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Series: Meet the Amazing Jesus
Winter Year 3, Lesson 42

Be Forgiven Much

Take Home Point: *Jesus can forgive much.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: Luke 7:36-50. A sinful woman receives forgiveness

Key Verse: Isaiah 43:25, "I alone am the one who is going to wipe away your rebellious actions for my own sake. I will not remember your sins anymore."

We will help kids know:

- The Bible event of Jesus forgiving the sinful woman.
- Forgiveness is offered through trusting in Jesus, the one who paid for our forgiveness.
- If we understand that we are forgiven much, we will be grateful for much.

We will help kids feel:

- Conviction over how serious sin is and how much Jesus did so that he might forgive our sins.
- Amazement that Jesus dissolves our sins and takes them away.

We will help kids do:

- Identify the fact that they are sinful and can identify certain sins in their lives.
- Reflect on the seriousness of sin and make tears on a paper heart to identify remorse over sin.
- Learn a paper tear trick with a heart that helps them share the message of how God restores our remorseful hearts through his forgiveness.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Kids tell about a time they got into trouble and drop a packing peanut into water. They see how it dissolves as a picture of how Jesus can take away our sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam packing peanuts that <u>will dissolve in water</u> • large glass of red colored water
Large Group 	3 10 11 12	<p>Overview</p> <p>Video, “<i>The Miracle Maker</i>,” by Family Home Entertainment, Inc. Start where Jesus enters the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36-50). Show the story of woman washing Jesus’ feet.</p> <p>Object Lesson Illustration: A Sinful Woman Who Receives Forgiveness – The presenter uses an amazing illusion of the woman’s sin dissolved in a pitcher of water as he retells the Bible event from Luke 7:36-50.</p> <p>Gordy’s Review Questions: Gordy helps kids review the main points in the Bible event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set design and props for series • Gordy • the video “<i>The Miracle Maker</i>” by Family Home Entertainment, Inc., 1999—show the story of the woman washing Jesus’ feet. • “Dissolvo” paper which comes in three 8 ½” x 11” sheets for \$6 at Dock Haley’s Gospel Magic Company (615-885-4800) or www.gospelmagic.com • pen • two clear pitchers—fill one with water • peppermint extract • eye dropper (optional) • a mist or spray bottle • funnel • fistful of change • a penny • envelope with Gordy’s name on it
Small Group Application 	4	Kids review the Bible event and make their own amaaazing restored heart illusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Torn and Restored Heart” from Dock Haley’s Gospel Magic Company...<u>OR</u> • two large hearts cut from red construction paper (see directions for making heart trick on p. 8) • smaller hearts cut from red construction paper (two for each child) • Scotch tape or glue

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: Get pointed in the right direction! Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

Supplies needed: Styrofoam packing peanuts that will dissolve in water (test first), and a large glass of red colored water

Ask kids to tell about a time they got in trouble. You might start the discussion with sharing a time you got in trouble. (Kids love to hear about that!)

As each child talks about a time when he got in trouble, give him a styrofoam packing peanut that will dissolve in water. After sharing the story of his incident, the child puts the packing peanut into a large glass of red colored water.

Make no comments but simply let a child put the packing peanuts in the water and continue with the others sharing their stories. Watch as the packing peanuts gradually dissolve.

After all kids have had a chance to share, point out the change in the packing peanuts and water. Then ask the children if they might be able to guess what will be discussed today.

We will talk about forgiveness. The red liquid in the glass reminds us of the life of Jesus that he gave for us. Because Jesus gave his life for us, he can dissolve our sins just like the packing peanuts melted away in the glass.

Today we will learn that **Jesus can forgive much.*

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



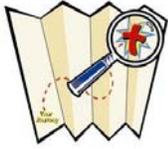
Purpose: Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.

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Object Lesson Illustration: A Sinful Woman Who Receives Forgiveness – The presenter uses an amazing illusion of the woman’s sin dissolved in a pitcher of water as he retells the Bible event from Luke 7:36-50.

Gordy’s Review Questions: Gordy helps kids review the main points in the Bible event.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Observation Questions: What happened?

Have kids refer to Luke 7:36-50 in their Bibles.

