

The Woman Who Cried at Jesus' Feet

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Luke 7:36-50

Characters: Jesus, Sinful woman, Simon the Pharisee

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A RELIGIOUS LEADER named Simon invited Jesus to dinner at his house. While they were eating, something unexpected happened.

A woman came in. Everyone knew her—she had done many bad things. People probably whispered and pointed at her.

But she didn't care. She walked right up to Jesus, crying SO hard that her tears fell on His feet!

She knelt down and wiped His feet with her HAIR. She kissed His feet. She poured expensive perfume on them.

Simon thought, 'If Jesus were really special, He'd know what kind of woman this is! He wouldn't let her touch Him!'

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking. He said, 'Simon, let Me tell you a story. Two people owed money. One owed a LOT—500 coins. One owed a little—50 coins. Neither could pay. But the lender forgave BOTH debts. Which person do you think loved the lender more?'

'The one who owed more, I guess,' Simon said.

'Right!' Jesus said. Then He pointed to the woman. 'Simon, when I came to your house, you didn't wash My feet or welcome Me properly. But this woman hasn't stopped washing My feet with tears and kissing them! She's shown SO much love because she's been forgiven SO much. People who think they don't need much forgiveness don't love much.'

Then Jesus looked at the woman with kind eyes. 'Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.'

No sin is too big for Jesus to forgive. When we understand how much we've been forgiven, we can't help but love Him back!