

Children's Sermon for June 23 (based on Luke 7:36-50)

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Items needed: a bowl of flour, clear drinking glass (or a piece of flat glass, from a picture frame.) After kids come up, ask for a volunteer. Ask volunteer to put her/his fingertip in the flour, then press it, hard, against the glass. Show the kids the mark and explain that this is a fingerprint. Ask kids to look at their own fingertips, and see the little rings there--everybody has fingerprints. (Depending on the size of your group, you can ask each child to put a fingertip in the flour and mark the glass with their fingerprint.) When you touch something, you can leave a fingerprint on it. Most times, we don't see fingerprints, but we can see your fingerprints on the glass, because of the flour. Fingerprints show that someone has touched something--like your fingerprints show you touched the glass but most times, we don't see the fingerprints. But Jesus has very good eyes! Every time that God makes a person, God leaves God's fingerprints! Many times, people don't see God's fingerprints on other people. Because we don't see God's fingerprints on other people, we think that those people don't matter, or that they are bad. In today's Bible reading, there is a man named Simon. Simon doesn't see God's fingerprints on a woman who comes to visit, so Simon just thinks she is bad. But Jesus has good eyes--Jesus can see God's fingerprints on this woman, so Jesus realizes this woman loved by God. When we go out of church today, let's try to remember that God's fingerprints are on every person we see. Every person we see this week is loved by God!