

Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



LESSON TITLE: Anointing Jesus' Feet

THEME: Jesus is worthy of all honor.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:36-50

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions (five per week) for children and their families through which we hope to reinforce Sunday's lesson, provide ideas for the application of God's Word, and encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. Since the age of your child will affect how they respond to the content, we suggest you make them age appropriate by adding your own ideas.

In the lesson this week, we learned about a time when a certain woman **anointed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50)**. We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. A Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner and while He was there a woman came and washed His feet with her tears and then anointed His feet with fragrant oil. The Bible doesn't say a lot about her except that she was a sinner and wanted to receive forgiveness.

The Pharisee, unlike the woman who anointed Jesus with fragrant oil, gave Jesus no special honor. In fact, he was judging Jesus in his heart because Jesus was talking to this sinful woman. Jesus taught us a valuable lesson about His forgiveness and our response to Him. We don't deserve salvation; it is a gift from God. **Jesus is worthy to receive all of our worship and respect.**

We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

Day One

Even as a Sinner?

Text: Romans 5:8 - "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Also read Romans 5:6-8

Joel didn't want to forgive Tommy. Every day after school, Tommy would hide out, then sneak up behind Joel and push his books out of his hands making his books fall to the ground and papers fly everywhere. Tommy would just laugh and run away. Of course, this was really starting to get on Joel's nerves! But Joel knew what the Bible taught about forgiving those who do not treat you very well. He began to pray for Tommy.

One day Tommy ran out from behind a tree toward Joel. He did not see a hole in the grass and his foot got caught in the hole, twisting his ankle. Tommy screamed as he fell to the ground. Clutching his ankle, he lay there moaning. Joel thought for a moment. He could just go over to Tommy and say, "It serves you right!" then walk away. Instead, He thought of what would make Jesus happy. He helped him to sit up then ran to get help from one of the teachers at the school.

How is this like what Jesus did for us? We were all sinners—it was our nature to do wrong in disobedience to God. But, God did not leave us that way. He loved us so much that He sent His Son who took upon Himself all of the punishment for our sin. He did this while we were still sinners! He did not wait for us to change and obey Him before He died for us. Joel did not wait for Tommy to ask for forgiveness before he helped him; instead, he demonstrated Jesus' love and mercy by helping a person who had been mistreating him.

It is amazing to think about the love of Jesus. Even when we did not love Jesus, He loved us and desired to have a relationship with us. He proved His great love at the cross, laying down His life for us even when we were still sinners, filled with wrongdoing and rebellion. What a loving God that we serve! **(Story continued on Day Two)**

- How were Joel's actions like Jesus?
- What was our condition (what were we like) when Jesus gave His life for us?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Sinner: A person who has sinned even once; every person is a sinner.
Demonstrate: To show or give an example of.

Day Two

The Love of Jesus

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14 - "For the love of Christ constrains us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;"

Also read 2 Corinthians 5:21

(Continued from Day One) Tommy survived the twisted ankle ordeal pretty well. No bones were broken. He would be on crutches for a little while until his ankle healed. The next day, Joel saw Tommy wobbling toward him on his crutches. Joel was uneasy. He was not sure if he could trust Tommy, even on crutches! "Would Tommy figure out some way to stand with his crutches and still knock his books out of his hands? Maybe, he could use the crutches to knock down the books!" Tommy interrupted Joel's racing thoughts, "Joel, sorry for all of the times I've knocked your books out of your hands. That was really nice of you to help me out, yesterday; I mean...I know I've been pretty mean to you...Hope you can forgive me."

Joel couldn't believe his ears! He knew that the Lord was answering his prayers. Joel responded cheerily, "No problem...Let's be friends!" In the days that followed, Joel and Tommy's new friendship grew. There is something special and very real about becoming friends with someone who was once an enemy. Joel invited Tommy to church and he began coming regularly. God can do exciting things when we decide to obey Him!

Joel's decision to show love toward Tommy, even when he was being mean, made Tommy stop and think about what he was doing. A new friendship was created. The Bible says it is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4). Though we were walking in rebellion and wrongdoing, God loved us and sought to bring us into a relationship with Him by sending His only Son to die on the cross, taking the punishment we deserved. When we realize how much God loves us, we are drawn to Him. We gladly trade our guilt and shame to accept the invitation to become His own dear children. Have you accepted Jesus' invitation? Jesus waits with open arms for you to receive His love and grace.

- How did Tommy respond to Joel's kindness?
- How did God demonstrate His love for us?
- What makes us want to turn from our wrongdoing and have a relationship with God?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Repentance: To be sorry about a sin or past actions and change your ways or habits.

The Pharisee

Text: Luke 7:36 - "Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat."

