

WEEK 5

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

REVEALED

BIG IDEA

God forgives me.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Talks About Forgiveness: Luke 7:40-50;
(Romans 3:23; Hebrews 10:17)

BIBLE STORY | Luke 7:40-50.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can choose to watch the Elementary, Preschool, and/or Mr. Tim Video of *Luke 7:40-50*.
- The people in today's Bible story were upset at the woman because they thought she wasn't a very good person, and she was taking up so much of Jesus' time and attention. **But what did Jesus say to that?** Jesus makes the point that the person who had been forgiven for a bigger thing (like owing more money) would be even more grateful than the person who had been forgiven for a smaller thing (like owing less money). Jesus knew the woman really needed a lot of forgiveness, and she was so thankful Jesus gave it to her!
- **Have you ever done something wrong or hurt someone and then felt bad about it?** That's because even though God made us for greatness, sometimes we mess up and do things God doesn't want us to do. That's why we all need God to forgive us. And the good news is, God does!

QUESTIONS

- **Why were the people in the story mad at the woman?**
- **Why do you think the woman was so happy and grateful to be around Jesus?**
- **Why did Jesus tell the story of the two men who owed different amounts of money?**
- **Read Romans 3:23. Who needs God's forgiveness?**
- **How does it feel when you know you've done something wrong or hurt someone?**
- **Describe a time when you needed forgiveness.**
- **Why do you think forgiveness is important?**

ACTIVITY

Make double-sided photocopies of the printable provided (preferably on slightly thicker paper so the image on the back is not easily viewable). Inside the blank box on the front side, ask the kids to draw a picture of themselves. Then, have them hold their drawing up to the light. The word "FORGIVEN" should appear.

This week, any time you make a mistake or do something wrong, stop and tell God you are sorry. Make sure you always say, "Thank you," because God will forgive you!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/Jeremiah33-3 and get memorizing!