



I am Forgiven
Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Intro

This week we are using a different passage for ekids to the passage Richard will be using to preach from. We are still thinking about the forgiveness of Jesus that is given to us freely when we ask him, and we are looking at how it changes our lives, but we are thinking about it from a narrative rather than from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

The woman in this story, knows what it is to live by the truth 'I am forgiven'. It seems that when she comes to Jesus, she comes already knowing she is forgiven, which suggests that she must have met Jesus before.

In the story she is described as a sinner, and this seems to be common knowledge in the town.

It is an extravagant thing to pour perfume on Jesus' feet, and Jesus explains to Simon the pharisee through a parable that it's because she loves much, and that's because she has been forgiven much v43

Simon the Pharisee seems most concerned about Jesus' response to the woman, because he views her as a sinner, and his conclusion is that Jesus cannot be a prophet v39.

The woman is responding to the forgiveness she has received, although the first part of v47 could be saying 'her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love' that doesn't fit with the second part of the verse which says 'he who has been forgiven little, loves little'. Forgiveness comes first and love is the response to forgiveness.

Therefore, when Jesus says 'Your sins are forgiven' v48 this is likely to be said as reassurance to the woman, and a sign to those present that he is God.

We see in v50, that it is the woman's faith, i.e. trust in Jesus that has saved her, rather than her actions

Retelling the story

This story is a good one to retell using some sort of play figures (Lego, Duplo, etc).

-It's probably easier for younger children to understand if you leave out v40-43 from your retelling.

-Older children will ask if they need an explanation.

-For some children this is a passage you can read through together, stopping to chat through what's happening as you go.

Concepts you might need to explain

Sin- is doing things that God doesn't want us to do, and when we do things that God doesn't want us to do that upsets God. (If you end up talking about what God doesn't want us to do, try to talk as well about the things that God does want us to do)

Forgiveness-is making things okay with God so he isn't upset with us anymore.

Jesus is the one who has sorted out forgiveness by dying on the cross. So, when we are sad that we have upset God we can say sorry and ask him to forgive us, then God is no longer upset with us.

Faith-in this story is trusting that Jesus can forgive us.

In Summary

To be able to say 'I am Forgiven' is a wonderful privilege, to be forgiven means we have a relationship with God who is the creator and sustainer of the universe. Children just like adults will grow in love for God as they get to know Him more, and the more they see of their sin.

