



Lesson 47

2s & 3s

WOMAN WASHES JESUS' FEET

July 11 & 12

GOD SEES OUR HEART



LESSON GOAL:

Background: While Jesus was at dinner at a Pharisee's house, a sinful woman came and washed Jesus' feet with her tears and poured special perfume on them. She did this to show Jesus great love and worship. The Pharisees at the dinner immediately judged the woman and Jesus for allowing such actions. Jesus explained that this woman's actions come from a heart that knows she is forgiven and responds in great love and faith.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God looks at our hearts, not just our past choices and mistakes. We can trust that we are forgiven in Jesus and love and worship Him!

Luke 7:36-50

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Home Discipleship Parenting Class
Hosted @ Downtown campus
July 13, 20, 27 - woodmenvalley.org/kids

KEY VERSE:



*"Finally, let the Lord make you strong.
Depend on his mighty power."*

Ephesians 6:10, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

ACTS School Lunch Donations

Have you ever struggled with being hungry? It can make us feel tired, sad or worried. There are many kids in our city who are facing this challenge - they don't have enough food.

We can help! When we donate snacks, we're not just giving food — we're showing God's love to kids who need encouragement and care

LET'S PRAY FOR THE KIDS WHO WILL GET THESE FOOD ITEMS:

Pray for them to feel loved & their hearts to be open to hearing about Jesus

Pray for their families



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing! Is red your favorite color?
- I see you're holding a yellow lego. What are you building?
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.
- We're going to learn about Jesus here. When we clean up our toys, we're going to do a craft.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



MAKE: Heart Mirror Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Heart mirror paper, 'God Sees my Heart' paper, glue sticks, crayons



SAY:

Today's story we learned about the woman who washed Jesus' feet. Some people judged her and didn't understand her actions, but Jesus saw her heart. God sees our hearts too!



DO:

Have kids color and decorate the heart-shaped mirror frame. Help kids glue the "God Sees My Heart" picture to the back of the heart. Hold the craft up to light and look through the heart to see the hidden picture and message.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by discussing the Big 3 questions.



SAY:

Answer THE BIG 3 questions to help kids prepare for the lesson

1. Who is our story about today?

Jesus, the Pharisees, and the sinful woman

2. What is the problem?

The Pharisees couldn't understand why Jesus would let the woman show her love by pouring special perfume on His feet.

3. What will God do?

Jesus taught the Pharisees and His disciples that He saw the woman's heart. Her actions came from a heart full of thankfulness for the forgiveness Jesus gave her!



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to transition to Large Group by sitting quietly in the designated story area.



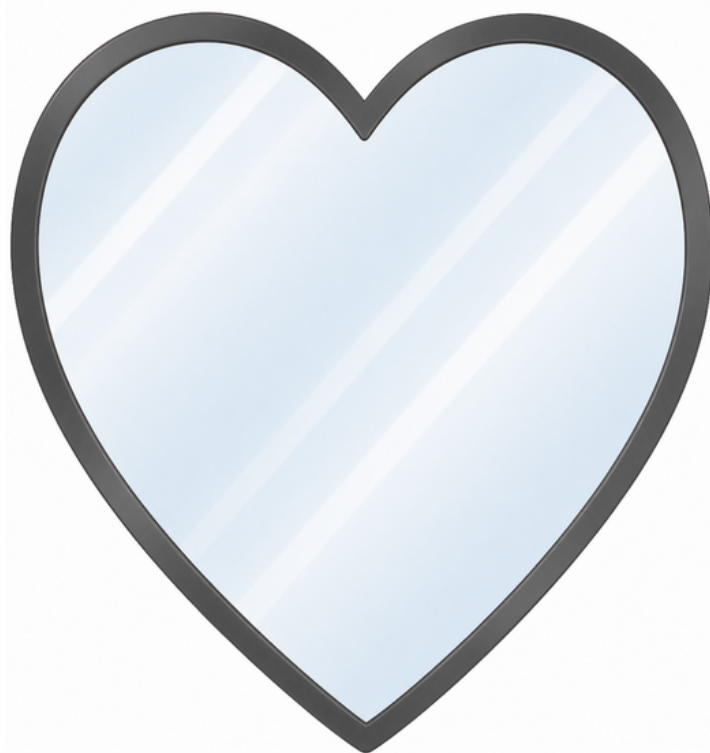
SAY:

Let's all work together to clean up so we can hear our Bible story for the day. We can sing a song as we clean!

