

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 20

The Woman with  
Perfume

Luke 7:36-50

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### Younger Verse

*He can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away. 1 John 1:9*

### Older Verse

*But if we confess our sins to God, He can always be trusted to take our sins away.  
1 John 1:9*

### Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to come eat at his home. While they were eating, a woman entered the room. She immediately went to Jesus. She stood behind him, crying. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Then she poured perfume on His feet. The perfume mixed with her tears. She kissed Jesus' feet as she cried.

While the woman was doing this, the Pharisee thought to himself, "If Jesus were really from God, He would know that the woman touching Him is sinful!"

Jesus knew what the Pharisee was thinking, so He said to him, "Simon, I want to tell you something." Simon told Jesus to go ahead.

Jesus then told a story about two men who owed money to a banker. One person owed five hundred coins, and the other person owed fifty coins. They could not repay the banker, but the banker told them not to worry, that they didn't need to pay him back. Then Jesus asked which man loved the banker more. Simon answered, "I guess the one who owed more money." Jesus told Simon he was right.

Then Jesus turned to the woman. He asked Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I came to your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but this woman washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss of greeting, but she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she poured perfume on my feet. I tell you that her many sins are forgiven, so she showed great love. But the person who is forgiven only a little will love only a little."

Then Jesus said something that puzzled the guests. He told the woman that her sins were forgiven. The other people in the room did not understand how Jesus could forgive sin. They did not know that He was God's Son.

### Lesson Goals

**Learn that the woman received God's forgiveness**  
**Understand that she expressed her thanks to Jesus**  
**Recognize that we can also receive God's forgiveness**

Jesus knew that everyone needed God's forgiveness. The Pharisees (religious leaders) thought that they were better than others because they followed a lot of rules. But really, they had pride in their heart, and that is a sin. They didn't understand that they were sinners, so they didn't think they needed Jesus' help to be forgiven.

Jesus knew that the woman was wiser than the Pharisees. She recognized her sin and came to Jesus for forgiveness. The Bible says that all people have sinned. All of us need Jesus' help to be forgiven. That is why Jesus died on the cross. He took our sins on Him. We need to believe that Jesus died and rose again. Then we must ask Him to come into our life and take control. Then God will forgive our sins and give us a clean heart. We will have eternal life.

Then, like the woman, we will want to worship Jesus. We will want to show Him that we love Him. We can do that by singing songs of praise to Him. But we can also show Jesus we love Him by obeying His commands, reading the Bible, going to church or Bible study, and praying daily. Let's take time to show God how thankful we are for all He has done for us!

#### Review Questions

1. What was the name of the Pharisee who invited Jesus to his house for dinner? (Simon)
2. What did the sinful woman do when she entered Simon's house? (She cried and washed Jesus' feet with her tears and perfume. Then she dried His feet with her hair.)
3. What did Jesus mean by the story about the two men who owed money? (Those who have been forgiven will show their love to God.)
4. How can we show God how much we love Him? (Worshipping Him, obeying His commands, going to church, reading the Bible, praying.)

#### Life Application

The woman knew that Jesus was God's Son. She knew that He could wash away her sins. When she came to Him and was sorry for all the bad things she had done, Jesus forgave her and made her heart clean. She changed her ways, too. She did not want to do wrong anymore. She wanted to live a clean life and do what Jesus would do.

What about you? Would you like to have Jesus clean your heart? Talk to us and we'll tell you how Jesus can change your life.

Planning for Lesson 21  
Different Types of Soil  
Luke 8:1-15

## Preschool Lesson for The Woman with Perfume

*(Teachers: Bring a bottle of perfume, cologne, or air freshener.)*

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**Hands-on Activities  
for  
A Woman with Perfume**

Bring perfume, lotion, or soap samples. Let everyone put a little sample on their hand or foot. Then, think about how each person can show kindness this week.