What did the sinful woman do for Jesus to show how much she loved him and was thankful for his forgiveness? *(Luke 7:37-38. She cried, washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried his feet with her hair, and poured perfume on them.)*

What did the Pharisee think of her actions? *(Luke 7:39. He was disgusted that Jesus would allow such a sinful person to touch him.)*

How did the other guests respond to Jesus' forgiveness of this woman's sins? *(Luke 7:49. They thought, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?" Remember from a previous lesson the people thought God was the only one who could forgive sins.)*

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

Who do you think the other guests were? What do you think they thought of Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus told the Pharisee a parable?

Why do you think the Pharisee did not wash Jesus' feet and anoint his head with oil as was custom for the host to do for his guest, yet the sinful woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears and expensive perfume and dried them with her hair? *(The Pharisee did not see that he needed Jesus' forgiveness. He may have even thought he was better than Jesus, but the woman who had sinned much was very grateful for Jesus' forgiveness and showed him her great love.)*

Read the key verse:

Isaiah 43:25, “I alone am the one who is going to wipe away your rebellious actions for my own sake. I will not remember your sins anymore.”

How do you think this verse would have made the woman feel about her life of sin? How does it make you feel about your “rebellious actions?”

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

Have you ever felt really sad over something you did wrong? Did you ever have a time when you felt like the woman who cried and washed Jesus’ feet with her tears?

***Note to shepherds:** This might be a sensitive subject for some children. Often they are capable of feeling sadness because they got in trouble for their actions. Their remorse might be more because they got caught doing something wrong rather than for doing something wrong. Still, it is all right to talk about precisely what it is that they feel badly about.*

Application Activity:

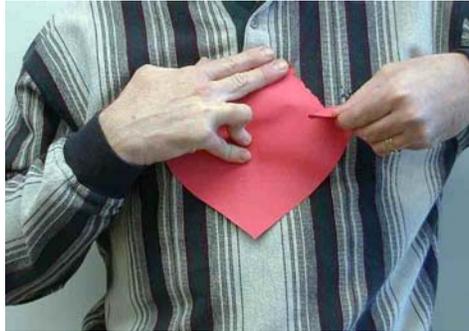
*Supplies needed: “Torn and Restored Heart” from Dock Haley’s Gospel Magic Company...**OR** two large hearts cut from red construction paper (see directions for making heart trick on p. 8). One is folded and glued to the back of the other heart, two smaller hearts cut from red construction paper for each child, Scotch tape or glue*

As conversation happens, take the red heart trick (see page eight to make a larger version of the children’s) and hold it over your heart. *(Be sure that the folded heart behind is not visible.)* Say:



Sometimes we do wrong things. It is like taking tears out of our hearts because those things hurt us.

Ask the kids to think of things they have done that were wrong. As each child names one thing, tear pieces of the heart away.



Place each tear in the center of the heart.



When others do mean things back to you, those things also tear at your heart.

Make more tears in the heart. Be sure not to expose the folded heart that is hidden behind the heart you are tearing.



When the heart is torn except for the center, fold the pieces together while still covering the heart behind.



What do we do with a torn up heart?

Remind the children that they need to pray when their hearts are broken so that God would restore their hearts through forgiveness. Place the heart in your hands to pray.



Dear Jesus, my heart has been torn because of wrong things I have done and others have done to me. Jesus said, "Your sins have been forgiven." He gave his life for us on the cross. Heal my heart. Lord Jesus, come and live within me. Amen.

As you open up your hands, flip the folded square of paper over to the side that was previously hidden.



Unfold the paper to reveal a whole heart without any tears. (*As you unfold the heart, be careful not to reveal the folded square of the torn heart.*)



The children will be amazed. Say:

God is amazing because he restores our hearts just like he did for the sinful woman. Remember our key verse said: *"I alone am the one who is going to wipe away your rebellious actions for my own sake. I will not remember your sins anymore."* (Isaiah 43:25)

With hearts cut from construction paper and Scotch tape or glue, each child will have an opportunity to make his own restored heart.

Directions for making heart trick:

Have the children tape the hearts together in the center.



The children will then fold one heart by 2" sections until it is in a square.



The kids can then follow the instructions used earlier to tear and restore their hearts.

Review the take home point while the kids practice folding and unfolding their restored hearts: ****Jesus can forgive much. When he does, our hearts are restored.***

Closing Prayer:

Thank God that no matter how many sins we have committed or how bad they are, Jesus can forgive us through his death and resurrection so we can have restored hearts. Ask the Holy Spirit for soft hearts that desire forgiveness like the sinful woman and not to have hard hearts like the Pharisee.