Sing: "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere."



Craft Example



6:25-6:40pm
9:25-9:40am
11:25-11:40am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As you begin Large Group, play the Church Today Expectations video
(Plex > Videos > EC > 2s & 3s)



SAY:

We're glad to be at church today.
We will listen, we will pray.
We'll sit quietly in our spot.
We'll tell Jesus we love Him a lot!



DO:

PRAY before transitioning to worship.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class.
To access these videos, go to Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s folder.

SONG 1: This Little Light of Mine

SONG 2: Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord

SONG 3: Jesus Loves Me



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story (see script on page 4). Use the flipbook provided.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Supplies: plush heart

God sees our hearts! Do you sometimes make bad choices? **Let kids respond.** We all do sometimes! But the good news is that Jesus loves us no matter what. We can say thank you to Jesus for loving us and seeing our hearts! **Have kids take turns holding the plush heart and saying "Thank you, Jesus, for loving me!"**



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you love God with your whole heart, praising Him for who He is and what He has done!

BIBLE STORY

Hamilton's Prop: tiny gift box



INTRODUCTION - HAMILTON

Use the Hamilton puppet to introduce the lesson topic and get the kids engaged.



SAY:

Hi Hamilton! ***Hamilton is holding a tiny gift box.*** What do you have there, Hamilton? ***Hamilton whispers in your ear.*** You have a special present you made to give Jesus? ***Hamilton nods.*** That's so sweet! It reminds me of a story in the Bible about someone else who brought a special gift to Jesus. Do you want to listen with us? ***Hamilton nods.*** Friends, if you're ready to hear our Bible story, can you wiggle your ears with me? ***Wiggle ears together.*** Let's dive in!



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story. Use the story cards in your curriculum folder as you read the story.



SAY:

One day, Jesus was at a special dinner. There was a woman who had done some wrong things. Do you ever do wrong things? ***Let kids respond.*** We all do things wrong sometimes! But this woman loved Jesus VERY much. She wanted to show Jesus how much she loved Him by giving Jesus a special gift. The woman had saved this gift for a very long time.

Have you ever been given a special gift? How did it make you feel? ***Let kids respond.*** It makes us feel warm inside! It makes us feel loved! The woman had a special bottle of oil that smelled really good! She put it on Jesus' feet to show how much she loved Jesus.

Other people at the dinner didn't understand what the woman was doing. They thought it was wrong for Jesus to let her do this because she had done bad things.

Jesus said this woman did all this because she loved Him so much and she knew Jesus had saved her. Even though the others couldn't see it, Jesus saw the woman's heart. He knew she loved Him! Jesus sees our hearts too! We can come to Jesus anytime and He will forgive us and love us! Jesus sees our heart!

6:40-6:55pm
9:40-9:55am
11:40-11:55am

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



SAY IT OUT LOUD!

Help the students remember the God Statement for the day by repeating it aloud and doing simple motions to help them remember the phrase.



SAY:

Today our God statement is **God Sees Our Heart!**

Let's say it together in a fun way to help us remember it.

Say it loudly, softly and in a fun voice. Then do the hand motions.



DO:

Use simple hand motions to help kids remember the God Statement as you say it together.



ACTIVITY- Giving to Friends

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: Toys



SAY:

Today we learned that God sees our heart and loves us very much. The woman showed love to Jesus by washing His feet. Let's practice caring and showing love too!



DO:

Invite kids to sit in a circle on the floor. Call on one child at a time to choose a favorite toy from the classroom and give it to a friend to play with. Encourage kids to use kind words like "this is for you!" or "would you like to play?" Continue until each child has had a turn choosing and giving a toy to a friend.

6:55-7:10pm
9:55-10:10am
11:55am-12:10pm

EAT & PLAY

The goal of this time is to provide a snack, introduce kids to structured classroom games, have free play and to encourage interaction and participation with others.



SNACK

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



GAME IDEAS

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class.



DO:

- Play “I Spy” focusing on color, shape, and letter recognition
- Freeze Dance
- Duck, Duck, Goose
- Hot Potato
- Charades
- Odd One Out Game
- Hokey, Pokey
- Popcorn Parachute Game
- Read a book or a story out of picture Bible
- Gather paper and crayons and practice drawing

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their Explore craft or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.