Draw a bottle of perfume. Let everyone write at least one kind thing that they can do this week. Make sure they take the paper home with them and put it in a place they can see it.

Have kids trace one of their feet or just draw a foot. Cut it out. Write today's Bible verse on it. Then spray some of the perfume on it.

Think up ways to be kind to neighbors on property or to managers or to your parents. Let the kids come up with ideas and try to do them!

Color a picture of the woman and Jesus. Glue yarn for the woman's hair and sprinkle it with perfume.

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**1 John 1:9**



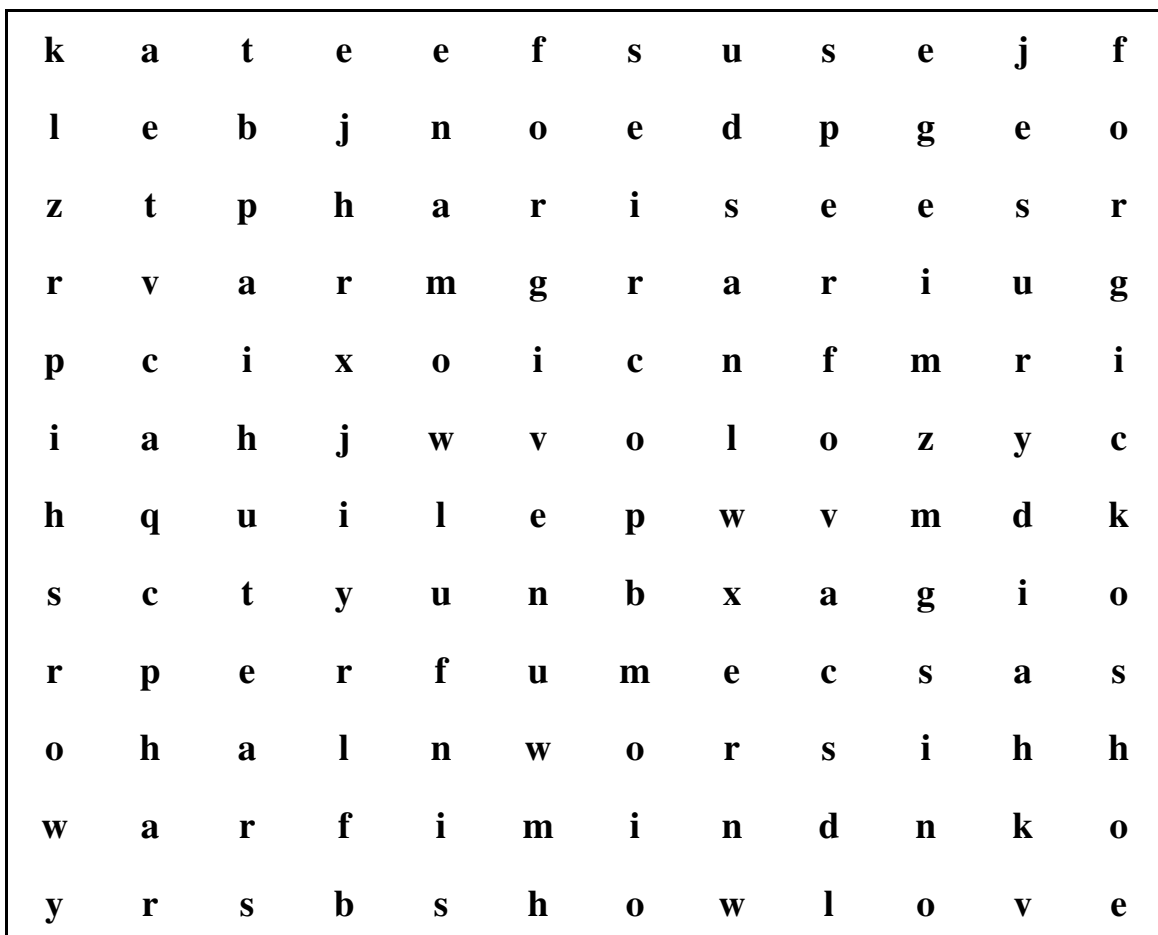
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# Word Search

