

## UNIT 2 – STORY STORY

### Lesson 1 Forgiven



**Text:** Luke 7:40-43



**Bible Truth:** God forgives us because he loves us.



**Central Truth:** Our reaction to what God does is usually related to the type of relationship we have with him.



**Memory Verse:** 1 John 4:19 "We love him because he first loved us."

#### GETTING STARTED



1. The students should mention various types of emotions and they should give an example of a situation where someone would feel the emotion mentioned. OR
2. Tell a story of where there were two offenders and what happened when they apologized or not, and how they felt. OR
3. Using counters or cubes or any other suitable object place a certain number on one side and a different number on another side. The students should pick the side that has the higher number of objects. Do this a number of times and get different people to decide which side has more.

#### THE WORD



We all have different backgrounds. Some people lived morally upright lives until they got born again while other people were involved in various types of vices before they got born again. The former set of people when they get born again don't have much to change in their life styles. They know that their lives are now under the leadership of God and they try not to lead their lives as if it was their own. However, the latter set of people have many more things to change and they are usually more appreciative of the change that has taken place in their lives at the new birth.

Simon, a Pharisee, invited Jesus to his home and he was not happy with the woman who used her tears to wash Jesus' feet and her hair to dry the feet. She did some other things and Jesus told Simon that Simon had not given him water to wash his feet. It was customary for the host to give the visitor water to wash his feet, if a servant doesn't wash it for him. Simon as a Pharisee thought that he was close to God while the woman acknowledged that she was a sinner in need of Jesus to make a change in her life.

If you borrow ₦100 from someone, it's easier to return it than if you borrow ₦1,000. For example, if you could afford to return just ₦100 a week, in the first case you would pay the person back within a week. However in the second case it would take you ten weeks to pay it back. In that ten weeks of paying back the loan, you would have to forgo some things. Think about how you would feel in the first case and how you would feel in the second case.

Think about it. Who would be more grateful to the doctor, the person who had a small cut which was treated or the person who had appendicitis was operated on and the appendix which was inflamed was removed thus saving the person's life? Who would be more at peace, the person who was forgotten at school and given money to go home or the person who was forgotten at school and was driven home by his teacher or someone else in authority? Who would be more relieved, the person who mistakenly broke one plate and was forgiven or the person who mistakenly broke a dozen plates and was forgiven?

How would you feel if someone not related to you came and paid for a debt you owed? Or when your parents had said that they had no money for you to go on the excursion with your class mates and someone paid for you not wanting anything back? Or your parents saying that you have

to go to a cheaper school because they are owing your present school last term's school fees and then someone comes and pays for the school fees for that term and for the rest of your stay in that school?

At the end of it all, we are to know that God has forgiven us our sins. It is up to us to repent and accept his gift, his forgiveness.

## MEMORY VERSE

1 John 4:19 "We love him because he first loved us."

## POEM – Forgive Me Lord

Forgive me Lord  
For the wrongs I have done.  
For anger I shouldn't have  
Against anyone.

I know I'm weak Lord,  
But I love You, I really do,  
And in spite of my weakness,  
I know You love me too.

Forgive me for not reading Your word,  
And for the times that I stray.  
Forgive me for just being too tired  
When I don't take the time to pray.

Give me the strength, Lord  
To do what I should each day.  
Let Your love shine through me

So others will follow Your way.

Even though I've failed You Lord,  
I know You'll forgive me,  
And this I promise Lord,  
A better Christian I will be.

For Your presence is in me  
Filling my heart with Your love,  
And I have Your reassurance  
You're guiding from above.

I love You Lord, and thank You  
For the blessings You bestow,  
I will tell others about You  
So Your goodness they too, will know.

-Louise P Heckman

## AT OUR LEVEL

- How did you feel when you offended your parents or your teacher or someone you admire?
- How did you feel when the person you offended forgave you?
- How did you feel when someone offended you? Did the magnitude of the offence matter? Did the type of relationship you had with that person matter?
- How did you feel when you forgave the person that offended you?

## CONFESSION

I am forgiven. Alleluia. I had a debt I could not pay. Jesus paid the debt he did not owe. I am saved. I am delivered. I am made whole. I am set free. Alleluia.

## REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mention one person who was forgiven in today's study.
3. Explain how a person who is forgiven could feel.
4. Why is it good to forgive people?
5. What should you do if you know you have done something wrong?

## ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

## IN CLOSING

Summarize the lesson and pray.