



Chattabox
session
Sunday 16th
August 2020.

People of
God: A
Woman
Luke 7: 36-50

Welcome

Hi guys,

Even though we can't meet at church like we normally do, we can still have Chatabox!

There are some things here for you to do, and we would love you to share them with us after.

To share what you've been getting up to, please email children@newburybaptistchurch.org



Last Week

Do you remember what happened last week? What made Thomas a person of God?

How many grown-ups did you the question if they were still learning about Jesus? How many said yes?



God's People Song

We have another person of God this week, so to get us ready to learn about them, let's sing.

[Click here](#) to sing our song about how all the people we are learning about are just like you and me.

Getting Started

This week our story is about someone who we don't know the name of!

Our story is about a woman who did something for Jesus. Even though we don't know what she was called she can still teach us about being a person of God.

The woman is described as “sinful” - that means she had done things wrong. Can you guess what is going to happen when she meets Jesus?

Story Preparation

We're going to act out the story as we read it today so there are a few things we need to make or get ready. :

A grown up

A box big enough for the container (you can make a box or use one you have)

Some pens/pencils & stickers or other craft materials

Paper

Wool or old fabric (that you can cut up)

Scissors & Sellotape

A small bottle or container with lid (for liquid)

Water (you'll need some of this for one thing and keep some for something else)

Fruit juice / squash / lemon juice OR perfume

A seat in the garden OR a big bucket (we're going to make a mess!)

Story Preparation - The hair

Using your Paper, scissors, wool/fabric and tape

- Cut a strip of paper and tape it so it fits around your head like a headband.
- Cut lots of strips of fabric or lots of strands of wool - all roughly the same length (about 30 cm)
- Tape the strips of fabric to your headband
- Put the headband on your head...you now have the nice long hair you're going to need in the story!

Story Preparation - The perfume

Using your Water, container and whatever you have of fruit juice/squash/lemon juice or perfume (make sure you ask before using somebody's perfume)

- Almost fill your container with water
- Take your other liquids and choose your favourite smell. Add a little bit to the container. If you're using perfume you only need to add a couple of drops.
- Close the lid and shake lots!
- You now have your perfume ready to go

Story Preparation - The perfume box

Using your box, pens/pencils and other craft materials.

- If you have a box already, first cover it with paper if you need to put it back after today's story.
- Decorate your box to make it as beautiful & special as you can.
- If you have stickers or craft materials use them to add "jewels" to your box and make it even more special!
- Put your perfume in it's container into your box.

Story Preparation - The scene

Using your Grown up, the garden or big bucket & the rest of the water

- Some of you might have guessed what our story is today already. It's going to get a bit messy!
- Ask your grown up to take off their shoes & socks
- Have your grown up sit on a chair in the garden or with their feet in a bucket if you are indoors.
- Put the spare water you have left down next to the chair

Your grown up is Jesus & You, with your perfume & headband are the woman we are learning about today. Are you ready?

Story Time

In the time of Jesus the streets were often dusty or muddy because they were where people and animals walked. Everyone always washed their hands and their feet before they ate.

People sat on cushions around low tables so sometimes you sat very close to people's feet and you don't want them to be dirty!

If I invited you to my house to eat, the very first thing I would do is give you a kiss on the cheek. Then I would give you water to wash your feet, or ask a servant to do it. If you were an important guest, I might even wash your feet for you. Then I would give you some perfume to put on your head in case you were hot and sweaty and smelly.



In today's story Jesus has been invited to someone's house for a meal. Let's find out what happened.

Story Time

Do you know who Pharisees were? Pharisees were religious men who liked to obey lots of rules. They obeyed all the rules in the Old Testament Law. Not only that, they obeyed all the rules that other religious people made up. Pharisees talked so much about obeying rules that they forgot to think about and love God.

They thought all the rules were more important than God.

They thought rules were more important than people too. They did not like anyone who did not obey rules just like them.

Story Time

Jesus met a Pharisee named Simon. Simon invited Jesus to his house to eat.

When Jesus arrived at Simon's house Simon did not give him a kiss. Simon did not give Jesus water to wash his feet with.

Simon did not offer Jesus perfume to put on his head.

Jesus sat on the cushion anyway. Other very important guests were eating with Simon also.

Ask your grown up to arrive at Simon's house and sit down.

Story Time

Someone else came to Simon's house. But Simon had not invited her.

The person that came in was not someone who liked to obey rules like Simon.