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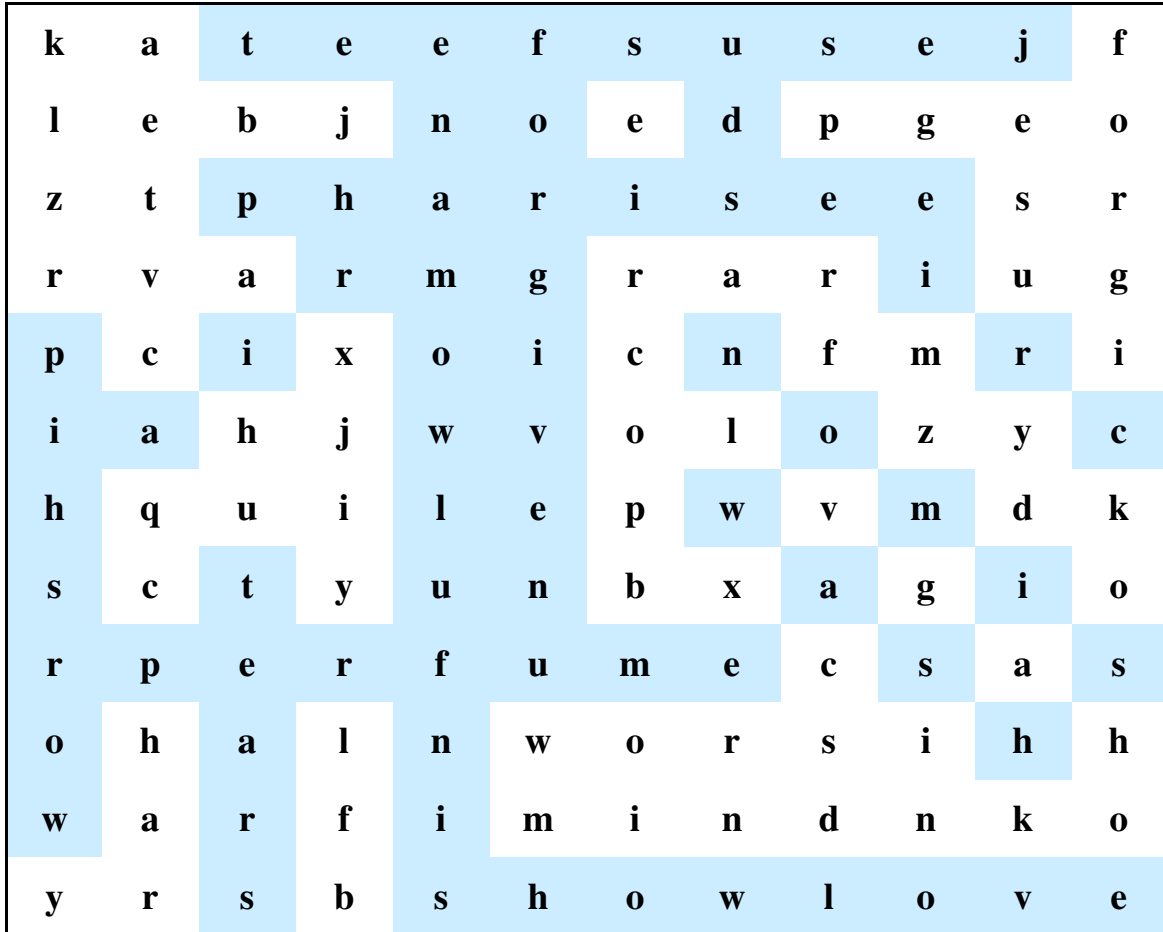


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The woman washed Jesus' feet with her

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Then she poured

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on His feet.

