

CITY LG – March 4-6, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Everybody Hurts (A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet) • Luke 7:36-50

Today's Bottom Line: Everyone needs forgiveness.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)*

WORSHIP:

Standing in Your Light

All of Me

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

HOST: "Hey, everybody! It's great to see you today! I'm so glad you're here because this month we're talking about forgiveness.

SLIDE: Virtue

"Forgiveness means deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

SLIDE: Theme

"I think we've all been in a situation where we've done something that hurt someone, and we needed them to forgive us. Or maybe you've had to forgive someone else for something THEY did. The truth is, **[Bottom Line] everyone needs forgiveness.**

"When you forgive someone, it's kind of like you're giving them a do-over or a redo. I've got a fun game that we can all play today that will help us practice on our 're-working' skills.

"We'll put a shape on the screen. You and your small group will find a way to 'rewrite' that shape on the floor. You'll use your bodies to work together and make the shape. We'll start with easy shapes, then they'll get more and more difficult!

"Everyone up on your feet! Here's your first shape. Let's re-shape it!

AUDIO: play Spotify playlist

SLIDE: Game Shape 1 (Triangle)

SLIDE: Game Shape 2 (Circle)

SLIDE: Game Shape 3 (Square)

SLIDE: Game Shape 4 (Rectangle)

SLIDE: Game Shape 5 (Heart)

SLIDE: Game Shape 6 (Star)

SLIDE: Game Shape 7 (Flower)

SLIDE: Game Shape 8 (Random Shape)

Put the shapes on the screen, one at a time. Don't change to the next shape until every group has made the shape. As you see groups completing the shapes, walk around and tell them when they've gotten it right. You can even take pictures of them with your phone and show them what they look like.

This isn't a competition. The goal is to get every group to have fun trying to complete the challenge together. Do however many shapes you feel is appropriate for time.

SLIDE: Theme

HOST: Over the past few months, we've been making our way through God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We've looked at lots of different stories throughout the Bible. We started all the way at the very beginning, when God created the world. We saw how God made a promise to bless the world through the family of one man, Abraham. We saw how God was with people like Joseph, Moses, and David, and how God loved the Israelite people—even when they decided to go their OWN way.

"God promised to send a Savior, and when the time was right, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus grew up, and He traveled around, teaching and healing people. While most people loved Jesus, the religious leaders didn't believe that Jesus was actually the Son of God. They were upset that Jesus was changing the way they had always done things."

Let's see what happens in the Story Lab...

Bible Story Video

HOST: "Isn't it amazing to see how differently Jesus treated the woman compared to how Simon treated her? Simon and the other religious leaders could only see that the woman was a sinner. When they looked at her, all they could see were the wrong things she had done.

"What the religious leaders forgot was that THEY had done wrong things, too. They didn't see that THEY needed forgiveness just as much as this woman did.

"The fact is all of us have sinned. All of us have messed up. But that will never stop God from loving us. God sent Jesus to be our Savior. And because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, we know for sure that we can be forgiven.

Let's take a look at our bottom line for today:

Bottom line video

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“Let’s say that together....**Everyone needs forgiveness.**

You . . . me . . . and everyone you’ve ever met!” Let’s pray and ask God to help us remember that.”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to make a way for all of us to experience Your forgiveness. Thank You for the way Jesus lived His life—showing everyone what love and forgiveness really look like. Please help us show Your love by forgiving others, because we know that **everyone needs forgiveness.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Our memory verse this month is a good one to memorize to help us with this:

“Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)

Let’s all say that again together.”

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!

“Great job! I sure have enjoyed hanging out with all of you today. Have fun in Small Group!”