

Jesus' forgiveness brings thankfulness and love!

Based on LUKE 7:36-50

READ – Jesus was a very important guest at a meal at Simon's house. A woman who had a bad reputation came to the meal. She came to Jesus at the table and knelt down near his feet. She was sobbing. Her tears fell on Jesus' feet and she started to wipe the dirt away with her hair and tears. Then she broke open a bottle of very expensive perfume and poured it all over his feet.

It was surprising and a bit embarrassing! Simon wasn't happy when he saw this. He thought, 'if Jesus knew what that woman was like then he would tell her to get away from him.' This woman had a bad reputation and everyone knew it. But, Jesus did know what this woman was like. He knew every bad thing she'd ever done but he didn't push her away or tell her to leave. He welcomed her because he knew what was really happening in her heart. Jesus knew that this woman hugely, massively LOVED him. It wasn't a mushy romantic kind of love. It was a thankful love. She knew that Jesus loved her and welcomed her even though she had done some awful things in her life. This woman understood she was a sinner. She knew she needed a saviour - she knew she needed Jesus. The woman washed Jesus' feet as a big thank you for forgiving her

ACTIVITY – Draw around your feet on paper or card. Write 'Jesus forgives. Thank you Jesus!' on the page. Decorate it with stickers and spray it with perfume.



PRAY

We all have a sin problem. The woman knew she needed Jesus because she had done things wrong. Simon thought he didn't need Jesus, but he was wrong. We all need Jesus to forgive us too. And we can say a very big thank you to Jesus for forgiving our sins.

Dear Jesus,

thank you for forgiving people. Please help us to always say 'thank you' to you.

Amen.