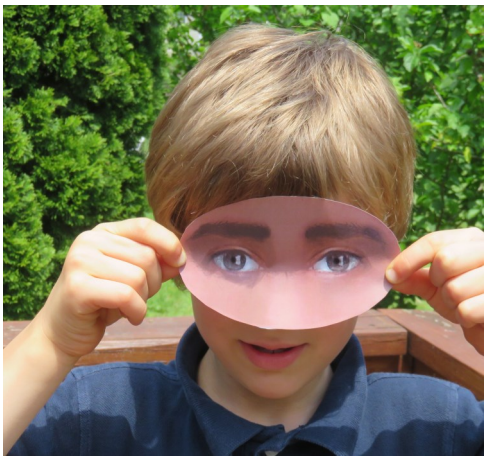
For a Group *Washing the Lord's Feet*

A Woman is Forgiven Stop Action Play

Ages 7-10

Act out the story of the woman washing Jesus' feet using simple masks. Stop to talk about the story as it unfolds.



1. We are going to act out the story of a woman washing Jesus' feet as He was having dinner at the home of Simon, a Pharisee.
2. Choose children to act out parts with masks: Simon the Pharisee, the Woman, and the Lord. All other children may be seated around the table as dinner guests. (There is one mask for an unnamed dinner guest which can be used if you wish.) Position the Lord, Simon and the woman near each other at the table.
3. Hand out masks. The children will hold their masks to their faces when the story is about the character they are playing.
4. Read the story from *A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven Script* (p. 4), reminding the children to hold up their masks as the story progresses. Pause to talk about the action in the story.
5. Finish by sharing a snack.

Materials Needed

A Woman Is Forgiven Stop Action Play Masks pp. 2-3, *A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven Script* p. 4, scissors *optional*: low table; cushions to sit on floor; popsicle sticks or straws and tape to make handles for the masks; snack food for a "dinner", e.g. grapes, crackers, water, etc.

Prepare in Advance

Cut out *A Woman Is Forgiven Stop Action Play Masks*. Read *A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven Script* and choose some of the questions for discussion. *Optional*: Set up the room with a low table, or cushions around a space on the floor. Tape handles on the masks. Prepare snacks to share as the "dinner".

