



GROUP ACTIVITY

Jesus Forgives the Sinner

BIG IDEA: Jesus doesn't look down on us for being sinners, so we shouldn't look down on others who sin.

BIBLE BASIS: John 8:1-11

KEY VERSE: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." Matthew 7:1 (NIV)

Potato Pass

Supplies: Potato or small ball

Say: In today's story, Jesus told a crowd of people who were about to throw stones at a woman, "Let the person who has never sinned throw the first stone." He wanted everyone to realize that we are ALL sinners, and we shouldn't judge others for their sins. We have to remember that Jesus might look down on sin, but He doesn't look down on sinners. Even though we're sinners, Jesus still loves us. And Jesus says to not judge or look down on people for their sins, because other people could just as easily judge or look down on you for your sins. That's what our memory verse reminds us to do. Let's read it together:

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Directions: Have everyone sit in a circle. Practice the verse together until everyone can remember it. When ready, give the "potato" to someone in the group. Instruct them to begin passing the potato around the circle. As each child receives the potato, have the group say one word from the Bible verse. The child who is holding the potato at the end of the verse gets to stand up and do a silly dance. Play several rounds to help the children learn the verse. For each round, start the potato with a different child. Challenge the kids to pass the potato faster and faster as they become better at reciting the verse.

Question: Has anyone ever looked down on you because of your sin? How did that make you feel?

Question: What is one thing that you will do this week to help you not look down on someone who sins?

When finished, say a prayer, and ask God to help everyone not judge others or look down on them when they sin.



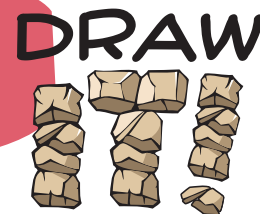
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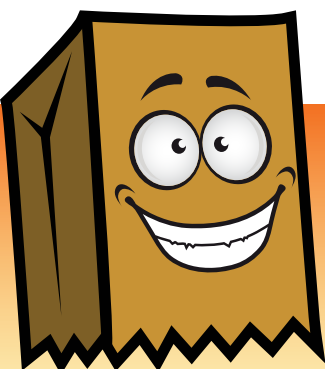
Draw a picture that shows how thankful you are that Jesus still loves you when you sin.



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Write a letter, song or poem to Jesus praising Him for His incredible forgiveness.



THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

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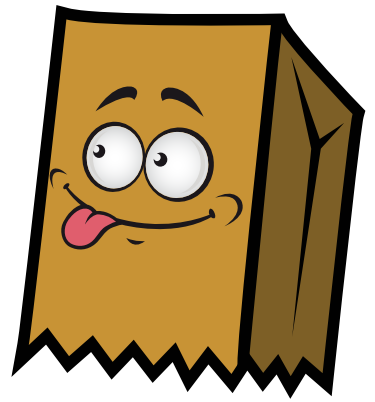
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Matthew 7:1 (NIV)

READ



John 8:1-11. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



PRAY



Write a prayer asking Jesus to help you not look down on others when they sin.

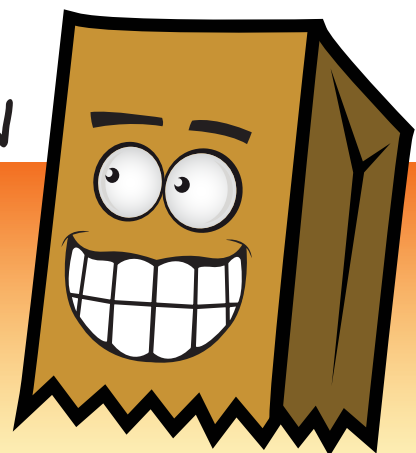
NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus Teaches on Loving Our Enemies

BIG IDEA: Jesus teaches us to love everyone, including our enemies.

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 5:38-48

KEY VERSE: "But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you." Matthew 5:44 (NIRV)





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