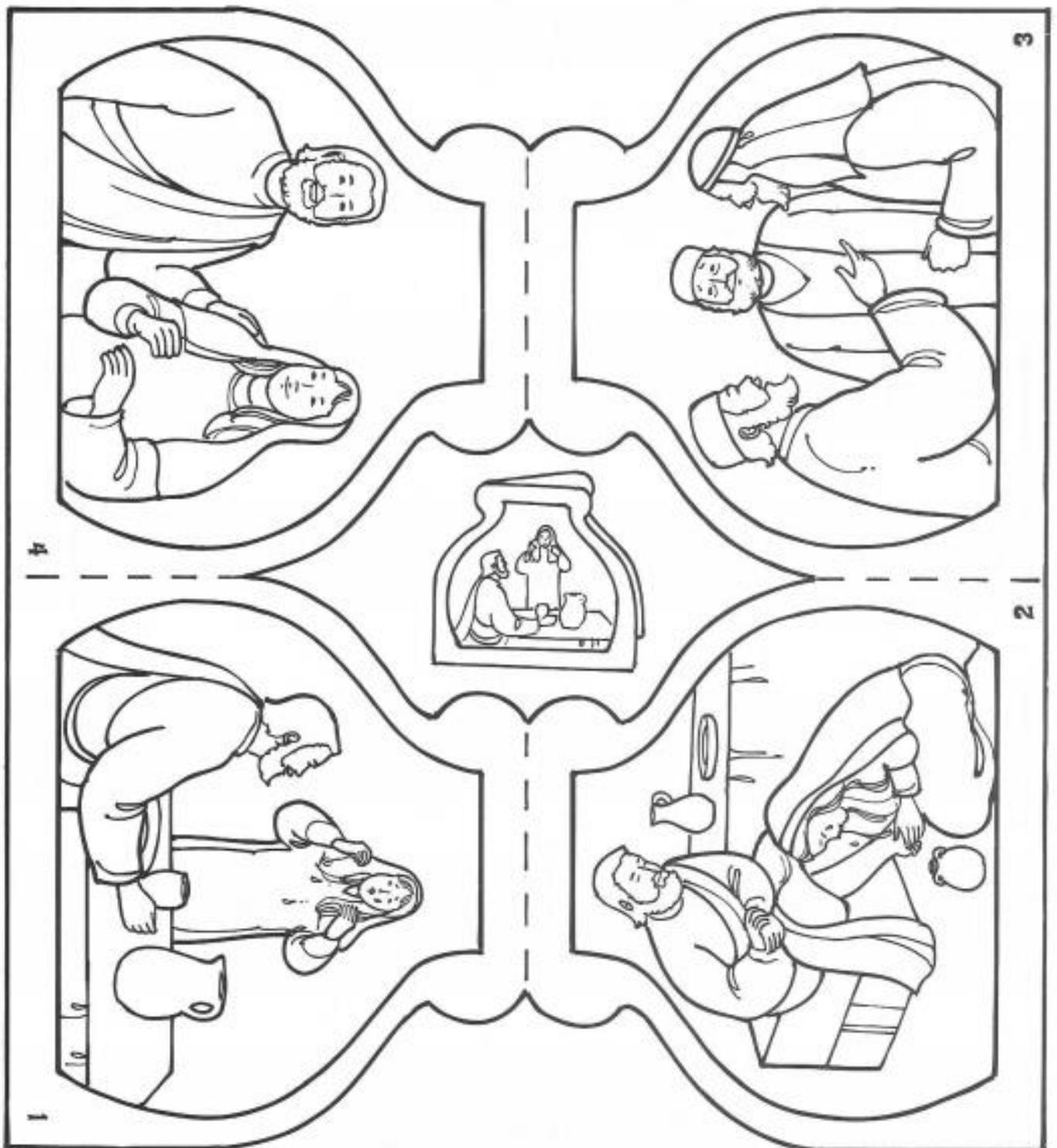
Something to pray

Thank God that he's made it possible for us to be friends with him

Thank Jesus for dying so that we can always be friends with God

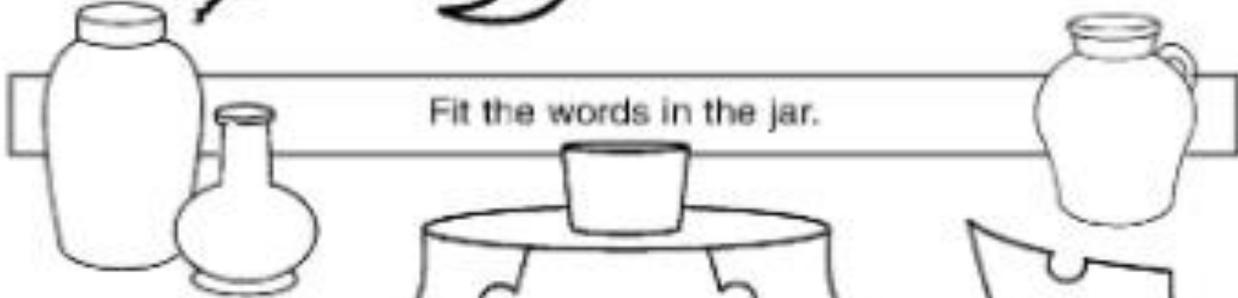
Say sorry to God for the things that you have done today/this weekend that have upset him, and ask him to forgive you.

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Cut around the full lines
Fold along the dotted line to make a book
Spray with perfume or rub with
h soap





Find Jesus' words to the woman who had led a sinful life.



