken advantage of, and known for her sin, Jesus accepted her and she was grateful for it. Pray that the kids, and yourself, will come to Jesus in the same acknowledgement of your need, and gratitude for his grace.*

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** The weight of sin: sin is a burden or weight too heavy for us to carry on our own. Jesus came to carry that weight for us.

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. That's heavy!! Put out different objects of varying weights. As the kids pick up the different objects and see which one weighs the most, which one is the lightest, etc. Have something that is VERY heavy that the kids cannot pick up on their own. Explain to the kids that sin is too heavy for us to carry. Jesus carries it for us.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Coloring page: The coloring page is the last page of this lesson.

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Hear God's Word**

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**We can trust in Jesus.**

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**Welcome, friends.**

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

### **Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** *God, thank You that You forgive all sins through Jesus. Even if we think we are good kids, help us to see that we still sin and still need you! If we sin a lot, thank you that you don't turn us away or shame us. You welcome us with all of our mess, love us, and tell us to go and love others like you love us. Help us to do that! Amen.*

**Story:** from Luke 7: 36-50

[READ]

*Jesus was once invited to an important man's home for a meal. Jesus had walked a long way. He was tired and his feet were dusty because they only had sandals to wear back then and they walked everywhere. Back in those days, when someone special came to dinner, the host had a servant wash the guest's feet. Then, the host would anoint the head of his guest with sweet-smelling oil. But when Jesus arrived, the important man did not have Jesus' feet washed, and he did not pour sweet-smelling oil on Jesus' head. After they sat down to eat, a woman came in with a jar of expensive perfume. She fell at his feet and began to cry. Her tears fell on Jesus' feet and she began to wipe his feet with her hair to clean them off. She then kissed his feet and poured the sweet perfume on them.*

*The important man was shocked! This woman was not someone he wanted to have in his house. She had done many bad and shameful things. He*

*thought to himself: This Jesus is not a great prophet like everyone says. If he were, he would know how bad this woman is, and he wouldn't let her touch his feet. Jesus knew what the man was thinking, and he told a story that went something like this:*

*"There were two people who were carrying heavy burdens. One carried a burden weighing a hundred pounds, the other carried a burden weighing ten pounds. They could only let go of their burdens if someone else offered to take them. Both of the people were so tired. The one with the heavier weight didn't know if he/she could make it any longer. Suddenly someone offered to take their burdens! Who do you suppose was more thankful: the one carrying the lighter weight or the one with the heavier weight?"*

*The woman who washed Jesus' feet was carrying a heavy weight of sin. She knew she had sinned a lot; she knew what other people thought about her. But she also knew that Jesus loved her and forgave her and took that weight of sin away. And the woman wanted to show Jesus how happy she was. The important man didn't think he had many sins. He thought he was much better than the woman. But he was wrong. All of us have sinned, and none of us is better than anybody else. Jesus forgives us all. And we should all be as thankful as that woman who washed Jesus' feet.*

Have kids cheer, **"Jesus takes our burdens!"**

[Reflection Questions]

1. Why do you think the woman was crying when she came to see Jesus
2. Has Jesus only forgiven the woman's sins?
3. Do only the people that have sinned a lot need Jesus' forgiveness?
4. Can Jesus forgive your sins? How does that make you feel?

**Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

**BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

**EAT:** *Jesus accepted this woman at the table, around a meal. Who can you and your family **eat** with this week and share the love of Jesus with as you share a meal?*

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that 2-4's playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.**

**Thank you that Jesus that you take our burdens and sin.**

**Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**



**Jesus forgives a woman.**

**Luke 7**