

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 204: THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN
JOHN 8:1-12

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He went back to the Temple area. The people all came to Him, and He sat and taught them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman they had caught with a man who was not her husband. They forced her to stand in front of the people. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery which is a sin. The Law of Moses commands us to stone to death any such woman. What do you say we should do?" They were saying this to trick Jesus. They wanted to catch Him saying something wrong so that they could have an illegal charge against Him. But Jesus stooped down and started writing on the ground in the dirt with His finger. The Jewish leaders continued to ask Him their question. So He stood up and said, "Anyone here who has never sinned should throw the first stone at her." Then Jesus stooped down again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they began to leave one by one. The older men left first, and then the others. Jesus was left alone with the woman standing there in front of Him. He looked up again and said to her, "Where did they all go? Did anyone judge you as guilty?" She answered, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Then I don't judge you either. You can go now, but don't sin again." Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but they will have the light of life."

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“So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.” **JOHN 8:78**
“And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.” **JOHN 8:9**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world...'" JOHN 8:12

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, early in the morning He came back to the temple area.
2. All the people came to Jesus, but He did not teach them.
3. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Him who was caught with a man who was not her husband.
4. They made her stand in front of everyone and said that she was caught in the act of adultery which is a sin.
5. They told Jesus that the Law of Moses commands them to put such a woman in jail for ten years.

Questions

1. What did the Pharisees and scribes ask Jesus about the woman?
2. What did Jesus do after the scribes and Pharisees asked Him what they should do with the woman?
3. What did Jesus tell them after they kept asking Him what to do about the woman?
4. When Jesus told them that anyone who has never sinned should throw the first stone at the woman, what did everyone do?
5. After everyone went home, what did Jesus tell the woman when she saw that nobody was there to accuse her of sinning?

Lesson 204 Activity

The Trap (London Bridge)

Have two of your students hold hands over their heads to create a “bridge.” Have the remainder of your children form a single file line and cross under the “bridge” while singing “London Bridge”:

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
London Bridge is falling down,
My fair lady.
Take the key and lock her up,
Lock her up, lock her up.
Take the key and lock her up,
My fair lady.

When you get to the “Take the key” verse, have your “bridge” drop their hands around the child underneath, holding him or her captive until the end of the song. This game can be continued to give many children a chance to be both “bridge” and “captive.” Explain to your class that in today’s lesson they learned about a trap that some people tried to set for Jesus, but it did not work. In fact, Jesus used the trap they set for Him to show them their own sin and free someone else from the trap of sin in her life.

Explain trapping

Have you ever made a trap, perhaps to trick a friend, or catch an animal? (Give a personal account of a trap you or someone you know set. Here is an example: “I know a little boy who once set a trap for his sister as a joke. He carefully balanced a cup of water on the top of a slightly open door. He called his sister into the room so that when the door was pushed open the water would fall on her head. His trap worked just like it was supposed to, except for one thing. It was not his sister that entered at the door; it was his mom! (As you can guess, this story did not have a very happy ending!”)

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus’ full payment for sin. If there are any children who have not received the gift of salvation, be sure and give them the opportunity to respond.