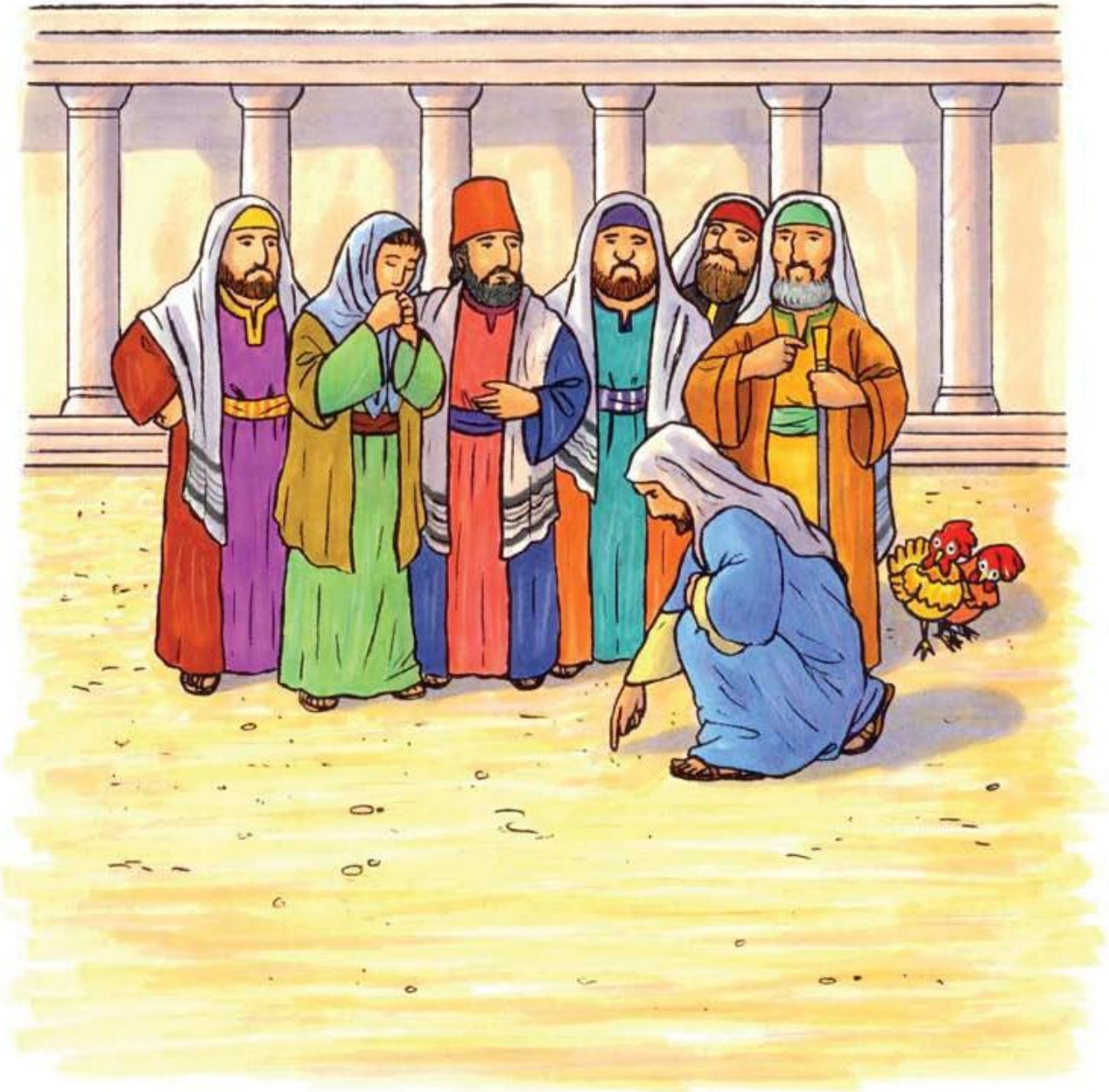


# THE ADULTERESS

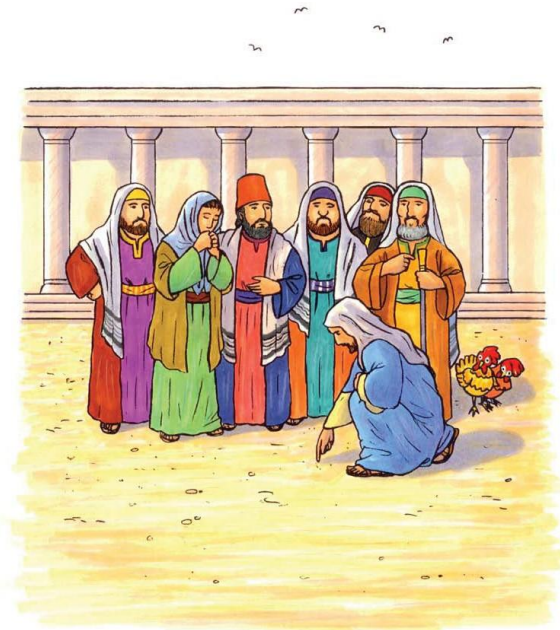
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## The Adulteress



Early in the morning, Jesus went to the temple. Many people came to him.

He told them about God. Scribes and Pharisees also came along. They wanted to find some way of tricking Him into saying something wrong.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus. She had committed adultery.

They made her stand in the middle of the crowd. They said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses tells us that such women should be stoned. What do You think?" Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with His finger. The scribes and Pharisees were waiting for an answer.

They asked again, "What do You think?"

Then Jesus stood up and said to them, "If one of you has never sinned, he should throw the first stone." (John 8:7) Once again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. When they heard what He said, one by one they went away.

Jesus and the woman were left on their own. Jesus stood up and asked the woman, "Where is everyone? Has anyone accused you?"

She replied, "No, Lord."

Jesus said, "Then I am not going to judge you either. Go and sin no more."

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, stones, sand...

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is adultery?  
(Someone who is married becomes attracted to someone else who is not their husband/wife.)
- What is the punishment for adultery at the time of Jesus? (Punishment by death)
- Why do the Pharisees want to trick Jesus?  
(They want to see him saying something against the Law of Moses.)
- What does Jesus say when they accuse the woman?  
("He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.")
- What does this mean? (No one has the right to judge, because we all are sinners.)
- What happens afterwards? (The accusers go away.)
- What does Jesus say to the woman? ("Go and sin no more". He forgives her.)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus did not judge sinners.
- We should not judge anyone either.
- He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus did not judge the woman who broke the rule.
- Give an example of breaking a rule in our days.  
(Your classmate steals a pen from you, speaks bad of you, ...)
- Jesus does not want us to judge others for their sins either because we are sinners too.

**Repeat the Message**

**Let us not judge others, since we are sinners ourselves.**