**Lesson 3 Jesus Forgives –  Introduction A Woman Caught in Adultery**

Today we begin a series of lessons leading up to Easter. Christmas and Easter are the two main festivals in Australia. To understand the importance of these festivals you need to know more about Jesus. Through these lessons you will learn why these festivals are so important and some important vocabulary associated with these special events. Today's story is about a woman caught in adultery with a man who is not her husband and Jesus’ response to her.

75. It’s the Law

### 1. Can you drive

(a) Demonstrate one of the following drivers to the rest of the class. The class have to guess which one you are?

careful vague slow and steady dangerous

fast immature reckless foolish

(b) What type of driver or rider are you?

(c) In pairs, imagine one of you (Kim) doesn't have a drivers license. Which of the answers to the following question are correct?

Kim, do you have a license?

yes I have no I am not no, that's right yes

yes I am no I don’t that’s correct no

(d) Which of the above answers is suitable for this question

Kim, you don't have a drivers license?

(e) Practice with a partner a similar type of question to question 2.

(f) Match these wrong doings with the penalty.

Wrongdoing Penalty

1.  traffic infringement a. imprisonment

2.  over due library book b. detention

3.  illegal tackle (football) c. penalty

4.  robbery d. deported

5.  no visa e. late fine

6.  2 yellow cards (football) f. suspension

7.  swearing at school g. capital punishment

8.  murder h. reprimand (warning)

9.  something wrong at work I. fine or penalty

(g) What are the rules for wearing seatbelts in your country?

front seat back seat

compulsory lap belt

optional law

(h) Which side of the road do you drive on in your country?

1. The steering wheel is on the left/right

2. We drive on the right/left side of the road. The same as...

(i) Are you legal to drive an automatic and/or manual car?

(j) What do you do if you have an accident with another car?

(k) What are the rules that foreigners should be aware of if they visit your country?

(l) Guess the answers in the gaps for these crazy laws in China.

1. It's illegal to own a red \_\_\_ in Shanghai, China.

a. car

b. dress

c. wedding dress

2. Anyone who is caught sharing the secrets of \_\_\_ was to be tortured to death.

a. making tea

b. weaving silk

c. writing calligraphy

3. Children at an Elementary school in Guizhou Province are required by local law to stop and raise their \_\_\_ to all cars which pass them on the street.

a. hat

b. hands

c. head

### 2. Guilty

When rules are broken, you usually receive a punishment. Can you share a famous story from your culture when a rule was broken but nobody received a punishment?

### 3. Yes no!

Do you know any stories where somebody broke a rule but they were surprisingly let off and received no punishment?

**HOT TOPICS**

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| **Wrongdoing**  1. traffic infringement  2. overdue library book  3. illegal tackle (football  4. robbery  5. no visa  6. 2 yellow cards football)  7. swearing at school  8. murder  9. something wrong at work | **Penalty**  a. imprisonment  b. detention  c. penalty  d. deported  e. late fine  f. suspension  g. capital punishment  h. reprimand (warning)  i. fine or penalty |

**The Story**

***Choose 5 people to read the story: Narrator, Religious Leader, Lawyer, Jesus and the Woman***

**Vocabulary**

**Temple**: a building used for worship

**Adultery**: sex with someone who is not your husband or wife.

**Command**: order, direct, or demand you to obey.

**Accuse**: to blame someone for some wrong thing.

**Sin**: to break God’s law – do something wrong.

**Stoned to death**: A form of capital punishment where stones are thrown at the accused until they are killed.

***John 8:2-11.*** *(CEV)*

**Narrator**: Early the next morning Jesus went back to the Temple. The people came to him, and he sat down and started teaching the people. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees (*religious leaders*) brought in a woman who had been caught in bed with a man who wasn’t her husband, and they made her stand before all of them.

**Religious**  Teacher (*Jesus),* this woman was caught in adultery with **Leader** a man who is not her husband (adultery).

**Lawyer**: In our Law a woman who commits adultery must be stoned to   
 death.

**Religious** Now, what do you say Jesus? **Leader**

**Narrator**  They asked Jesus this question, because they wanted to test him and bring some charges against him. They kept asking Jesus wanting to accuse him*.* But Jesus bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.

**Jesus** Whoever has done nothing wrong may throw the first stone at   
 her.

**Narrator** Then Jesus bent over again and wrote on the ground. When   
 the religious leaders and lawyers heard this, they all left, one   
 by one, beginning with the oldest. Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing there. Jesus got up.

**Jesus** (*to the woman*). Where are they? Is there no one left to   
 accuse you?

**Woman** No one, sir.

**Jesus** Well, then, I do not accuse you either. Go, but do not sin   
 again.

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**Discussion**

1. Give each pair a WH question to answer: ***Who*** is the story about, ***What*** is the story about, ***When*** did it happen, ***Where*** did it happen, ***Why*** is this story told?
2. Interview the actors in the story and ask the questions:

**Lawyer:** What is the punishment for adultery? Why didn’t you throw   
 a stone?

**Religious Leader**: Why did you walk away?

**Woman**: How will your life change after this experience?

**Jesus:** What authority/power do you have to forgive sins?

3 What do we learn about Jesus in this story?

4. Have you ever forgiven someone or been forgiven?