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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can be forgiven.  **Faith Verse**  Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)  “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”  **Question of the Day: What are you willing to do to pursue Jesus?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Luke 7:36–39

The woman in this Bible story was known for being a sinner. It was a big deal for her to go uninvited to the Pharisee’s home. But she had heard Jesus would be having dinner there. So in spite of what other people thought of her, she made her way to Jesus as He sat at the table. She began to cry on His feet, drying them with her hair. Then she kissed His feet! The perfume she used to pour on Jesus’ feet was very expensive. It may have been worth as much as a year’s payment for work!

Can you imagine sitting at the table and watching this? The Pharisee was definitely surprised, and maybe even angry that she was there. What he didn’t understand was that this woman was pouring out all that she had at Jesus’s feet. She understood what Jesus could do. She was willing to take the risk to get to Jesus, so she could be forgiven.

Jesus wants us to come to Him just as we are. He wants us to pursue Him, to want to know and follow Him, no matter what the cost may be. Through Him, we can be forgiven!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What did the Pharisee call this woman?  **Answer 1.** A sinner (Luke 7:39) |
| **Question 2.** How do you think the woman felt about what others were thinking and saying about her?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How did the woman show honor to Jesus?  **Answer 3**. She knelt at His feet, wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured her bottle of perfume on them. (Luke 7:37–38) |
| **Question 4.** If you had been there, what would you have thought or said?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What are you willing to do to pursue Jesus?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You that I can come to You just as I am. Help me to never allow anything to keep me from pursuing You. Thank You for forgiving me. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can be forgiven.  **Faith Verse**  Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)  “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”  **Question of the Day: How willing is Jesus to forgive your sins?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Luke 7:40–50

With people staring at her, this woman humbly knelt behind Jesus’ feet. She didn’t let her pride or past get in the way. All she wanted was forgiveness from Jesus. He knew exactly what she had done. He could have turned her away, but He didn’t! In fact, Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven … Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Jesus changed this woman’s life. The people who saw this began to question who Jesus was, too!

One encounter with Jesus can change our life forever! Yes, Jesus is that good. Because of His death on the Cross, our sins can be forgiven. Our past mistakes can be completely wiped away. He can give us a fresh start no matter how much we’ve messed up. He just wants us to come to Him, sit at His feet, and give our life to Him. He freely gives forgiveness and grace. He is willing to change our life if we ask Him to!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How many sins did this woman need Jesus to forgive?  **Answer 1.** Many (Luke 7:47) |
| **Question 2.** What did the men at the table say about Jesus after He talked to the woman?  **Answer 2.** “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?” (Luke 7:49) |
| **Question 3.** How do you think the woman felt after Jesus forgave her sins?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What do you think the woman did after she left?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How willing is Jesus to forgive your sins?  **Answer 5.** He is very willing to forgive your sins when you ask Him. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You that You can forgive my sins when I ask You to. Today, I give myself to You and ask You to wash me clean. I receive Your grace. Help me to live for You! Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can be forgiven.  **Faith Verse**  Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)  “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”  **Question of the Day: How can we receive God’s forgiveness?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Romans 3:22–24

Think about a good thing you did for someone in order to earn something you wanted. Maybe you cleaned and washed the car to earn extra allowance. Or perhaps you cleared the table and did the dishes to earn extra screen time. Many times, this is how our brains are wired to think. In order to earn a reward, we have to do something good first.

But when it comes to salvation and being forgiven of our sins, this isn’t how it works at all! Everyone has sinned and needs forgiveness. But the Bible says that forgiveness isn’t something we can earn or work extra hard for. Instead, we receive it because of God’s loving grace. Grace is when you are given something you haven’t earned.

The woman who came to Jesus for forgiveness didn’t do anything special before she came to Him. She was known as a sinner. Yet, because of Jesus, she received forgiveness because of His grace. When we realize that we’ve made a mistake, we can go to God immediately! When we go to Him with a heart that is truly sorry for the things we’ve done, He is more than willing to give us the gift forgiveness because of grace.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Who has sinned?  **Answer 1.** Everyone (Romans 3:23) |
| **Question 2.** What work can we do to make up for our sin?  **Answer 2.** Nothing. God freely makes us right after we place our faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:22, 24) |
| **Question 3.** How does it make you feel knowing that you don’t have to earn God’s forgiveness?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What should we do when we sin?  **Answer 4.** We should go to God right away and ask for forgiveness. |
| **Question 5**. How can we receive God’s forgiveness?  **Answer 5.** By placing our faith in Jesus |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You that because of Your grace I don’t have to try to earn forgiveness. Thank You for Your grace. I want to live for You. When I mess up, help me to be quick to run to You. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I can be forgiven.  **Faith Verse**  Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)  “If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”  **Question of the Day: How generous is God’s grace?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Ephesians 1:4–8

Even before He made the world, God loved us. He wants to make us His children and part of His family. God gives His grace to those who belong to Him. He shows them His kindness and love.

The words *poured* and *showered* in the Bible reading don’t mean just a little drop here and there. Think about when a rain shower comes down. There is water coming down all around. This is how God offers us His grace and kindness: generously!

Like the woman in our Bible story, we shouldn’t let our past sin and shame keep us from Jesus. He willingly gave His life for us on the Cross, so our sins could be forgiven! God chooses to forgive us when we ask, not because He has to, but because He wants to. It makes Him really happy to forgive us!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How has God felt about us since before He made the world?  **Answer 1.** He has loved us. (Ephesians 1:4) |
| **Question 2.** How does it make you feel knowing that God wants to make you part of His family?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** What words do these verses use to describe how God offers us grace and kindness?  **Answer 3.** He has poured out His grace on those who belong to Jesus. (Ephesians 1:6) He has showered His kindness on us. (Ephesians 1:8) |
| **Question 4.** Do you think the woman in our Bible story knew how Jesus felt about her before He forgave her? Why or why not?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How generous is God’s grace?  **Answer 5**. Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for Your grace and kindness that You generously pour out on me. Help me to receive Your grace and understand how much You truly love me. Amen.