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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11b)

Forgiving a Sinful Woman

Lesson Scripture: [John 8:5-11](#)

God's Word

5 "In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" **6** They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. **7** When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." **8** Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. **9** At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. **10** Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" **11** "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."



Bible Story

Forgiving a Sinful Woman

John 8:5-11

In today's Scripture text, we meet Jesus, who had been to the Mount of Olives. The following day, Jesus went to the Temple. All the people gathered around Him, and He sat down and taught them. The teacher of the Law and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of sin. *Sin* is any form of disobedience to God. The leaders told Jesus that she had been caught committing adultery. The Law of Moses commanded that such a woman be stoned to death.

Then they asked Jesus what He thought about it. They said this to trap Jesus so that they could accuse Him of doing something wrong. But Jesus bent over and wrote on the ground with His finger. While the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law asked Him questions, He stood up.

Jesus told them that anyone who had never sinned could throw the first stone at the woman. Then He bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this, they all left. Jesus was left alone with the woman still standing there.

Jesus stood and said to her, "Where are they? Is there anyone left to condemn you?"

The woman replied, "No."

Then Jesus said, "Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin."

Forgiven

(Part 1)

When Mom pulled into the driveway, she saw Caleb and his sisters playing in the backyard. But when she got out of the car, she heard them fussing.

"Mom is home. I'm going to tell her what you did, Caleb," Katelynn, his youngest sister, said.

As Mom walked around the house to see what was going on, Katelynn and Sarah met Mom. Each of them had Caleb by the arm.

"Come on, Caleb! We are telling on you!" his sisters said.

"I didn't do anything!" Caleb yelled.

"Now you all calm down and tell me what is going on," Mom replied.

"We caught Caleb eating a snack when he was supposed to get some water. He knows what the rules are," Katelynn told Mom.

"Aren't you going to ask him if he did it?" Mom asked.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! When we see others break the rules, we are often quick to judge them. We quickly call out what they did so that they can be punished. But who are we to call others out

when we have not always done what was right? Like the men in our lesson today,

Caleb's sisters judged him and wanted him punished. How does it feel when you have been accused of something?



Forgiven (Part 2)

"Calm down. So, he broke a rule, and you think he should be punished," Mom replied.

"Yes, why wouldn't he be punished? Aren't you going to take his game away? Or you could make him do more chores?" Sarah suggested.

"So, my question is, have you ever broken a rule? And did I punish you each time?" Mom asked.

"No, you didn't. You forgave us and told us not to do it anymore," Katelynn replied.

"So, I'm going to forgive Caleb as well. But don't eat snacks before dinner. It spoils your appetite," Mom explained.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Today's lesson shows that we should not judge others when they have done something wrong. When the men brought the woman to Him, Jesus reminded them to think about what they had done wrong. None were without sin, so they could not punish the woman.

Jesus reminds us that He forgives us even when others will not. Why was it necessary for Mom to show forgiveness to Caleb? What lesson did Caleb and his sisters learn?



Point the Way

Starting at the given letter in the Puzzle Box below, follow the directional arrows to locate the letter to be written on the dash. When all the letters have been found, write the words (formed by the letters in order) on the lines provided at the bottom to complete the statement from today's lesson. (Example: U ↑ ↑ ← = E)

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D	T	Q	J	O
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Jesus said, " _____
_____!"