

A WOMAN FORGIVEN

Luke 7:36-50

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Key Verse:

And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”
Luke 7:50

The Point:

We can show Jesus our loving gratitude for God’s forgiveness.

Making Connections:

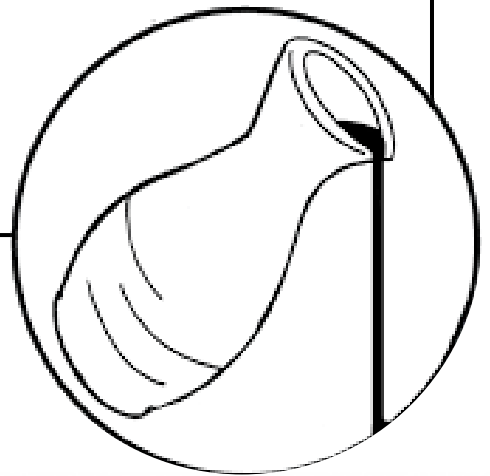
Jesus Heals

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Forgiveness

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Last week, John the Baptist asked the question that was on everyone's minds: Is Jesus the One? And if Jesus is the Messiah, what has the Messiah come to do? Today's passage demonstrates what the Messiah has come to do. Jesus welcomes a woman labeled a sinner and offers forgiveness. She responds with extravagant gratitude and hospitality. This draws a stark contrast between those who thought they were "in," such as the unwelcoming Pharisee, and those who have been welcomed "in," such as the forgiven sinner.

Story Summary:

A Woman Forgiven

Jesus was invited to a meal at the home of one of the Pharisees. The term Pharisee is used four times in this passage of Scripture before Jesus addressed him as Simon. Simon was a member of a Jewish group called Pharisees who followed a strict set of rules and codes. Pharisees lived a life that was separate from those they considered to be disobedient to God and unclean. When Jesus first came to Simon's house, he was denied a common hospitality practice of washing feet. In addition to denying hospitality, Simon also showed no faith or love to Jesus.

A woman, known to the community as a sinner, came to Jesus and provided the extreme form of hospitality which was not given by the Pharisee Simon. Simon was disgusted that Jesus would allow the sinful woman to touch him. Jesus reminds Simon of the need to feel thankful when forgiven a big sin through the parable of a creditor and two debtors. One debtor has a small amount of debt while the other had a large amount, yet the creditor forgave both debts. Jesus asked Simon which debtor would be more grateful and he said

the one with the bigger debt. The woman, who had been burdened by many sins, showed Jesus loving, extravagant gratitude for forgiving her.

The Point

We can show Jesus our loving gratitude for God's forgiveness. The woman in this story reacted to the forgiveness Jesus gave her with faith, love, and gratitude. Just as Jesus' love for her led to this liberation from guilt and condemnation, so his love for us continually leads to our own forgiveness. Jesus does not give us grace because we are grateful, we are grateful because of all that Jesus has given us without our deserving anything.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Forgiveness

In the Old Testament, words such as "cover," "remove," and "wipe away" are used most often to denote forgiveness. In the New Testament, "send away," "loose," "pass over," and "be gracious to" are used to denote forgiveness. One of the primary differences between our contemporary notion of forgiveness and that of the Bible is that forgiveness is closely tied to community life. Exclusion from a community comes when there is no forgiveness, reconciliation brings about inclusion into a community. Thus, holding onto a grudge or failing to forgive can prevent someone from participating in the fullness of community.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

This week's spiritual practice of prayer will help give students the ability to pray in a creative way. Through a kinetic method of praying, students will learn about asking God for forgiveness as well as a creative form of prayer.



JESUS ANOINTED BY A SINFUL WOMAN

Luke 7:36-50



Across

- Using her tears and hair, she continued to wash Jesus's feet and then she _____ them.
- The woman who came to Jesus was known to everyone in the town to be a _____.
- The creditor in the story forgives both the men their _____.
- Jesus says, "The woman loves much, because she is _____ much."
- Which Pharisee invited Jesus to his house for dinner?

Down

- After she started to wash Jesus's feet, _____ started to fall from her eyes from the weight of her sins.
- In the story Jesus tells, the first man owes the creditor 50 _____, and the second man owed 500.
- Jesus was invited to be questioned, observed, and _____.
- The woman washed Jesus's feet with the finest _____ she could afford.

Write an **Acrostic** poem about Forgiveness

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An Acrostic Poem is where the first letter of each line spells out a word, phrase, or name.





