

Huddle Guide

for Children 4-6 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (30 mins)

Big Point: Incredible Faith Sets Me Free!

God's Word: Jesus Forgives the Sinful Woman (Luke 7:36-50)

Memory Verse: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1)

Life Question: What do I need to say sorry to God for?

Preacher's Note: Faith starts with believing God is real and God is good. Get the children to see and learn the humility of the sinful woman as opposed to the Pharisees. She knows she had done many wrong things, but was **sincerely sorry to Jesus for her wrong things**. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were just proud of the good they did, and was in fact, wrong for looking down on the woman. Because of her belief in Him (faith) and repentance, Jesus forgave her and sets her free from her wrong, making her a new creation in Him. That's what happens to us too when we believe in Jesus (for the first time)!

MATERIALS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ARE Prepared by Prep Team
Huddle leaders prepare and ensure material in BLUE are ready

BEFORE SESSION:

Prep Team: HERE	Huddle Leaders:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read through this guide and Story Cards2. Ensure all Huddle Guide box, materials and stationery in box are sufficient and in order3. Ensure craft materials are well-distributed to each Huddle Guide box

Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome NEW kids

Address them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable!

Get other children to say hello to child! :)

Inform NEW kids that you would like to visit him/ her, take a group photo with NEW kids **(DO NOT POST in social media, for internal use ONLY)**

Huddle Activity 1 - Recap and Link (15 mins)

(ensure kids understand and able to apply what preacher preached in small group setting)

Week 3 - [Jesus Forgives Story Cards](#)

Good morning HopeKids! Today it's already the THIRD week of our Incredible Faith series! *picture 1* So what exactly is having faith? It means we be-_____, we do what in God? (prompt!) We believe in God and His power!

We have looked at a few stories telling us how some very normal people do awesome things, because they had incredible faith! Like Peter *picture 2* actually walked on water because he had faith Jesus will help him.

Having faith is also *picture 3* when we believe and trust God will take care of us, just like Abraham when he obeyed God to go to a new land!

So we learnt from another interesting story just now! HopeKids, have anyone of you ever felt stuck before? Like an annoying plaster or sticker that gets stuck on you and you try to get it out but you can't!

You know, sometimes sin and bad habits is like that, we can't seem to get it out no matter how hard. It sticks to you!

So we met this lady just now in the story! *picture 4*

One day, Jesus was invited to have dinner with a group of Teachers of the law. *pictures 5* The teachers are people who will teach about the bible and we learn good or bad things from the bible? (Good!) So if these people teach good things that are in the bible... should they be good or bad people? (Good!)

Yes! And does the bible teach us to love and forgive people? (Yes!)

Does Jesus love and forgive people? (Yes!)

Yea, so one day, Jesus was eating dinner with these teachers who are supposed to be good people *point out picture 5 again*, who should love and forgive people. Oh dear, but did they welcome him and take care of him as a guest? Or did Jesus had to do everything on his own? (On his own!) *Picture 6* Suddenly, the lady, *picture 7* came into the house, because she wanted to meet Jesus.

But was the woman invited to have dinner with them? (No!)

No! She was not invited for the dinner and to make it worse, she is known to be sinful. She has some habits that are bad and not right. *Point to face on picture 7* But look at her face, her eyes! What is she doing? (Crying!) Crying right, so how do you think she feels, about all the bad things she did? (Sorry!)

Yes! I think she feels very sorry too. And, she wanted to meet with Jesus soooooo much, she didn't care what the teachers think. She came to Jesus, *ACCENT* **BELIEEEEEEVING** He is good and she wants to say

how she was sorry for all the bad things she did! She **BELIEVEDDDDD** that Jesus would not tell her to go away. Was she having faith? (Yes!)

Yes, does anyone remember what she did? *picture 8* She knelt down, cried and used her tears to wash Jesus' feet. *picture 9* She used her hair as a towel to wipe it dry, *picture 10* and even kissed his feet. *picture 11* She then poured a jar of perfume on Jesus' feet. To us that sounded weird, but in Bible times, that's showing how important Jesus was to her! She was showing that she is sorry and that she loves Jesus very much.

But what did the Teachers do?

The Teachers were like *picture 12* "yikes! Eeeee, why is she here? Let's zoom in to his face! *picture 13*, was he happy? (No!) And why is Jesus allowing her to touch him? They felt that the woman was sinful and dirty and they don't want her in the house, they don't want her to touch them. Do you think he wanted the woman in his house? (No!) *picture 14* Looking at his face...do you think he thinks he's better than the woman? (Yes!)

When you look at Jesus though... How was Jesus response? *picture 15* Was it the same as the Teachers? (No!) Was Jesus like eeeee and giving disgusted face? (No!).

But remember? Just now we talked about how the Teachers, they are people who teach good things that are from the bible. So should they be good and loving people? (Yes!) But are they loving to the woman? Were they kind and nice to her? (No!)

No! They were not, and they even asked Jesus why he allow her to come and touch him!

This is when we see that Jesus is pleased and happy when we have faith in Him. And having faith is doing what in Jesus? Be- ____? (Believing in Jesus!)

Because the woman had faith and believed that Jesus will forgive her, Jesus really forgave her! It was like Jesus took away the chains that makes her feel bad and lousy about herself. *breaks paper chains, picture 17* Jesus was kind to her and she was free of her sins, simply because she believed in Jesus' goodness.

If there is something you want to say sorry to God for today, think about it. And we are going to pray together, okay?

Huddle Activity 2 - 10 mins

(activity time)

Alright, today we are not going to make any crafts, but do an activity together!

Okay, first question! Do you want sin and/or bad things to stick to you? (No!)

No right? I don't want either. So I am going to put these strips of paper in the middle.

On it, you are going to write or draw the bad things that you don't want to be stuck in. It can be something you find hard to do. Like you get easily angry or you don't like to share even though you know it's good to share, it can be something you are scared of,... like being scared of the dark. It can be something you are sorry to God for!

You must write at least one, and you can write as many as you want. And all these bad things, you are going to give to God and BELIEVE that He will forgive us and help us to become better.

- Give about 3-4 mins, and allow them to write/draw
- Help with spelling when needed

Alright. So take all your strips, the teachers are going to use a stapler to staple it together to form a chain - ensuring the two ends are big enough for kids to wear on their wrist.

Yay, remember just now, the woman was set free and her chains were broken? It's the same with you! You are going to take all your chains and wear it and break it in the name of Jesus, alright? Let's pray together and after that, we will break the chains together okay!



Pray - 1 min (not too long, keep it short for younger kids - 2 sentences!)

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being a loving and forgiving God. I am sorry for all the bad and wrong things I did. I want to have faith that you will help me do the right things. Help me, Jesus and in Your name, you will set me free from all these bad things!

In Jesus' name, Amen!

OKAY, we break together and then you can tear the pieces of paper!

At the count of 3, we will shout: "Incredible faith in Jesus sets me free!"

Pack Up - 3 mins

AFTER SESSION - Huddle Leaders To ensure:

1. Stationery is still available
 - a. Glue sticks/double sided tape
 - b. Colour pencils are sharpened
 - c. Sharpeners and scissors in working condition
 - d. Markers are still working
2. Pack all extra materials neatly to be returned
3. Gather all card cases and printouts to be returned
4. Keep all Huddle Materials and place things to be returned in respective box file that is labeled "To be Returned"