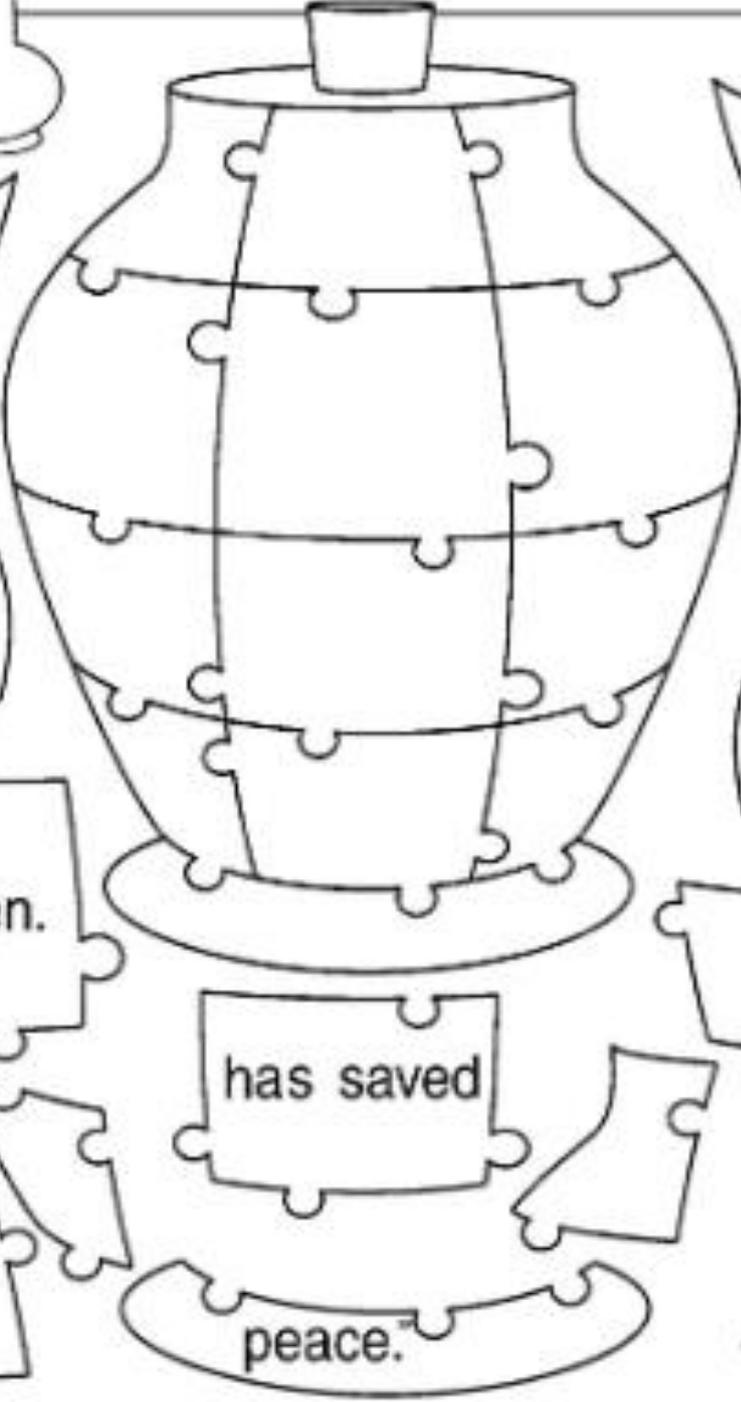
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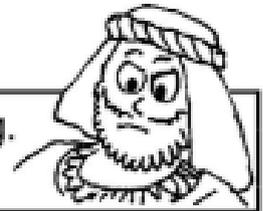
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Jesus went to dinner at the home of a Pharisee. A woman went too.



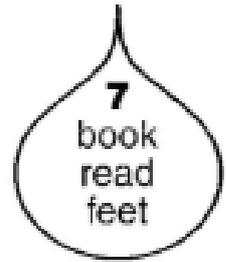
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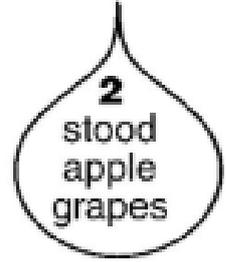
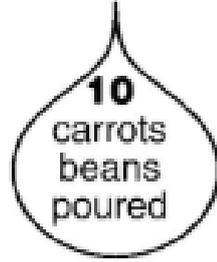
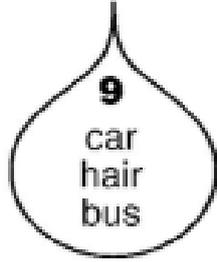
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