

## LENT WEEK 5

### JOHN 8:1-11

This week we listen to John's Gospel, Chapter 8, verses 1-11. We are told that Jesus went to the temple and started to teach. The people brought in a woman who they felt had done something very wrong. Jesus listened to them as they gave their view points. These people were out to test Jesus and to see whether or not he would give the right answer to their questions according to Jewish Law.

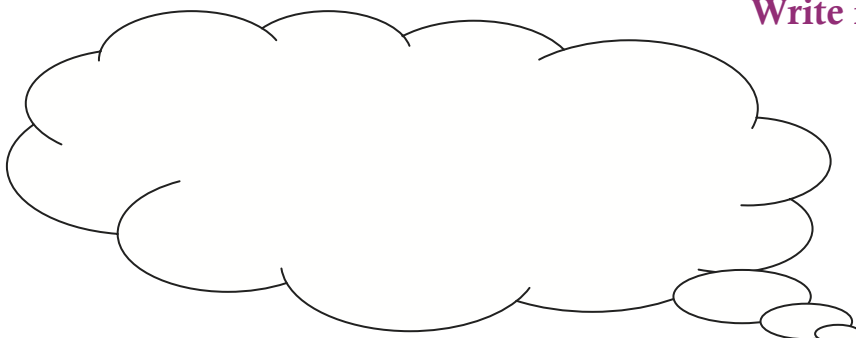
Eventually after listening to them for ages Jesus stood up and asked them if any of them had sinned. He told them that only those who had never sinned should stay and continue to give out about the woman and her sins. One by one they left until eventually she was left alone with Jesus.

### TRUE OR FALSE

1. Jesus was a very good listener. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus jumped to conclusions about people before hearing their story.  
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3. I should never judge somebody else. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The people in the story were very forgiving. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jesus agreed with the men who brought the woman to him.  
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6. Jesus was often too tired to speak to people. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jesus loved it when people came to speak to him. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jesus was a great teacher. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jesus often did things which distanced him from God's love.  
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10. When we do something wrong we should always say that we are sorry and ask God for forgiveness. \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you think that Jesus wrote in the sand?**

**Write it in the shape below**







### NOTES FOR TEACHER:

*The following scenarios are designed to help the class to explore a little more deeply some of the themes we associate with Lent such as forgiveness, making good decisions and saying sorry.*

Before you start you might want to set the following ground rules with the class:

- The class will be divided into groups of three
- Listening is very important
- Emphasise that it is a good idea for everybody to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”
- Everybody’s input is valuable
- There is no right or wrong ending to each scenario
- It is important to be a good audience when the scenarios are being performed

### **DRAMA:** IMPROVISATION (Themes: Honesty; Trust; Forgiveness)

**SCENARIO 1:** You are in school and it is lunch time. You are eating your lunch when one of the people in your class comes along and s/he is very upset. S/he tells you that s/he has had a row with her/his friend. You listen to her/him for a while and then the friend comes along...

**SCENARIO 2:** You and your friend are walking home from school. One of the people in your class comes up to you both. S/he asks can s/he speak to you. S/he then tells you that s/he has heard that you have both been saying some things about her/him which are not true...

**SCENARIO 3:** You are the teacher. You are sitting at your desk early in the morning when two students come to tell you about something that somebody else in the class has done. You listen as they tell their story...

**SCENARIO 4:** Two friends have come over to play in your house after school. You are not allowed to go down town but after some persuasion you do. When you get back your mother is waiting at the door...



## THE ANNUNCIATION, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

In the city of Nazareth, in Galilee, there lived a young woman named Mary. Mary was soon to marry a carpenter named Joseph. One day, an angel called Gabriel visited Mary and said “Greetings, most favoured one, and do not be afraid. God has chosen you among all women. Very soon you will have a baby, you must call him Jesus”. This was to be a very special baby. He would be great, and his kingdom would last forever. He told her that the child would be called Son of God. Mary was very afraid but Gabriel told her not to be and that she would be filled by the Holy Spirit, who would give her courage and strength. Mary bowed before the angel Gabriel and told him that she would do as God wished. When she got up the Angel had gone.

*Adapted from Luke: 1:26-38*

After receiving this news about herself, Mary later heard that her Cousin Elizabeth was also going to have a baby and she set out to visit her. When she reached the house of Elizabeth the two women praised God and Mary sang the following words. The Magnificat is used today as a prayer or hymn (*Alive-08* p.304).

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
 He has looked with favour on his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
 The Almighty has done great things for me  
 and holy is his name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him,  
 from generation to generation.  
 He has shown strength with his arm  
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit,  
 Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
 and lifting up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things  
 and sent the rich away empty.  
 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
 to remember his promise of mercy,  
 The promise made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Say the Magnificat in class today**