

## Forgiveness

**Resources:** Memory stick with PowerPoint and relevant files, song CD, laptop (check cable), projector (check 2 cables), extension lead, 3 scripts, pen, sin box, sheet to cover the box, Big Bible with story in.

**Passage:** **Luke 7.36-50**

**Theme:** **Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong.**

**Person 1:** Introduction / Quiz

**Person 2:** Intro Sketch / Prayer

**Person 3:** Intro Sketch / Talk

**Set up:** Put the assembly box with pen inside in the middle of the stage.

### **Introduction**

Person 1: Hello [name of School], we are so pleased to be back with you again! We're the Christ Church Schools' Team, I am \_\_\_\_\_, and this is \_\_\_\_\_ [Intro team].

Person 2: [Grabs the pen out of the assembly box and runs off stage left]

Person 1: That's my pen!

Person 3: [Grabs the whole assembly box and runs off stage]

Person 1: Oi! That's my box!

Person 2: [Walks onto the stage sheepishly and gives back pen]

Sorry.

Person 1: [Thinks] I forgive you.

Person 3: [Returns to stage sheepishly and gives box back]

Sorry. Do you forgive me too?

Person 1: [Thinks & shakes head] No way! You stole the whole box. There's no way I'm going to forgive you...

[Walks off stage]

Person 2: In the story we're going to hear from the Bible today, Jesus meets two people. One person knew that they needed to be forgiven and the other was proud. Listen carefully to see if you can work out who they are.

## Story

The story for this assembly has been pre-recorded, the transcript of the story can be found below. The pictures that we used in the story can be found at <https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/btbn-mary-perfume/>

### Transcript

One day Jesus was invited to the house of Simon the Pharisee. They were having dinner together when a woman who had made lots of wrong choices and mistakes came into the room. The woman's name was Mary. She knew that Jesus was the Son of God and that she needed forgiving.

So, Mary knelt at Jesus feet. She cried and used her tears to wash his feet and wiped them using her hair. Mary then kissed His feet and poured expensive perfume over them.

Simon got cross with Jesus as he knew that Mary had made wrong choices. He thought that if Jesus was a prophet, he would know all about the wrong choices that Mary had made and that he wouldn't want such a woman touching him.

But Jesus was the Son of God, He knew what Simon was thinking. So, Jesus told him a story:

"There were two men who had borrowed some money. One owed £30,000 and the other £3000. Neither of them could pay back the money, so the money lender said that they did not have to pay him back."

Jesus asked Simon a question. "Which of the men loved the money lender more?"

"The one who was forgiven more," answered Simon.

"That is right," replied Jesus. "When I came to your house today you didn't wash my feet or put perfume on them. Mary did choose to cover my feet with perfume. She showed that she loved me because she had been forgiven for the wrong choices she has made."

Jesus looked at Mary with compassion in his heart and said, "Your sins have been forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

## Talk

We all at times make wrong choices and therefore end up doing bad things. We may have said mean things, stolen, or lied. The Bible calls anything we do that isn't good 'sin' [get sin box out]. Maybe we try to cover it up [Put sheet over]. Maybe we try to pass it on, saying, "They started it!" [Throw box to another team member] But somehow we keep making those same mistakes [Speaker drops sheet to reveal 'sin' again.]

Mary, the woman in our Bible story today knew she had made bad choices and done bad things. She knew that everyone thought she was a bad person.

Simon gets upset that Jesus let Mary touch his feet. So, Jesus told a story to help him understand. It's about two men who owed money. One owes £3000 and the other £30,000. They can't pay back the money, so the moneylender forgives them - he lets them off. Jesus then asks Simon, "Which one will love the moneylender more?" and Simon answers, "The one who owed more to start with."

Jesus then explains that Mary showed that she loved Him in an extravagant way. She did that because she knew that Jesus had forgiven her for her sin - all the bad choices that she had made. Jesus then says to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.' [Throw sin box to the side.]

Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong. He doesn't want to tell us off and say what bad people we are. He doesn't say that we should carry the bad things we have done around with us. Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong.

Whatever bad choices you have made, no matter how big you think they are or if you are feeling bad about them. Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong.

## Song

Our God is a Great Big God.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ5UrVSZ\\_FE&t=11s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ5UrVSZ_FE&t=11s)

## Quiz

We've got a little quiz for you now, so put your hand up if you think you know the answer:

1. What does the woman who visits Jesus pour on his feet? [Perfume]
2. What does Jesus say to her? [Your sins are forgiven]
3. What do Christians believe we can learn from our Bible story? [Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong.]

## Prayer

To finish our assembly, I am going to say a short prayer for us all. Before I do that, let's spend a moment thinking about what this assembly means for us. As we pause, why don't you think about something you might need to say sorry for or someone that you need to forgive? You may want to close your eyes, so you are not distracted or focus on the candle on the screen. If you want to agree with my prayer, you can say 'Amen' at the end with me....

[flickering candle on PowerPoint – wait for a minute]

Dear God, thank you so much for ..... school. Thank you that we have learnt from what Jesus said - that Christians believe that Jesus wants to forgive all the things we have done wrong. I pray that you would bless every child and every member of staff in this school. Amen.

## Ending

Thank you so much for having us and we'll see you again next time.