



Let's Face It

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)

CHRIST CONNECTION: The incident of the woman caught in adultery shines light into each of our own hearts and exposes the widespread existence of sin. After Jesus prompted the accusers to consider their own lives, all of them dropped their stones and walked away, knowing they, too, deserved the same punishment. God sent His Son into the world to save us from the condemnation we rightly deserve ([John 3:17](#)). This truth is perfectly illustrated in Jesus' interaction with the woman caught in adultery.

★ SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Question: When you get into trouble, do you feel like your punishment is fair? Why or why not?

★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

SING IT OUT (Memory Verse Activity)

Have your child open their Bibles to the table of contents. Direct him/her to find the book of Matthew under the New Testament. Have him/her open to Matthew 7:1. Read the verse out loud. *For younger kids, you may read for them.*

Directions: The following activity is intended to help you commit the day's Bible verse to memory. Today's verse is:

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Ask your child to listen carefully as you read the verse a few times. Then, share that you are going to make up a tune to sing the verse. Start off with an example of how you might sing the verse, and then ask your child if they have any different suggestions. Consider clapping along to the beat of the song as you sing. After singing the verse a few times, ask if your child wants to sing it to a different tune, in a different silly voice such as robot or giant bear, or super-fast. Let your child choose how he/she would like to sing it. Continue the activity until it appears that your child can remember the verse. Don't forget to include the reference! Afterwards, ask the following questions:

Question for younger kids: Why do you think it's bad to judge or look down on someone because of their sin?

Question for older kids: It's not okay to look down on someone because of their sin, but do you think it's okay to look down on the person's actions? Why or why not?

For Older Kids:

Ask your child to listen carefully as you read the verse a few times. Then, tell your child that he/she is going to make up a tune to sing the verse too.

Next, choose to sing the verse to a different tune. This time, ask him/her to sing it using one of the following musical genres:

- Rock 'n' Roll
- Rap
- Country
- Opera

Continue the activity until all of the genres have been used or until everyone who wants a turn has had one.

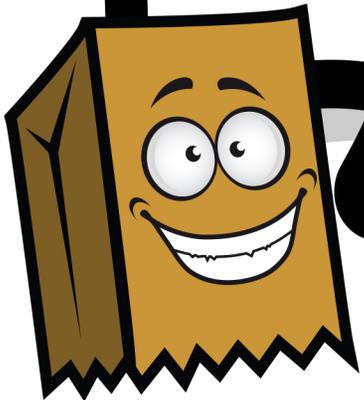
PRAYER STONES (Prayer Activity)

