

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL



Date: March 22 | **Text:** Luke 7:36-50

Parents,

This week's message is a story that may be especially challenging for children to understand. Before our online service tomorrow, you may want to watch this story from The Jesus Storybook Bible: "Washed with Tears" with your family [HERE](#). (bit.ly/washed-with-tears)

After watching together discuss the following:

1. In this story, Jesus said "You look down on this woman because you don't look up to God. This woman is sinful on the outside, but you are sinful on the inside." What do you think Jesus means by that?
2. Imagine what it must have been like for this woman to be here with Jesus. What would it be like to meet Jesus? Why do you think she was worshiping Him?

For Sunday: This note section is for your children to use to follow along with Nathan's message. Print out ahead of time or write out your own notes on a small whiteboard or piece of paper.

Conversation Starters | Family Talk

As a family, talk about your response to today's message.

1. What is shame? How can we relieve our shame?
2. **Receive** God's peace and forgiveness: spend time alone praying about where you might need to ask for forgiveness, what do you want to say to Jesus right now? Parents, talk to your children about times you have asked God for forgiveness and how this freed you from shame (as age appropriate). Or revisit and review today's story and Scripture. Pray together as a family.
3. **Extend** forgiveness to others. As we learn to be together in our homes, there are going to be many times to extend God's grace and forgiveness to one another. Talk together about ways to do this daily. How might forgiving one another help us to encounter Jesus as well?
4. **Celebrate** God's peace and forgiveness. Memorize this verse [HERE](#) with a song from Seeds as you share in a time of worship together as a family. (bit.ly/if-we-confess)

Listen to Pastor Nathan's message and fill in the blanks below:

1. Jesus is the kind of person _____ people feel free to come to.
2. Jesus alone can turn our _____ into an asset.
3. Jesus wants to trade His _____ for your _____.