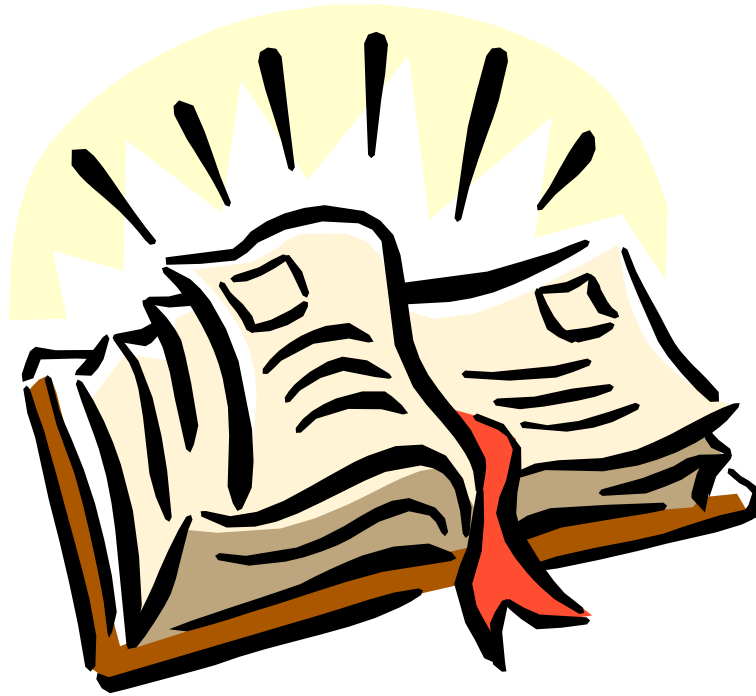


Bible Time for Kids!



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 for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about a time when a certain woman **anointed Jesus' feet**. A Pharisee had 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 on the other hand didn't give Jesus any honor. In fact he was judging Jesus in his heart because Jesus was talking to this sinful woman. Jesus taught a valuable lesson about His forgiveness and our response to Him. We don't deserve salvation, it is a gift from Him. **Jesus is worthy to receive all of our worship and respect.**

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 7:36-50**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

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 then run away. This was really starting to get on Joel's nerves. But Joel knew what the Bible taught about forgiving those who don't treat you very well. He began to pray for Tommy.

One day Tommy ran out from behind a tree towards Joel. He did not see a hole in the grass and his foot went right into the hole, twisting his ankle. Tommy let out a scream and fell right to the ground. What do you think Joel did? He could have just went over to Tommy and told him that it served him right for the way he had been treating him. But instead, he helped him to sit up and ran to get help from a teacher at the school.

How is this like what Jesus did for us? We are all sinners, which means that we naturally disobey God. But God never just left us that way. He did something about it. He loved us so much that He sent His Son who was willing to take on all of the punishment for our sin. He didn't wait for us to change and obey Him before He died for us. He loved us so much that He died for us when we were still sinners. Joel did not wait for Tommy to ask for forgiveness before he helped him; but instead, he demonstrated Jesus' love and mercy by helping the person who had been mistreating him.

Even when we don't love Jesus, He still loves us very much and wants us to come to Him. He died for us even when we were still sinners (doing things wrong or disobeying Him). What a loving God that we serve! **(Story continued on Day Two)**

- What was Tommy doing all of the time to Joel?
- What did Joel do?
- How were Joel's actions like Jesus?

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.

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) The next day Tommy wobbled up to Joel on his crutches. No bones were broken, but Tommy twisted his ankle very badly. Joel wasn't too sure what would happen. He thought that maybe Tommy would figure out some way to stand with his crutches and still knock his books out of his hands. Maybe he would even use the crutches to try to get Joel to drop his books. While all of these thoughts raced through Joel's mind, Tommy started to talk to Joel. "Joel, I wanted to tell you that I am sorry for all of the times that I knocked your books out of your hands. That was very nice that you helped me out yesterday and I know that I have been pretty mean to you. Can you forgive me?"