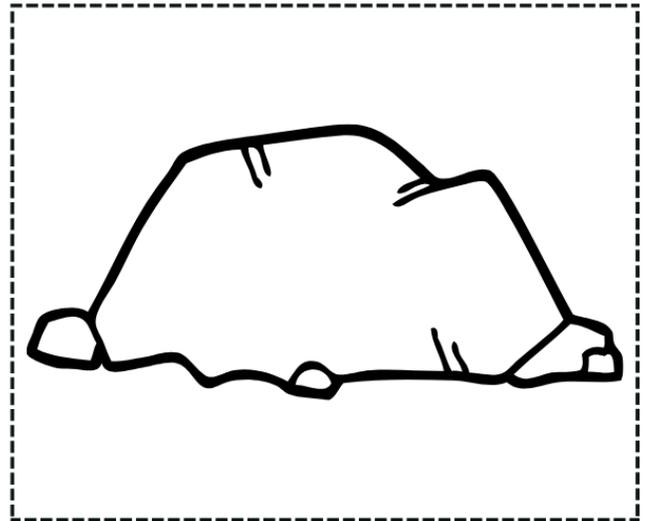
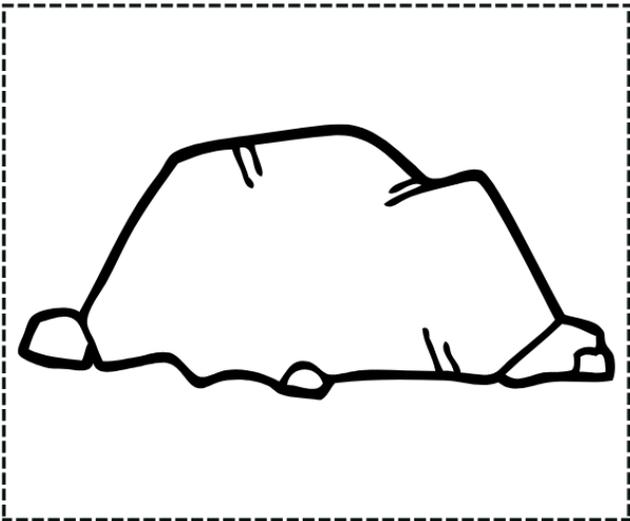
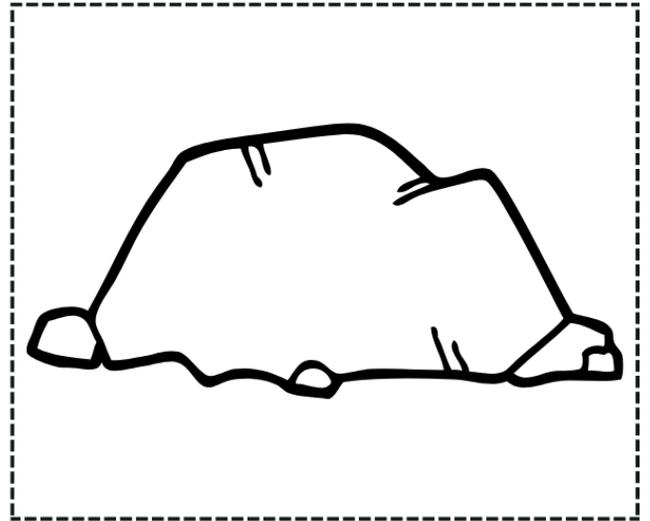
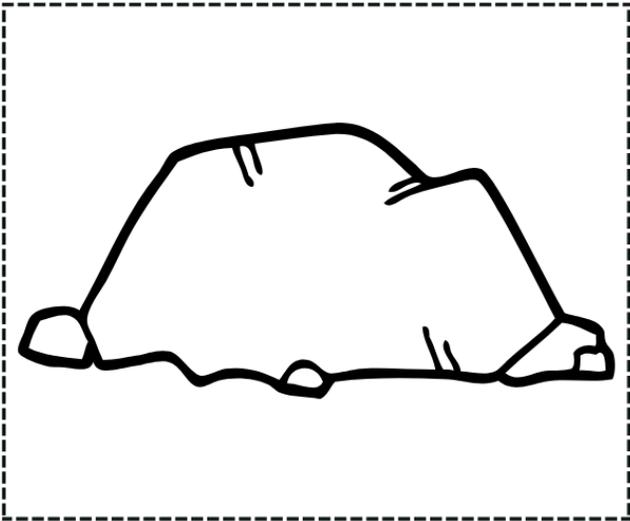
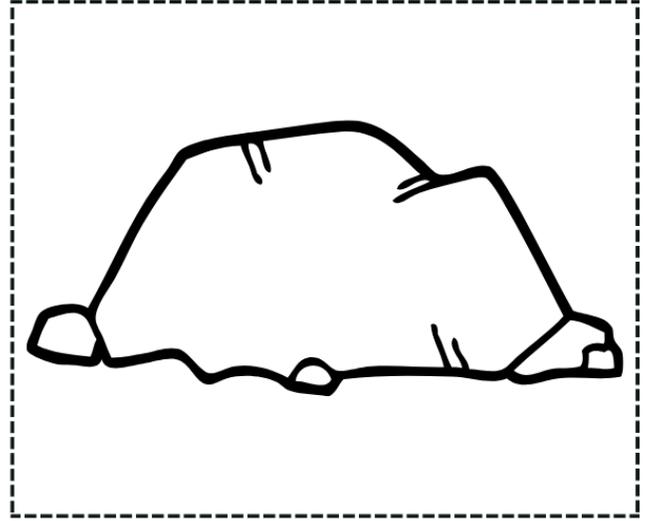
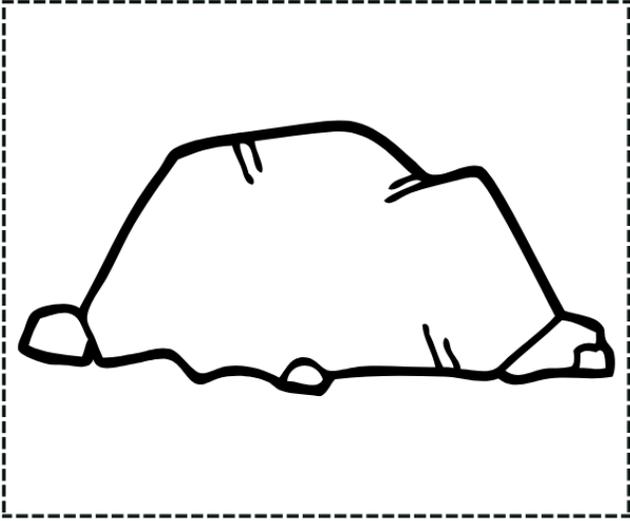
Directions: Stones were often used in the Bible as a reminder of how good and faithful God is. Give each person in the family a small Rock picture and a marker. Ask them to think of something they need prayer for or something they're thankful for. Instruct them to think of one word or picture that describes their prayer and write it down on their stone. For example, if they need help from God to get through a tough situation with a friend, they could write the word "friend" or draw their friend on their stone. When everyone has had a chance to write their one-word or picture prayer, have them place the stones on the floor or table in front of them. Go around the circle and have each person show what they wrote on their stone. Let them explain their prayer request or praise. Afterwards, tell everyone to keep the "stone" somewhere they'll see it all week long. Maybe on the refrigerator, on their bathroom mirror, in their Bible, or as a bookmark for their favorite book. Anytime they see the stone, they'll be reminded to bring their prayer request or praise to God. End the activity by leading your family in a prayer.



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