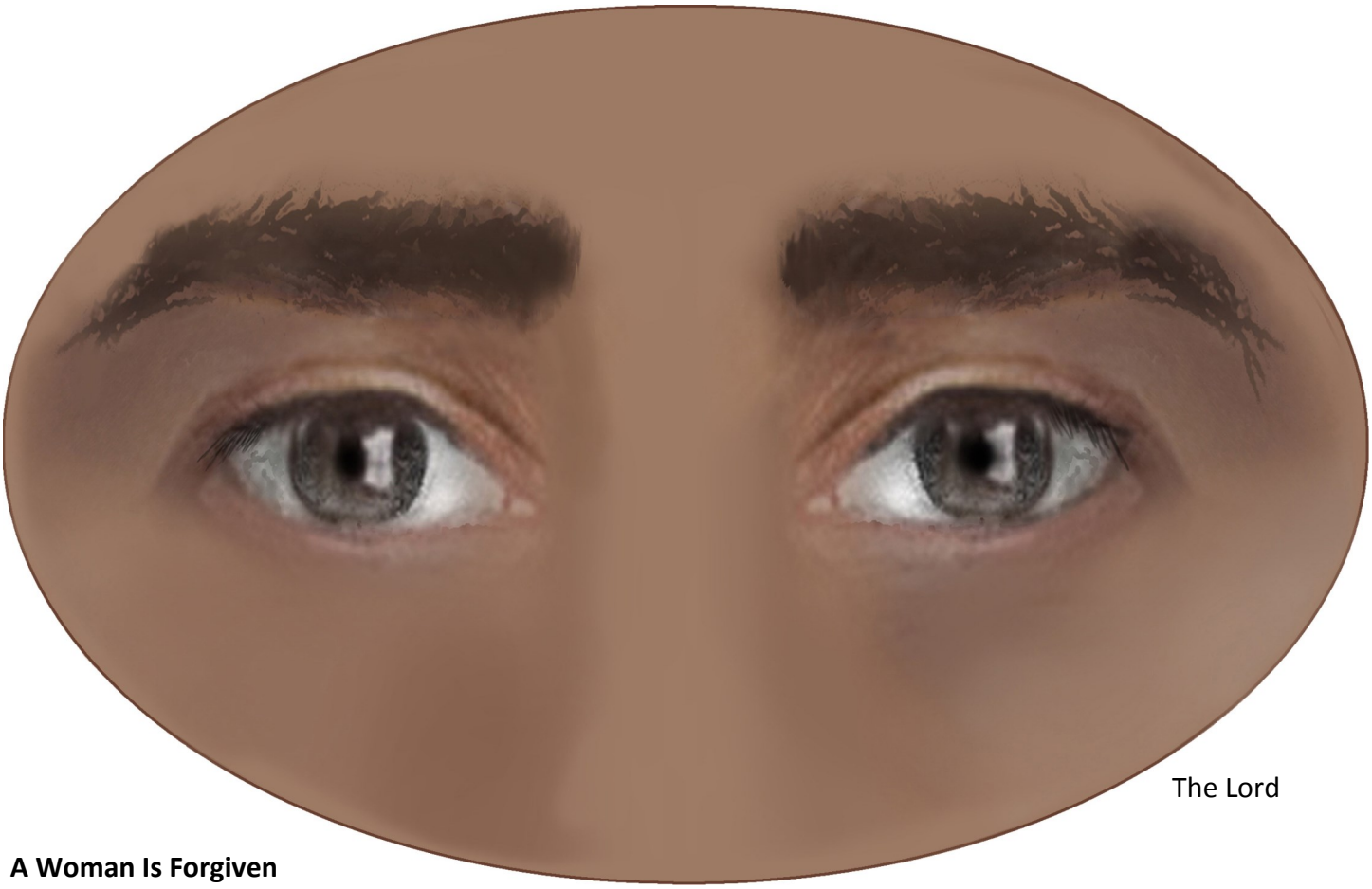
New Church Concept
Washing

'To wash' signifies to be purified from evils and falsities, which is to be regenerated. Therefore 'a person that has bathed' signifies a person who has been purified or regenerated in respect to the spiritual. This is done by a life according to the goods and truths and doctrine from the Word. To the extent that this is done, the person is purified or regenerated; for to live according to the goods and truths of doctrine from the Word is to will them and so to do them, which is the same as to be affected by them and to love them. See *Arcana Coelestia* 666

New Church Concept
Weeping & Tears

Both 'shedding tears' and 'weeping' signify grief on account of falsities of doctrine or religion, but 'shedding tears' grief of mind, and 'weeping' grief of heart on account of falsities. See *Apocalypse Explained* 484.3