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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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KISS
SIN
DEBT

FORGIVEN
SIMON
DINNER
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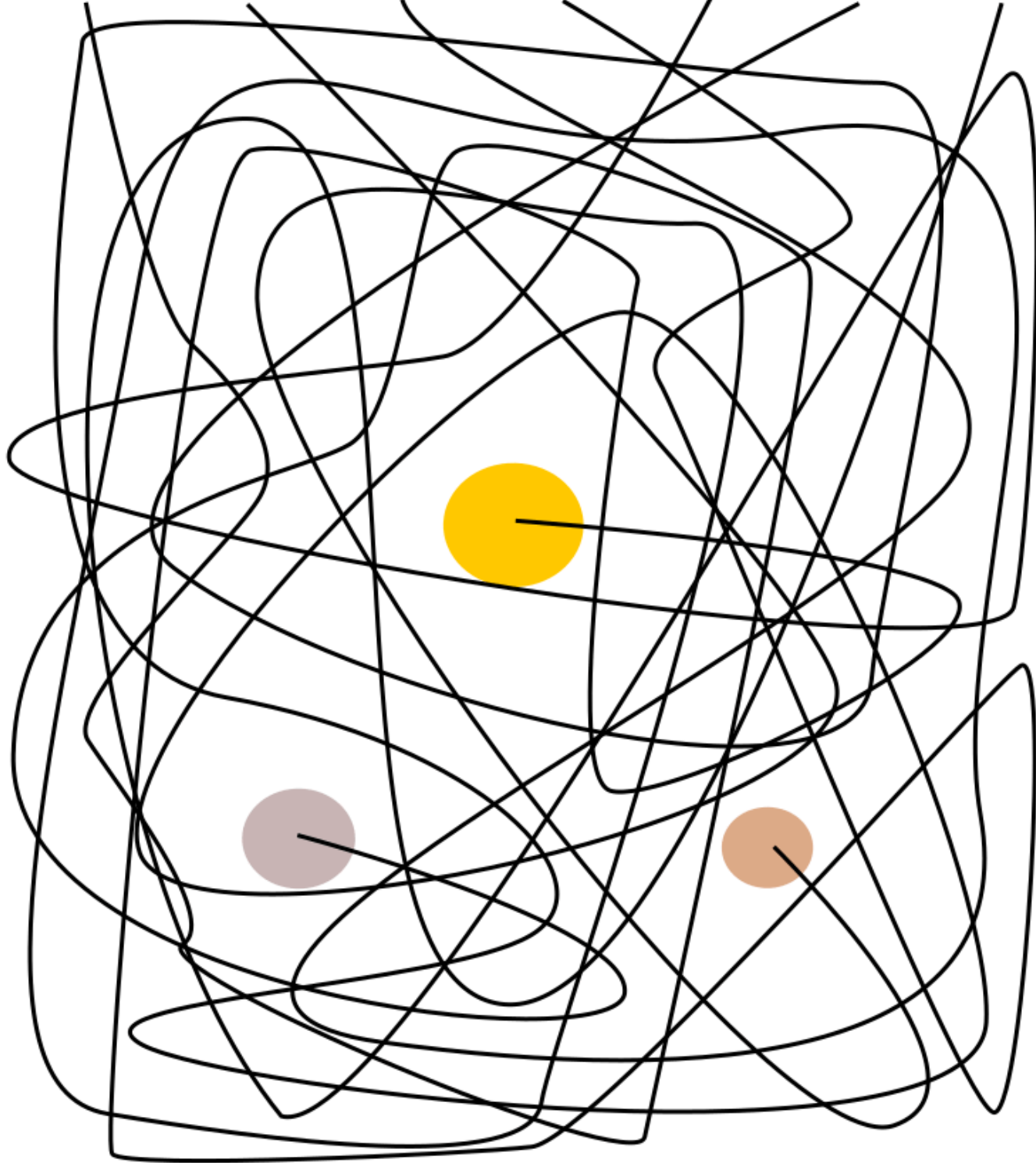
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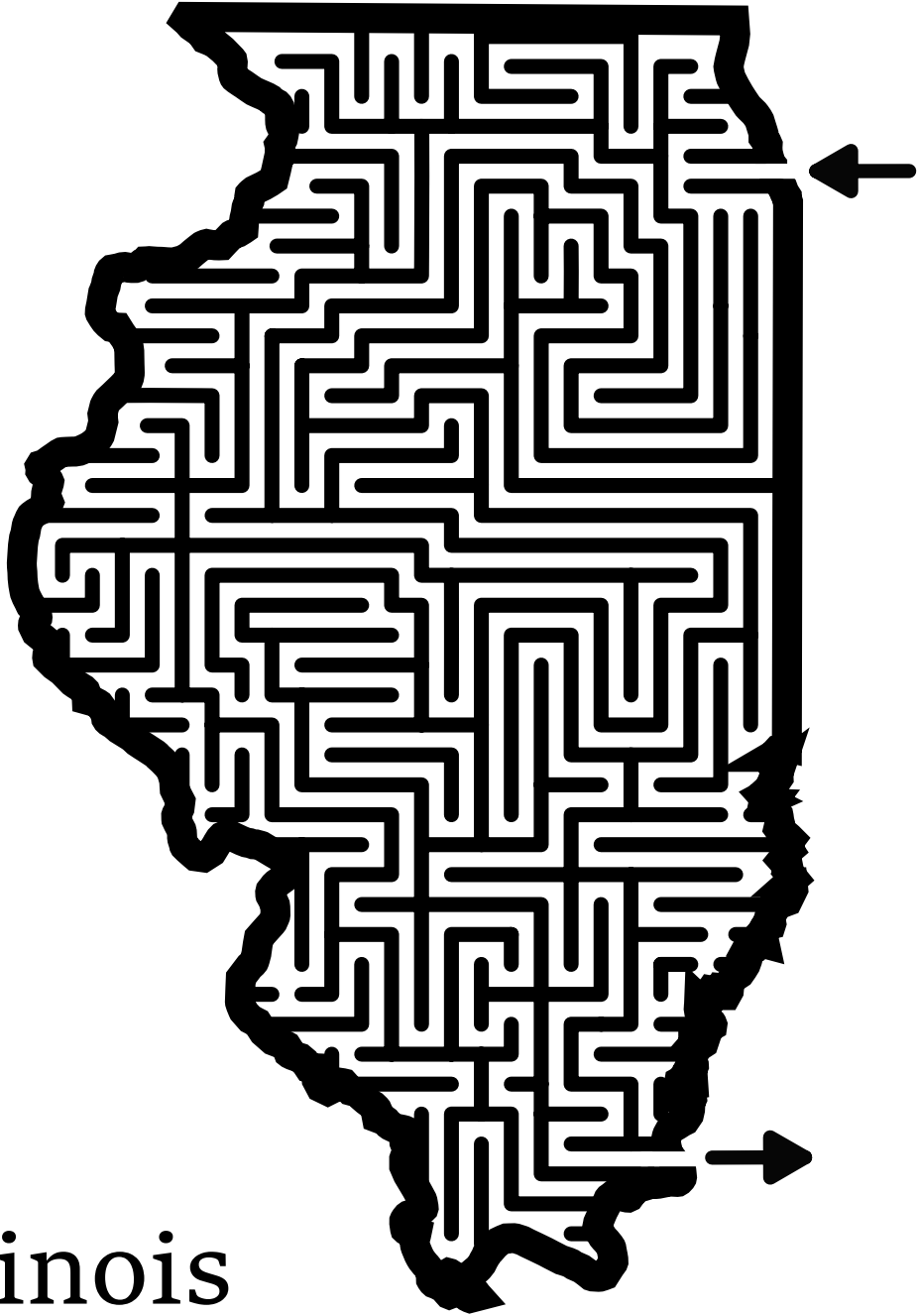