Joel couldn't believe what he was hearing. He knew that the Lord was answering his prayers. Joel told Tommy that he would forgive him and that it was a pleasure to be able to help him out. Tommy and Joel actually became friends after that. Joel invited Tommy to his church and Tommy started to come. All because Joel was willing to do for Tommy the same thing that Jesus has done for us!

Joel was willing to help Tommy and show love and kindness towards him even when Tommy was doing mean things to him. Because Joel was willing to show love towards Tommy, it made Tommy stop and think about what he was doing. Tommy even wanted to ask forgiveness, and a new friendship was created. It is the same way with us! Jesus loves us even though we disobey Him or sin. But when we realize how much He loves us, even when we are a sinner, it makes us want to turn to Him. We want to ask for forgiveness and be friends with Him. Jesus is there with open arms just waiting for us to come to Him. Have you turned to Jesus and asked Him to come into your heart?

- What did Tommy do on the next day?
- Did Joel forgive Tommy?
- Being a Christian means that we are just responding to Jesus' love towards us!

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Constrain: To hold onto; the love of Christ has a hold on us and we want to serve Him because He first loved us.

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

In our story we are told about a man by the name of Simon who 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. They started to make up rules that made it very hard to understand God's love. It got so bad 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 were.

Simon thought that he was a very good man. He kept all of the rules. He invited Jesus over for dinner one night, but little did he know that Jesus was going to teach him a very important lesson. When Simon saw Jesus allowing the woman to wash His feet with her tears he started to think that Jesus couldn't be who He said He was because He allowed a sinner to touch Him. He thought that He was better than Jesus was. After all, he would never allow a sinner to touch him. But isn't it interesting that Jesus knew exactly what he was thinking and what was in his heart.

Because Jesus loves us so much, He tells us the truth. The truth was that we are all sinners. 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." No matter how hard we try not to sin, we still sin. Does that mean we should give up? Of course not! It means we need Jesus.

- What is a Pharisee?
- Why did Simon think that he was saved?
- What is the only way that we can get to heaven?

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 and worshipped 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 His feet, but Simon was thinking bad thoughts towards Jesus and judging Him because he allowed the woman to wash His feet and anoint Him with oil.

When you think of the two, which attitude would you say is the way that Jesus wants us to come to Him? Should we come asking for forgiveness in humility, honoring Jesus like the woman? Or should we come to Him like Simon did? The answer is found in our story. When we look at verse 50, Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." Jesus said this to the woman, not to Simon. The woman believed in Jesus and was saved.

We need to come to Jesus in the same way. We need to ask Him for forgiveness when we sin. When we understand how much He has forgiven us for, we have a wonderful appreciation for Him. What it creates in our hearts is a desire to worship Him, praise Him and honor Him. Like the woman in our story we want to sit at His feet and just be amazed at how much He loves us. We want to give Him our lives and honor Him with everything we have. "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 did Jesus tell the woman?

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

There is a story about a missionary named John Paton 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. I would imagine that you didn't give a lot of thought as to whether it would hold you up or not. You didn't have 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. But Jesus will never drop us. Our faith is always rewarded by the strength of His loving arm.

The woman in our story this week was saved by faith. That is how we are saved--by putting all of our trust in Jesus to save us. Just like the missionary who was translating the Bible described faith, we need to rest our whole weight on God. We can't be saved by anything we do because that would take all of the glory from God and place it on ourselves. Only God can save us through the salvation He has given to us through His Son, Jesus. All we have to do is trust in Him and we will be saved. If you have never asked Jesus into your heart you can do that today!

- 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



This week as we pray we can remember and be thankful for God's love for us. We also need to make sure that we are giving Jesus all of the glory that is due to Him. If you have never asked Jesus to save you, you can pray and ask Him into your heart today!

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