

Year C - Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 8:2-11

Writing on the Ground



Background

When confronted by the Pharisees and teachers of the Law of Moses who were trying to trap Jesus into saying something against their laws, so that they could bring charges against him, Jesus bent down and began writing on the ground.

You will need:

- Tray of dirt or sand for the leader
- Copy of the activity sheet for each child
- Enough pencils or pens for each child



Instructions:

1. Place the tray of dirt in front of the leader with the children gathered so all can see the tray.
2. The leader leans over the tray writing in the dirt, e.g. love, mercy, compassion, God, Jesus.
3. Remind the children that in today's reading, Jesus reminds us that just like the woman and the Pharisees, none of us is perfect.
4. Ask them to think about what Jesus wrote in the dirt. Was it scribble or did he write words? Was it a message for the woman?
5. If Jesus were here now, what might he write about each the children gathered?
6. Give each child the following activity sheet to write their thoughts

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I wonder what
message Jesus
wrote to the
woman



I wonder what
message Jesus
would write to
you