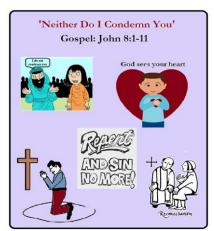
'Neither Do I Condemn You'

Children's liturgy activity April 3rd, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent



VERSE OF THE WEEK

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him- John 3:17

Gospel: John 8:1-11

In the gospel today, the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus who had been caught committing adultery. They stated the law of Moses; such people must be stoned to Death and asked Jesus 'What do you say?' They did this to test Jesus looking for something to use against him. Jesus looked down and wrote on the ground. When they asked him again, Jesus looked up and asked, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Jesus made them to look into themselves and their life, no one was there without sin, so they left leaving Jesus and the woman alone. Jesus asked the woman 'did not anyone condemn her. neither do I condemn you. Go away, and sin no more.'

What do you think was the intention of the scribes and pharisees as they blamed the woman? Was it to do justice or to trap Jesus? Have we blamed others or of something? What is our intention of blaming? Is it to do bring out the truth or to trap others for our own purpose? Jesus looks into our hearts. When we blame others, Jesus asks us to think of our own shortcomings, to examine our intentions. Do we feel ourselves free of sins? Do we feel self-righteous? What will we feel if we are blamed in front of all? Jesus asks us to think of ourselves in their place. What will we do? What did Jesus do? Jesus came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32). God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17). While we were sinners, Christ died for us and set us free from sins – this is God's love for each of us. Jesus came to wipe away sins and free us. He came to make us a new creation in him. When Jesus understands our fault, he helps us to repent by promptings of Holy spirit and gives us grace to confess. Jesus forgives us and free us from sins. He gives us grace not to sin again. He never thinks of our past, but he makes us a new creation in him. Jesus tells us Sin no more.

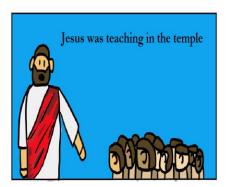
When we realize faults of others or our own faults, let us bring everything before Jesus ,confess to Him. Let us bring others before Jesus not to blame them or punish them or to justify us but to seek forgiveness for us and others and to seek grace and fill in Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by His love and mercy. Having forgiven let us forgive one another. Seek help of Holy Sprit, and live new life in Jesus holding close to him.

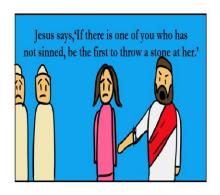
In this Lent, let us bring ourselves and whole world into the feet of Jesus , seek for forgiveness and grace for new life in Jesus

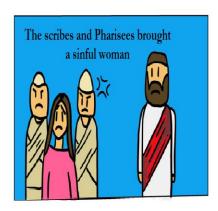
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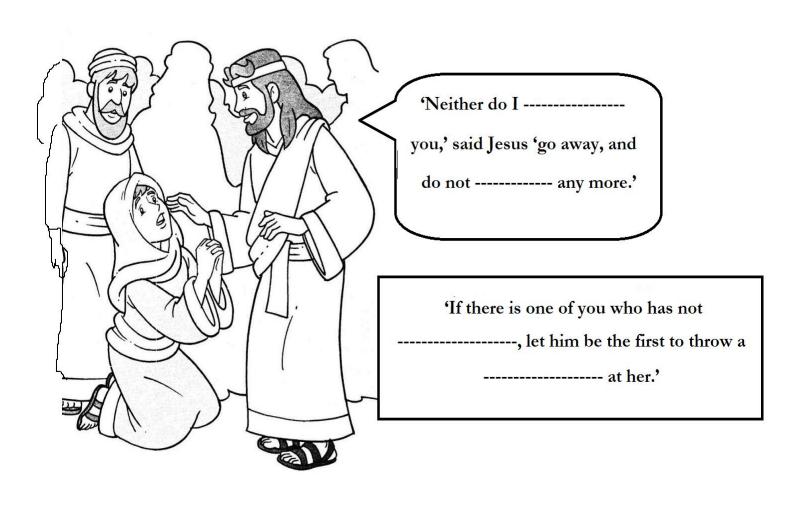




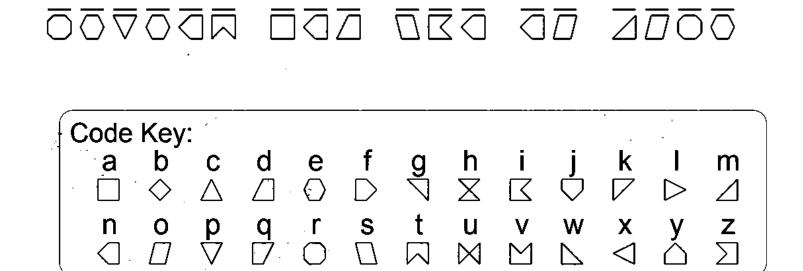


'Neither do I condemn you. Go and do not sin anymore.'

Colour the picture given below and complete the box with what Jesus said in the Gospel.



Crack the code to find the hidden message from Jesus.



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Bring the Whole Word and all you know before Jesus and pray for Forgiveness.



"Lord, do not hold this sin against them," for You are full of mercy and compassion for all. Please give me the grace to forgive so as to imitate Your perfect love...



Dear Abba Father, we thank you for wiping away our sins and giving us grace to have eternal life through your son Jesus, our savior. We thank you for your mercy and unconditional love. Give us more of your grace and holy spirit as we desire more, to live new life in Jesus, forgiving each other. We bring before you the whole world and each of us, forgive us and fill us with your love. Let your love fill the world. In Jesus name we pray, amen.