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Large Group Presentation

Set design and props needed for this series will include a large sign that reads, "Meet the Amazing Jesus." In addition to this sign, hang smaller signs in the front of the room with the word "Amazing" printed on each one.

Prompt kids to say, "Simply amaaaazing," when the presenter points up and says, "And THAT is..." A sweeping arm gesture by the large group presenter as the kids say, "simply amaaaa-a-azing" will add effect and emphasis. Use this technique as an attention grabber when presenting the main points.

There are three sections to today's large group presentation. The first section is a video presentation of the Bible event. The second section is a retelling of the event using an amazing object lesson. In the third section, Gordy, the puppet, helps kids review.

Adapt this lesson to use one or all of the following parts, depending on availability of videos and/or illusion tricks.

PART ONE

Show the animated video, *"The Miracle Maker,"* by Family Home Entertainment, Inc., 1999. This is where Jesus enters the Pharisee's home (Luke 7:36-50). Show the story of the woman washing the feet of Jesus.

Next, call Gordy out and ask that he would come back after the lesson has been taught. Gordy will help with the review questions. Ad-libbing these conversations is most effective, as long as it is kept brief.

PART TWO

An Object Lesson Illustration of a Sinful Woman Who Receives Forgiveness Illustrations and Script

Supplies needed: "Dissolve" paper, a pen, two clear pitchers--one filled with water, peppermint extract, eye dropper (optional), a mist producing spray bottle, a funnel, a fistful of change and a penny

While reading the Bible event from Luke 7:36-50, go through the following objects to better communicate the story. Talk about when the sinful woman takes the bottle of perfume and kneels at Jesus' feet and cries.

When describing the sinful woman, take a sheet of Dissolvo paper and write the word "SIN" in large letters. Make this more dramatic by writing some specific sins that seem to be so terrible that you cannot let someone else know of them.

Illustrate the perfume the woman brought by placing a few drops of peppermint extract into a pitcher of water.

When you get to the part of the event when the woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears, take the piece of Dissolvo paper that has been written on and place the paper in the bottom of the empty pitcher. Symbolic of the woman's sadness over her sin and bringing it to Jesus, pour the peppermint-scented water into the empty pitcher. Empty one pitcher back into the other until the Dissolvo paper disappears. Say:

And THAT is..." Give a wide gesture and the kids respond... **"simply amaaa-azing.**

After the woman had kissed Jesus' feet, she poured perfume on them. At this point, take the peppermint water and pour it into a spray bottle. Mist the children with the peppermint spray. You might describe how the room was filled with the fragrance of the woman's love for Jesus because she felt accepted and forgiven. You might describe in your own words how she must have felt having sinned much, been forgiven much, and loving Jesus much.

Continue reading the rest of the Bible event that describes the Pharisee's remark and Jesus teaching him about forgiving so much. A representation of a bag of five hundred silver coins compared to fifty coins could be used as an illustration. Perhaps a fistful of change and one penny in contrast could also prove effective.

Say again:

And THAT is..." Give a wide gesture and the kids respond... **"simply amaaa-azing.**

The main point of the Bible event needs to be emphasized at the conclusion of the reading.

Who is most grateful? Who is one who gives off the fragrance of love to God like peppermint? It is the one who has been forgiven much.

Did the Pharisee have as much sin in his life as the woman? He probably did. He just had sins that were different from the woman's. He had the sin of pride when he said that he could earn his way to heaven. He thought that he did not need God's forgiveness. He was not grateful or honoring to Jesus at all.

Jesus told the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace” It is also said about Jesus in the Old Testament, “*I alone am the one who is going to wipe away your rebellious actions for my own sake. I will not remember your sins anymore.*” (Isaiah 43:25.)

It is not the amount of the sin, as much as it is our awareness of how great the cost of God’s forgiveness is. That is what makes a difference in how much we love God.

PART THREE

Gordy’s Review Questions

The following questions can be used for review of today’s Bible event. This will be a contest between Gordy and the kids. Gordy assigns a scoring value to each question before that question is read. That number is in parentheses at the beginning of the question. What makes it fun is that Gordy finally gets one correct at the end and that number helps him make a dramatic comeback. The kids typically win, but it might be interesting if, from time to time, Gordy wins. Adjust to your preference. One thing is important and will be vital to this script: move through your material quickly. By this time, the kids’ attention spans are short. You may even want to delete some of the questions if it is feeling a bit long.

