

## **Lesson 1 Student Guide - *Jesus Forgives Sins***

**Lesson Goal:** The goal of this class is to answer this question: “Why is the forgiveness of sins important?”

**Pre-Lesson Preparation:** Read Luke 5:17-39.

1. What is the TELL method?

**Think: Get the class thinking about an interesting topic or question.**

2. Why were the religious leaders at the time in opposition to how Jesus was conducting his ministry?
3. Who were some of the “sinners” Jesus associated with and preached to?
4. If Jesus were physically with us today, what sort of people would he be around? Why?

**Evaluate: Bring more meaning and context to the lesson.**

5. Who are the characters in the story?
6. What are the objects in the story?
7. Where did the story take place?
8. When did the story take place?
9. What is the problem?
10. What happened in the story?
11. Was the problem solved?

**Learn: Identify that sin is the problem and only God has the answer.**

12. What is the main theme of the lesson?
13. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess?
14. Where do you see the love of God in the lesson?
15. What does God teach you to do in the lesson?

**Lead: Share this with a group of your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

16. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

**Additional questions**

17. Who are some of society’s outcasts that modern-day Pharisees would view as “sinners”?
18. What does Jesus mean with his parables of the bridegroom, the garment, and the old wineskins?

**Lesson wrap-up**

19. Why is the forgiveness of sins important?