

# YEAR C

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

# I LOVE YOU

### VISUAL AIDS

- > A crucifix.
- > An old treasure box containing the kind of things children like to collect: feathers; shells; buttons; etc.
- > A padlock.
- > Pictures of people, young, old, and different nationalities.
- > A pile of stones.
- > People shape cut-outs.

### WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*Say/sing together:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour.  
Come back to me with all your  
heart, says the Lord.  
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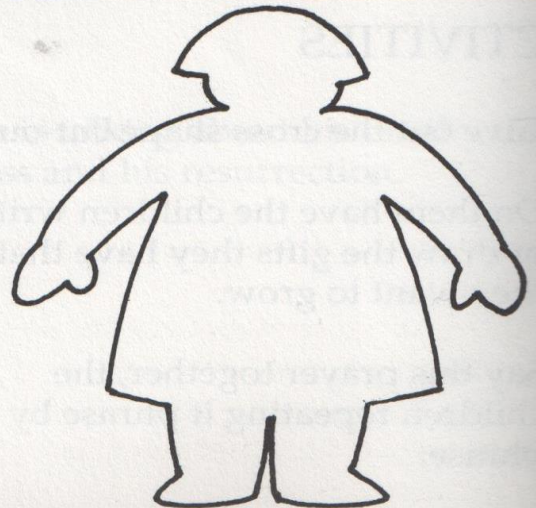
A reading from the Good News  
given to us by John.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Early in the morning, Jesus made his way to the Temple, where he sat down and taught the people. The scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman who had been caught sinning.

'According to the Law given to Moses by God', they said, 'we should

### DISCUSSION

Where does today's story take place?  
What was Jesus doing?  
Who were the people in the story?  
What did they say?  
What did they want to do?  
Did Jesus agree with them?  
What did he say to the woman?





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#### SHARING

Show the children the old box.  
Encourage the children to guess its contents.

Did they expect to find treasures in an old box?

People can be like that: every person is full of treasure. But the treasure can remain locked up, hidden, because no one loves them enough to unlock it.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' love sees into a woman's heart, and helps her to change.

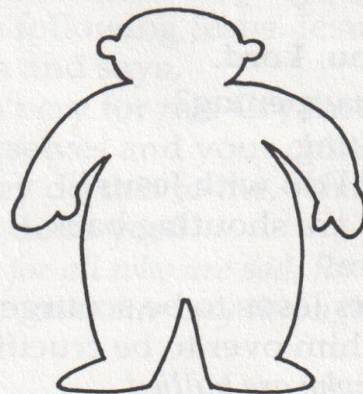
stone this woman to death. What do you have to say?' 

Jesus replied,

'Let the person who has not sinned be the first one to throw a stone.'

After this, none of them wanted to be the first to start throwing the stones. One by one they went away, until only Jesus and the woman was left. He turned to her and said 'Go on your way, and do not sin any more.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



#### ACTIVITIES

- > Give out the people shape cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw:  
either, what they are most grateful for in themselves;  
or, how they will share their treasures with others in the coming week.
- > Say this prayer together, the children repeating it phrase by phrase:  
**Heavenly Father,  
we are each filled with the  
treasure of your gifts to us.  
Help us to love and care for each  
other,  
to value your treasure in  
ourselves and others.**