After each question, the first parenthetical remark is Gordy’s response. The second parenthetical remark is the correct answer from a child.

Kids might even bring their Bibles to large group to search for answers as they listen to the following questions.

(Gordy comes out stressed.)

Gordy: Mr. King, kids, have you seen an envelope with my name on it?

Mr. King: **Actually, Gordy, I found it. Here.**

Gordy: *(Wiping brow)* Phewwww... .that was close. Mr. King, I think today is going to be a good day. *(Hides envelope.)*

Mr. King: **Okay, Gordy, are you ready to play? Here’s the first question.**

1. (10 points) **A sinful woman came into the middle of a dinner Jesus was having at someone’s house. At whose house was Jesus eating?**

(Gordy pauses before he answers and looks down by his “legs” and very obviously is cheating. He reads the right answer... A Pharisee’s or religious ruler’s house. Kids will respond...”he’s cheating.”

Mr. King: Kids, come on now. You don't think Gordy would cheat, do you? *(Go on to the next question.)*

2. (30 points) **Because the woman was sorry for her sins and saw that her need for forgiveness was so great, what did she do?**

(Gordy pauses again before he answers and looks down by his "legs." He very obviously is cheating. He reads the right answer... "She cried, washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried his feet with her hair, and poured perfume on them.." Kids will respond..."he's cheating again.")

Mr. King: He can't be cheating. You don't think OUR Gordy would cheat, do you? *(Hear responses and then go on to the next question.)*

3. (10 points) **What did the Pharisees say when they saw this?**

(Gordy looks up and then sneezes and looks down again to his leg before answering correctly,... "If Jesus really was a prophet then he would know she is a sinner. He wouldn't let her get so close to him." Kids are in an accusing frenzy by now.)

Mr. King: Gordy, why do you keep looking down?

Gordy: Okay, okay, I admit it. I cheated. These kids are just so smart. I just wanted to win. *(Produces the envelope with the answers.)*

Mr. King: *(Patting Gordy)* Kids, think of what we learned today. What should Gordy do next? *(Ask for forgiveness in prayer.)* Gordy, do you want help in not doing wrong things?

Gordy: Yes.

Mr. King: Are you ready to say you're sorry? Why don't you pray and talk to God and ask for forgiveness.

Gordy: *(Sad)* Okay, Mr. King. Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for cheating. Please forgive my sin.

Mr. King: Gordy, you have asked Jesus for forgiveness, but you have one more thing to do. You need to ask these kids for forgiveness.

Gordy: Kids, I am sorry. I shouldn't have cheated. It was wrong and I sinned. Will you forgive me? *(Kids respond, "yes!")*

Mr. King: Okay, let's start fresh. No one has any points. Here's a big one.

4. (183 points) **Jesus taught them a parable. Who would feel the most gratitude if forgiven a debt? One who had ____ coins or one who had ____ coins?**

(A nickel and a quarter.)
(Five hundred coins and fifty coins.)

5. (Kids, 183, Gordy, zero. This question has 182 points.) **When Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven,” what did the other guests think?**
(“Who is this guy that can forgive sins?” Gordy gets one right!)
6. (Kids 183, Gordy, 182. This is for one point.) **How do we receive Jesus’ forgiveness today?**
(Trust in Jesus as our Savior.)
(Turn from our sin and ask Jesus for forgiveness.)

Mr. King: Tie game. Both of the above answers are correct! Gordy, you did pretty well there at the end.

Gordy: I figure that when it comes to forgiveness for the times I goof up... well, I need to be pretty good at that!

Mr. King: We all do, Gordy. But when we realize how much we have to be forgiven and how much God loves us so that we are, well, then we really are thankful to God.

Gordy: That’s me, for sure. If God can love and forgive and help a guy like me, then he could do it for anyone.

Mr. King: I feel the same way, Gordy. But why don’t you wrap us up with prayer and pray for anyone who hasn’t gone to Jesus and received his forgiveness?

Gordy: Sure. Dear God you sure are patient with us. And you love us a lot. Thank you for Jesus. He gave us his whole life and died in our place on the cross so we could be forgiven. If anyone doesn’t trust him as Savior or hasn’t turned to you and said they are sorry for their sins, help that person do that now. Help us all say, “God, I’m sorry for my sins. I trust in what Jesus has done for me so that my sins will be forgiven. Please forgive me and fill me with your power that I would become more like Jesus in every way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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