This was a woman who had been very bad. Everyone knew that this was a sinful woman.

Now it's your turn to arrive, try to sneak in - you weren't invited.

Don't forget to bring your special perfume in your special box though, make sure you keep that safe

Story Time

The sinful woman did not come to see Simon. She knew Simon would not help her. She was sorry for the bad things and she had done. She knew that Jesus could forgive her of her sins.

While everyone was eating, the woman came and knelt on the floor behind Jesus. She was so sorry for her sins that she began to cry. When she saw that Jesus' feet had not been washed, she used her tears to wash his feet.

Pretend to cry on Jesus' feet (use the water you put next to the chair really)

Use your hands to wash Jesus' feet once you've put the water on them

Story Time

She did not have a towel but she used her long hair to dry Jesus' feet. Then she took her jar of perfume and put it on Jesus feet.

Simon could not believe what he was seeing! He thought to himself, "How dare this woman come into my house! How dare Jesus let her touch him? Didn't Jesus know about following rules? Jesus must not be a true teacher." But Simon did not say one word out loud. He only thought these things to himself.

Use your hair (that we made not your real hair!) to dry off Jesus' feet.

Then carefully take your special box, take out your special perfume and put it on Jesus' feet

Story Time

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking. He decided to tell Simon a story. “Simon,” Jesus said, “once two men borrowed money. One borrowed 500 denarii and the other 50 denarii (denarii is a kind of money). After a while, the lender told the men that they did not have to pay him back. They could keep the money. Which of those men do you think loved the money lender the most?”

Simon said, “The man who owed the most money would be the happiest. He would love the lender the most.”

Story Time

The woman was like the man who owed 500 denarii. She had done many bad things. So she loved Jesus very much for forgiving her. But Simon had forgotten to love Jesus because he thought he just had to follow all the rules and he wouldn't need to be forgiven.

Jesus said to Simon, "Simon you asked me to your house but you did not kiss my cheek or wash my feet or give me oil for my head. This woman has kissed my feet and washed them. Then she put perfume on them."

Story Time

Then Jesus told the woman, “I forgive you of all of the sins you have done. Now you can go in peace.”

The woman went away, loving Jesus and from then she always tried to only do good things.

Sometimes she got it wrong again, just like we sometimes make mistakes but because the woman loved Jesus she knew she could ask him to forgive her and he would; so long as she kept loving Jesus and doing her best.



What Next?

The Woman in the story knew that Jesus was the one who loved her and could forgive her for all the bad things she had done in the past.

Even though we don't know her name, we can still learn from the woman - we can be forgiven by Jesus for things we do wrong if we ask Him. We can do good things for other people too, just like the woman did for Jesus.

What was your favourite bit of the story today? What do you think we can learn from that bit?

Let's pray

Dear God

Thank you that we can learn about different people in the Bible to learn more about you.

Please forgive us for the wrong things we've done and help us to be like the woman - doing good things for you.

Amen

First, let's say this prayer together then you pray for something you want to say to God.

Do you want to ask Him to help you do something nice for someone this week? Or do you think you need to ask for Jesus to forgive you for something you've done that you know you shouldn't have?

Remember God will always listen to you when you pray.



Reminder feet

Step 1: Draw around your feet on your paper & cut them out

Step 2: On one foot write “Do Good Things” On the other foot write “Love Jesus”

Step 3: try to walk around the room/ garden using only one of your feet. Swap to see if one is easier than the other

Step 4: Use the feet you’ve made to remember that to be the best friend of Jesus we can be we have to love him & do good - only doing 1 of those is like only using one foot to walk!



You will need:

Paper Pen/pencil
Scissors Your Feet!

Wordsearch

Can you find all the words?

FEET
FORGIVE
HAIR
JESUS
OIL
PERFUME
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SIMON
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Keep Saving

Chattabox is continuing each week throughout the summer; and in a few weeks time we've got a BIG craft planned.

So, to get ready for it, we need you to start saving cardboard boxes.

Anything from cereal box size and bigger keep to one side for now.

(Don't worry if you can't save any boxes there will be other options for the craft it'll just be a bit smaller!)

Next Week

I hope you enjoyed Chattabox today!

Don't forget that God loves it when we celebrate and dedicate things to him.

Remember to send in pictures of what you've been getting up to or if you want to ask any questions about today's story you can email children@newburybaptistchurch.org

We'll be back next week!



From the Chattabox team :)