

*TO HELP US STUDY*

1. Who invited Jesus to dinner? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who came in while they were eating? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did she begin to do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did the Pharisee like this? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. In the story Jesus told, one man owed a large debt of \_\_\_\_\_ and the other man owed only \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What happened when the two men were supposed to pay back the money? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Which one loved the moneylender the most? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If we apply Jesus' story, who owed God the largest debt, Simon or the woman? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who loved God most, Simon or the woman? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Why did Christ forgive the woman's sins? \_\_\_\_\_

*TO HELP US REMEMBER:* *Young ones*—Luke 7:47, "Her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much."  
*Older ones*—Ephesians 2:8-9

*TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT*

If you look closely at the story, you will see that Christ rebuked the religious man and commended the sinful woman. Why? In a one-page essay on the back of this sheet, tell what there was about their attitudes that made the woman more pleasing to Christ than Simon was.

*TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS*

This week's story is an easy one to tell. It has an underlying element of humor in Christ's tricking Simon so that he condemns himself with his own words (see Simon's answer at the end of Jesus' parable). If we can help our children to feel the human emotions in the story, it will come alive for them. Let's help them to feel Simon's haughty pride, the woman's loving gratitude to Jesus, and Jesus' complete control of the hostile situation.

On the other hand, the thoughts in this lesson are some of the deepest in the entire Bible. The lesson Jesus taught Simon is basic to all Christianity. We are debtors before God, flat broke, completely dependent on his love and grace. To communicate this to a very small child will be hard. We must pray and ponder on these thoughts before we can express them understandably to our children. But we must not shy away because of the difficulty. Our children need to know this about God—that he loves us in spite of our imperfections, and that our imperfections keep us from ever deserving his love.

*FOR ADULT STUDY:* Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7; Ps 84:11; Jon 4:2; Rom 3:22-24; 5:12-21; Gal 3:15-21.