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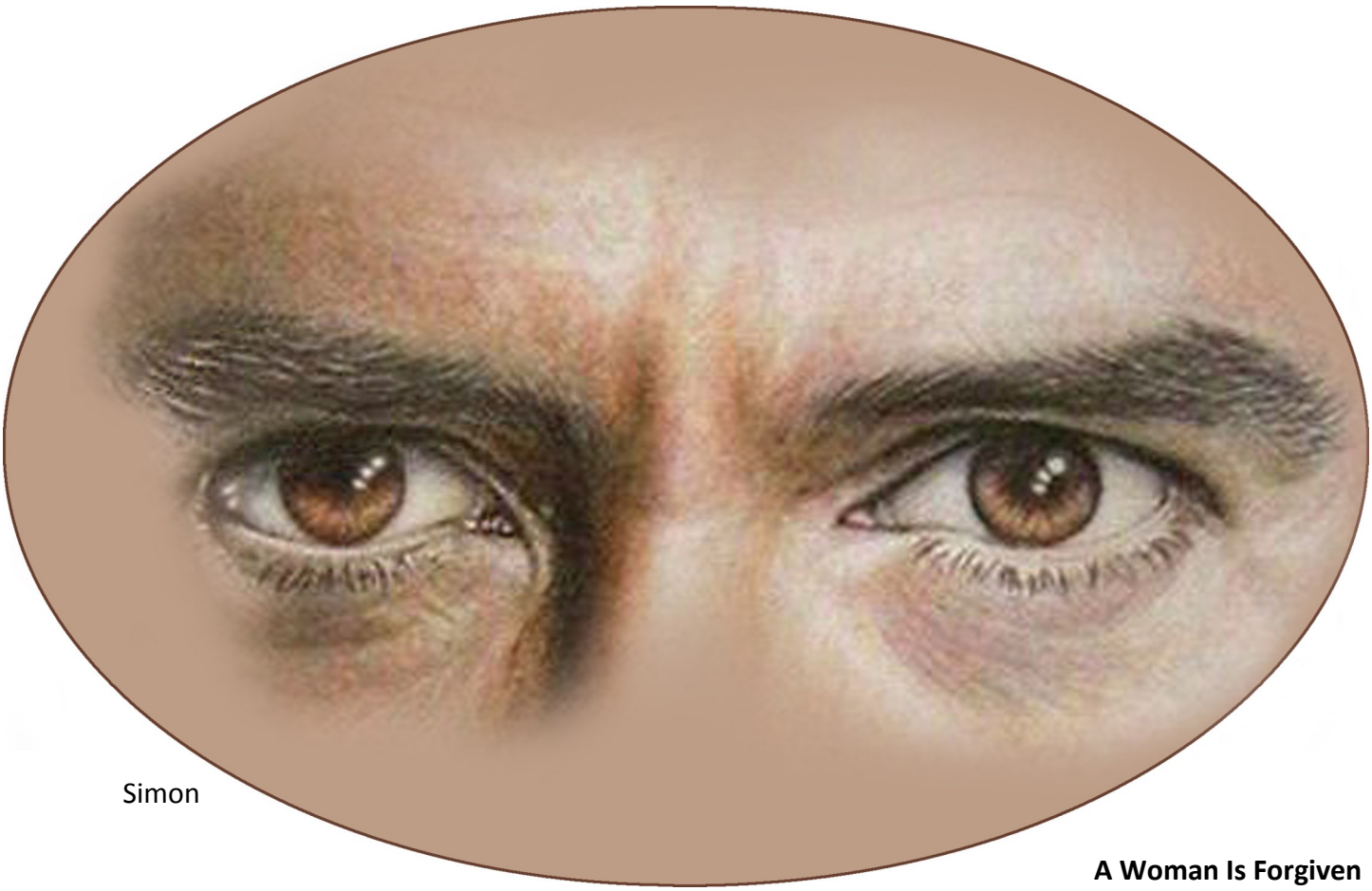