Also read Luke 7:36-50

Simon was a Pharisee. A Pharisee was a religious leader or ruler among the Jews. They would tell all of the people how they were supposed to live in order to please God. The only problem was that they added a lot of rules to God's Word. They lost sight of how important it is to love others and how much God loves people. In fact, they started to make up rules that made it very hard to understand God's love. The Pharisees began to believe that keeping all of their rules saved them and that they were better than those who didn't keep those rules.

Simon thought that he was a very good man. He kept all of the rules. One night, he invited Jesus over for dinner. A woman entered the house who was known to be a sinner. She began to wash Jesus' feet with her tears and dry them with her hair. Simon thought, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." He thought Jesus must not be who He claimed to be if he did not know a sinful person was touching him. Simon would have never allowed himself to be touched by such a woman. Jesus knew exactly what Simon was thinking. Simon could not hide what was in his heart. Jesus loved Simon and used the opportunity to teach Him.

Simon thought he was okay because he had tried really hard his whole life to keep the law, but Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned." Our hearts can be deceitful. God teaches us His truths, even though our hearts are often stubborn and disobedient like Simon's. David gloried in the fact that God teaches sinners in the way: "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, He teaches sinners in the way" (Psalm 25:8). Should we think we are doing pretty good, and then find that the truth of God's Word reveals our failure, we should not be discouraged. It just means we had forgotten how much we need Jesus. No matter how hard we try not to sin, we still sin. Instead, let us glory in the fact that God teaches sinners in the way.

- What is a Pharisee?
- Why did Simon think that he was righteous before God?
- When we realize we have sinned and failed, what about Jesus gives us comfort!

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Pharisee: A group of religious leaders among the Jews in New Testament times who were opposed to Jesus.

At Jesus' Feet

Text: Luke 7:38 - "...and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil."

Also read Luke 7:36-50

What is different about how the woman comes to Jesus and how Simon the Pharisee comes to Jesus? The woman came humbly to worship Jesus, because she knew she was a sinner. Simon sat at the table, supporting himself, perhaps feeling he was equal or even better than Jesus. She brought a jar of oil to anoint Jesus' feet; Simon never honored Jesus, even though He was a guest in his home. She was humble and even kissed Jesus' feet, but Simon was thinking poorly of Jesus and judging Him because he allowed a "sinful" woman to wash His feet and anoint Him with oil.

When you think of the two—the woman and Simon, which attitude do you think is the right attitude in which to approach Jesus? The Bible says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). Jesus responded to the woman's act of worship, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." This woman, though a sinner, received grace and forgiveness of sins."

Let us come to God with a humble heart like the woman in our story. In her humility, she was aware she did not deserve grace and forgiveness, but because she knew she was forgiven, her love for Jesus overflowed. So, we need to come to Jesus in humility, aware of our sin and failure, rather than in self-confidence and pride like Simon. When we understand how much God has forgiven us, we too, will feel a deep appreciation for Him. We will desire to sit at His feet and worship and honor Him, amazed at His great love for us. Our love is a response to God's great love. The Bible says, "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

- How did the woman come to Jesus?
- How did Simon come to Jesus?
- What should be our attitude when we come to Jesus?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Anoint: To pour a special oil on a person and set apart that person as holy.

Fragrant: Smells very nice.

Day Five

"Your Faith Has Saved You!"

Text: Luke 7:50 - "Then He said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.'"

Also read Ephesians 2:8-10

John Paton was a missionary who was translating the Bible for a South Seas island tribe of people. As he was working on putting the Bible into their language, he discovered that they had no word for trust or faith. One day, a native who had been running hard came into the missionary's house, flopped himself in a large chair and said, "It's good to rest my whole weight on this chair." "That's it," said Paton. "I'll translate faith as 'resting one's whole weight on God.'"

Maybe you are sitting in a chair right now. You probably did not give a lot of thought as to whether it would hold you up or not. You did not need to look at the legs to make sure that it could hold your weight or study the seat to make sure that it could handle the pressure of sitting on it. You just sat in it and trusted that it would hold you up. If the chair broke under your weight, you probably would not have as much faith the next time you went to sit down.

So, we are saved by "resting our whole weight" on God. The Bible says, "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31). When we rest our whole weight on Jesus, our faith is greatly rewarded. He holds us in strong arms and will never drop us. The woman in our story this week "rested her whole weight" on Jesus and was forgiven and saved. Our good works and all our good intentions cannot save us, only faith "resting our whole weight" on Jesus. Have you asked Jesus into your heart? Do you know the "joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13) as you rest your whole weight upon Him?

- How did the missionary, John Paton describe faith?
- How is faith like sitting in a chair?
- How does the Bible say that we can be saved?

Kid's Prayer Time



Let us be thankful for God's great love for us—His forgiveness and grace—given freely to us as we "rest our whole weight" upon Him.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**"We love Him
because He first
loved us."**

Third Grade and Above

**"We love Him
because He first
loved us."**

1 John 4:19