

THIS IS HOME | A FAMILY RESOURCE FOR LENT



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### SIMPLE SCRIPTURE FROM SUNDAY

JOHN 8:6-11

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

### BREAK OPEN THE SCRIPTURE

*Remember to allow time for each member to both process and respond to each question.*

1. In this Gospel passage, there is a woman who has done something against the law, and everyone is very mad at her. They have her stand in the middle of all of them, and they threaten to hurt her because of what she has done. How does Jesus respond? *You may need to explain to your younger child(ren) what Jesus meant when He responded to the crowd: that no one here is without sin, so why should we be so cruel to this woman?*
2. Was there anyone who was able to throw a stone at the woman? How do you think she felt when they all left her, and she was alone with Jesus?
3. Instead of pointing out the bad things that someone has done, like when we tattle unnecessarily, what could we do? *Try to lead them to the idea that we should build each other up rather than tear each other down.*



### SERVING THE LORD AS A FAMILY

CONTINUE ADDING TO YOUR SACRED SPACE

*Reminder:*  
*\*Sacrifice jar*  
*\*Family prayer*  
*\*Confession*

#### Affirmation Circle

In our Gospel reading this week, a woman was being torn down instead of built up. Who knows why she did the bad things that she did, but no one deserves to be hurt for their actions. Instead, what if someone had thought to actually talk to her and build her up, make her know that she is worth making better choices? We are going to do that for each other today.

Each person in the family is going to take a turn either in a special chair or in the middle of a circle of the other family members. When they are sitting in that chair, they are going to hold a special item. This could be a stuffed animal, a rosary, a small pillow, etc. This item will eventually end up in your sacred space when this activity is finished.

When that person is in that special spot holding the special item, the rest of us are going to say as many specific things about them that would build them up. What are some things that you love about them? What is something nice that you noticed they did this week? What is one thing about them that you are so glad about? We will ONLY say kind things.

Take turns allowing each child and adult in the family a turn to be built up by affirmations from all other family members. The last person may put the special item in the sacred space.



### LET US PRAY

*Father, we thank You for Your love and forgiveness. Today we are very thankful for each member of this family. Thank You for the gift that they are to this family and this world. Please help us to see opportunities this week to build each other up instead of tear each other down. Amen.*