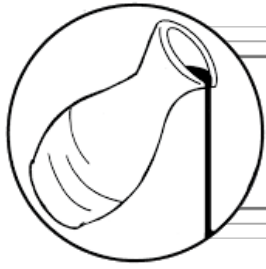
Which line leads to Gold, Silver, Bronze ?

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THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Lesson #3-24
Luke 7:36-50

LAST WEEK

John the Baptist hears about Jesus' ministry while he is in prison, so he sends two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. Jesus points to his miracles to answer his question (Luke 7:18-35).

THIS WEEK

When Jesus dines in a Pharisee's home, a woman labeled a sinner comes in. She washes his feet with tears and anoints them with ointment. Jesus tells a parable about forgiveness and forgives the woman (Luke 7:36-50).

THE POINT

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STORY SUMMARY

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NEXT WEEK

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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PRACTICE: PRAYER

There are many ways to pray. One creative way is to pray with movement. This week, use your bodies to pray through movement, dance, or even play.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Luke 7:36-50

Jesus forgives a woman her sins, for which she shows extravagant gratitude. We can show our thankfulness to Jesus in many ways. Try saying a prayer of thanksgiving as a family or offer to serve at the church this month as a symbol of thanksgiving.

Monday—Read Luke 8:1-3

Many women provided financial support for the work of Jesus out of their own resources. Discuss the many women who work or volunteer at your own congregation and write a thank you note to some of them.

Tuesday—Read Psalm 100

The psalm writer encourages everyone to praise God. How can each member of your family make a joyful noise to praise God? It does not need to be music! Make your joyful noises, either one at a time or all together.

Wednesday—Read Proverbs 9:1-6

All are invited to join in living wisely. Find materials to build a temporary fort and think wisely about how to build it. Take turns using the wise plans you made for the fort and see if your wisdom pays off.

Thursday—Read Luke 9:1-9

Jesus sends out many disciples to tell the good news. Spend Talk about missionaries and seek out one your congregation may support. As a family write a letter or draw a picture of encouragement for them.

Friday—Read Luke 9:10-17

Many people were gathered to hear Jesus speak, and they became hungry. Jesus multiplied the food to feed 5,000 people. Gather extra food items to deliver to a local food shelf. If you do not have extra items, pray for the organization.

Saturday—Read Luke 9:18-27

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus predicts his death and tells the disciples that they must take up their cross and deny themselves. Make a family drawing with images of who you think Jesus is. Take time to discuss the images.