

LESSON PLAN

A WOMAN ANOINTS JESUS

Luke 7:36-50

Lesson Memory Verse: 1 John 3:18 - "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

Lesson Aim: We need to think how we can show our love to Jesus in some special way.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Why do you like Christmas (or your birthday)? (Let the children tell their reasons, but listen for those who say they like to receive gifts.) Yes, we all like to receive gifts, but do you like to give gifts? If you love someone very much, you will want to give him/her something special. It may be a gift or it may be some kind deed that you can do for him/her. It is nice to say that we love someone, but we prove that we love that person when we give him/her a gift or do something nice for him/her. (If you have time, you can let the children tell about some of the things that they have done for those that they love. It will be a way to share ideas with the other children as to what they can do.)

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse warns us not to say we love others by simply telling them that we love them, but we should show our love by some kind things that we can do for them. When we love "in word" and "in tongue," we are loving people only by what we say. When we love "in deed and in truth," we are loving people by kind things that we can do for them or give to them.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. Our story for today will tell us how a certain woman showed her love to Jesus and how a certain Pharisee, named Simon, showed that he did not love Jesus.

I. The Pharisee's Desire - Luke 7:36

A certain Pharisee desired to have Jesus come to his house for a meal. He probably wanted to know more about Jesus. This seemed to be a kind deed, so Jesus accepted his invitation and went to his house to eat with him.

WE: We need to invite Jesus to be with us every day, so we can know more about Him. Do you really want to know who Jesus is? If so, then you will have to invite Him to speak to you. He will speak to you from the Bible, especially from the words that He spoke while He was on earth. You need to listen to His words and do what He said. One of the best ways to do that is to memorize what He said. As you memorize His words, listen to what He is saying to you. He is speaking to you and you will be learning more about Him. You will also learn what He wants you to do. You will find out that there is much to learn about Jesus and none of us will know all that there is to know about Him until we see Him in Heaven. The Bible says, "...we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 Jn 3:2).

A good test of our desire to be with Jesus is our desire to read and study and memorize His Word (the Bible). Another test is our desire to meet with Him in prayer. He talks to us from the Bible and we talk to Him in prayer. These are two special ways in which we can know Jesus and show that we love Him.

II. The Pharisee's Dislike - Luke 7:37-39

A sinful woman heard that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's home, so she went to see Him. She found Jesus eating with the Pharisee in an area open to the public. She came to Him and washed His dirty feet with her tears. Then she wiped His feet with her hair and kissed them. Finally, she put perfume on Him. This was her way of showing that she loved Jesus and wanted Him to forgive her sins and to cleanse her life, but the Pharisee disliked what he saw.

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He saw her as a sinful woman that only a sinful man would allow her to touch him. He thought that Jesus should have spoken harshly to her and driven her away from Him. He was learning some things about Jesus that he did not like.

WE: When we get to know Jesus, we may learn some things that He wants us to do or say that our neighbors may not like. They may think that it is not good for us to help boys and girls that have gotten into trouble by their sin, but we need to be their friend and tell them about Jesus. These children may be despised by our neighbors, but Jesus loves them and we must love them. Do you think that Jesus only wants us to be with respectable boys and girls like the Pharisee and send away the reviled boys and girls like the woman? We must show the love of Jesus to all people that He loves and wants to save from their sins. We do not want to make the same mistake as the Pharisee. We cannot love Jesus as we should until we love all the people that He loves.

III. The Pharisee's Discovery - Luke 7:40-50

Jesus knew the Pharisee had a problem about the way the sinful woman was treating Him, so He told him a story. It was a story about two men who owed a rich man some money. One owed much and the other not so much, but neither man was able to pay back the money that they owed to the rich man. The rich man showed them mercy and told both of them that he would forgive them and not make them pay what they owed him. Then Jesus asked Simon, the Pharisee, which man would love the rich man the most. Simon said, "The man who owed the most." Jesus said that he was right. Then Jesus applied the story to Simon. Jesus told him that he had failed to do the things that a loving person would do for a guest in his house, but the woman had done all of them. He should have washed His feet with water, but she washed His feet with her tears. He should have greeted Him with a kiss on his face, but she kissed His feet. He should have anointed his head with olive oil, but she anointed His feet with perfumed oil. Why did the sinful woman do these things? She did them because she knew that Jesus loved sinners, so she loved Jesus. This meant that she hated her sins; no one can love his sins if he loves Jesus. She hated her sins and wanted His forgiveness. When Jesus saw her love for Him and her faith in Him, He forgave her sins and saved her. That was a shocking discovery for the Pharisee.

WE: We discovered that those who love Jesus the most are those who believe they have been forgiven the most. Actually all of us owe God much more than we could ever repay Him. We owe Him so much for the sins that we have done against Him that we all deserve to go to Hell forever (Rom 3:23; 6:23). Jesus had to die for all of us in order to save any of us, so we should all love Him the same. We should all love Him very much. How much do you love Jesus? What have you done to show your love for Him?

BE (for Action): Jesus must have seen repentance, faith and submission in the woman, who openly showed her love for Him in a special way at Simon's house. She showed hatred for her sin by washing His feet with her tears. This is **repentance**. She honored Him by kissing His feet, seeking His forgiveness for her sin. This is **faith**. She anointed His feet with her prized perfume. This is **submission**. What have you done to show your special love for Jesus? Have you repented of your sins so you could love Him? Have you put your faith in Jesus to be forgiven of your sins? Have you submitted your best treasure to Him? Here are some other ways you can show your special love to Jesus: obey your parents; lovingly take care of your younger brothers or sisters; respect your leaders; witness to the kids in your neighborhood and school; do kind deeds to others; work hard; tell the truth, even if it gets you into trouble; give some of your money to the Lord; go to Sunday school and church and be there on time; do your Sunday school lesson; and invite others to come with you to Sunday school and church. I would like to hear how you showed your special love for Jesus next Sunday.