CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #8

"NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU..."

(5th Sunday of Lent)



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INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 5th Sunday of Lent.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 5th Sunday of Lent.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. May I always be aware that you are a compassionate God. Like Jesus, may I be merciful and not be quick to condemn others. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read John 8: 1-11. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Time for reflection and discussion:

- 1. Have you experienced being challenged for doing something wrong by someone who loves you or by someone who is does not like you? What has been the difference?
- 2. Who do you most identify most with the story about the woman caught in adultery? The woman who, though guilty, did not deserve death by stoning? Or do you see yourself in those who condemned her, shamed her publicly and were willing to stone her? Or do you identify with Jesus who spoke kindly to her, refused to condemn her, and lovingly encouraged her to lead a more moral life in future?

Some thoughts on today's scripture

The gospel passage tells us about the people who came to Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes were sure they were right and the woman knew that she had done wrong. However, in meeting Jesus, their way of thinking about their own actions changed powerfully.

The Pharisees and scribes, through the words of Jesus were able to see that they too were sinners, like the woman they were accusing and they were not perfect. The woman, expecting to be punished for her error, and condemned by Jesus, instead received a lovely acceptance from Jesus which must have left a lasting impression on her.

A meeting with Jesus is always a life-giving experience, as he himself has said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words

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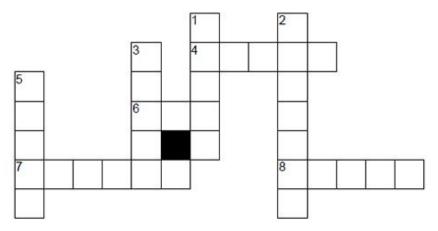
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Activity #3: Solve the puzzle

Pointing Fingers & Throwing Stones

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ACROSS

- To send something such as a rock or a ball through the air
- 6. To break God's laws or commandments
- To say that someone has done something wrong
- Prophet who received the 10 Commandments

DOWN

- 1. Another name for a rock
- To judge someone; to sentence someone for a crime
- 3. The Son of God
- 5. An adult female person

WOMAN	SIN	JESUS	CONDEMN
ACCUSE	MOSES	STONE	THROW

Activity #4: Find the words

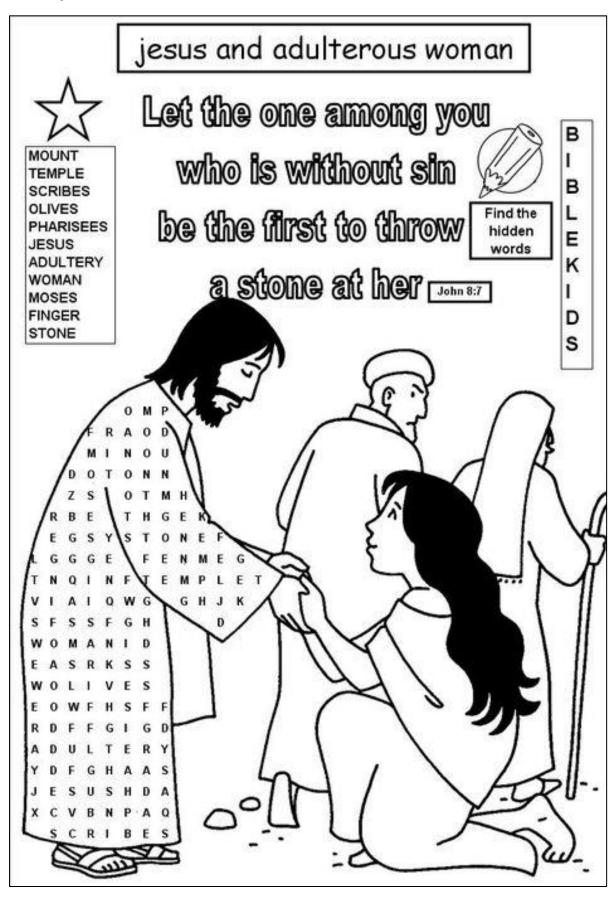
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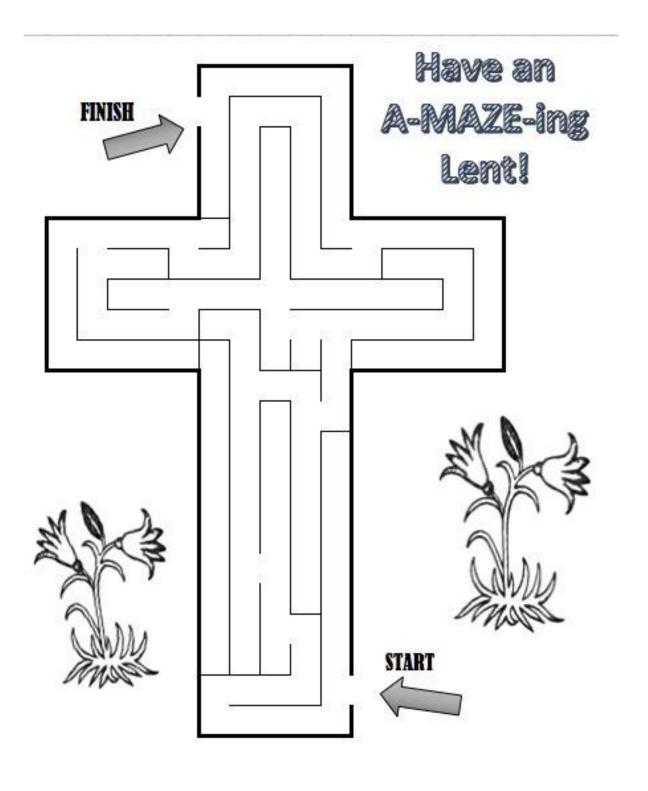
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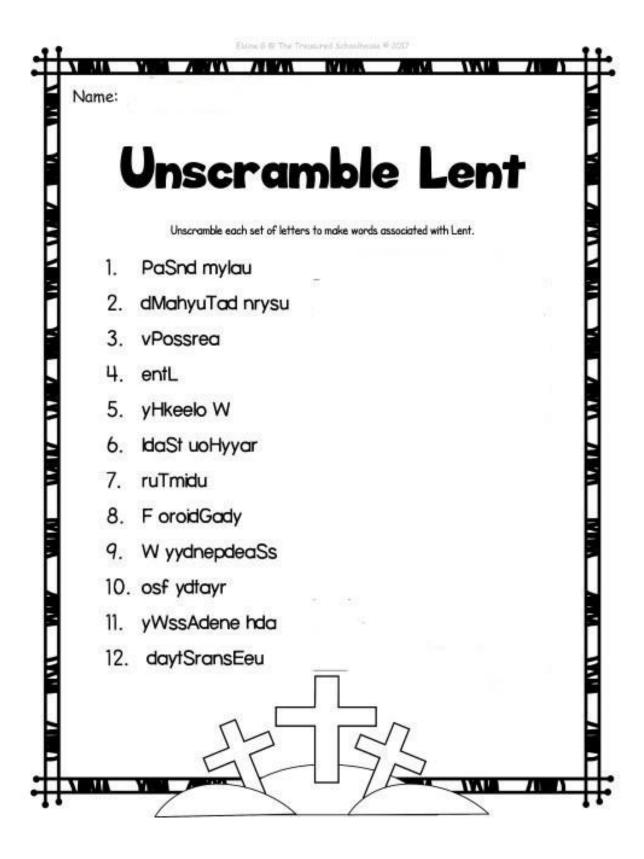


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Activity #8: Jesus Forgives Colouring page

Forgiveness Coloring Page



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Activity #9: Colour the picture and tell the story

