

Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 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: Without Faith, it is impossible to please God. Those who come to God must believe that he exists. (Hebrews 11:6a)

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)!

BEFORE SESSION: Huddle leaders are to collect Huddle Guide Material Box from respective cabinet/storage areas and ensure there are enough working stationery.

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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 new kids! :)

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 - Discussion (15 mins)

(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)

Hi HopeKids! Time sure flies! We are now in week 3 of our Incredible Faith series! Does anyone remember what exactly is Faith? You the last two weeks' memory verse actually tells us what real Faith is!

1. What is faith? → Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11: 1)
2. Today we learnt a different layer of what faith is! What's the big point today? (Incredible Faith sets me free!) Yea, and the act of having faith is to what in Jesus? Starts with letter 'B'. (Believe!) Today's memory verse tells us that those who come to Him must **believe** that He exists.
3. But the Big Point also says Faith will set me free, free from what? Most of us are not trapped in anything! Anyone of you want to guess?
4. Okay, let's then look at today's story character! Who was it? (The sinful woman). Wow, she is said to be full of sin. How do you think she felt before she went to find Jesus? (Afraid, guilty, sorry, nervous, determined to say sorry...)
5. How did faith look like for the woman? (Did she believe that Jesus is God and will forgive her?)
6. How did Jesus react to her actions and receive her?
7. How did the Pharisees react to her? Do you think the Pharisees wanted to meet with Jesus for the same reasons as the woman? Or was it to impress Jesus with what they know?
8. Who had real faith that pleases God? The woman or the Pharisees?
9. What did the woman's faith earn her? The woman's **belief in Him (faith) and repentance, earned her Jesus' forgiveness.**
10. If the woman is now forgiven, what is she set free from? (Sin! Free from sin!) Is she now a Christian? (Yes!)

Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)

Alright, that's a great discussion. I want all of you to take some time to do your Reflection 1 + 1! Write down 1 thing you learnt of God's character today and 1 thing you would like to do.

You know, the woman in the story had incredible faith to humble herself to say sorry to Jesus. What are some things we need to say sorry to God for?

Wrap up & Pray (5 mins)

(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)

Dear Jesus,

Help us to always remember to have real faith that pleases us. Help us to know You will help us to be free from sin. I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done.

Forgive me and set me free from sin once again, and teach me to be holy.

Amen in Jesus' name!

(Pray in your own words - and commit their Reflection 1+1 to God too!)

Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service + Can test on memory verse! :)

AFTER SESSION: Huddle leaders are to clear any rubbish and keep Huddle Guide Material Box in respective cabinets.