The Lord

A Woman Is Forgiven
Stop Action Play
Masks

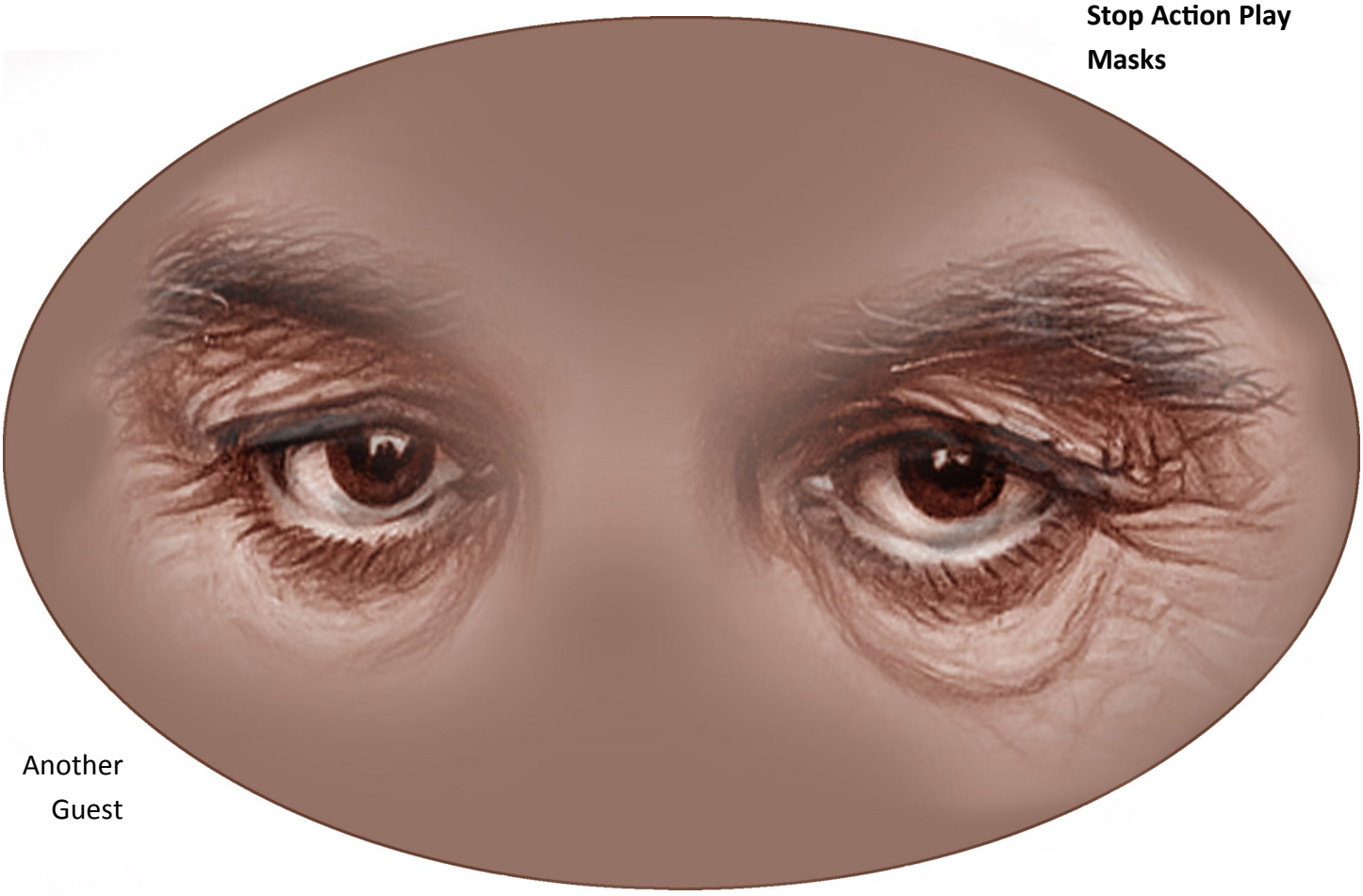


The Woman



Simon

A Woman Is Forgiven
Stop Action Play
Masks



Another
Guest

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A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven Script

Masked Characters	Story	Stop and Talk Questions (Choose a few for discussion)
Simon and Jesus	Simon the Pharisee asked Jesus to eat with him. He went to Simon's house and sat down to eat.	Did Simon love Jesus? (Yes! He wanted Jesus to come to his house and made a special meal for Him.)
Woman	A sinful woman heard Jesus was there and brought a flask of fragrant oil.	Did the woman love Jesus? (Yes, she brought precious oil for Him.)
Woman and Jesus	She stood at Jesus' feet, behind Him, weeping.	Why do you think she was she crying?
Woman and Jesus	She started washing His feet with her tears, and wiping them with her hair. She kissed His feet and anointed them with fragrant oil.	
Simon	When Simon saw this, he thought, "If Jesus is a prophet, He would know this woman is a sinner."	Did Simon know the woman? What did Simon call her? What is a sinner?
Jesus and Simon	Jesus said, "Simon, I have something to tell you." Simon said, "Teacher, say it."	How does the Lord talk to us? Do you listen to the Lord, like Simon?
Jesus	"Two people owed a man money. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. They could not pay, so the man forgave them both. Which of the people will love the man more?"	Who do you think loved the man more?
Simon and Jesus	Simon said, "The one he forgave more." Jesus said, "You are right."	Who showed more love of Jesus—Simon or the woman?
Jesus, Simon and the Woman	Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? You did not wash My feet when I came to your house, but this woman has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair."	Would you have washed Jesus' feet like that? Why did the woman wash Jesus' feet? (They were dirty from the road.)
Jesus, Simon and the Woman	"You did not kiss Me, but this woman has not stopped kissing My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with oil." "Her many sins are forgiven, because she loved much."	Why did the woman kiss the Lord and anoint His feet? How can we show we love the Lord?
Jesus and the Woman	Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."	The Lord forgives us when we have done what's wrong if we say we are sorry, pray to Him and try not to do it again.
Other Guests	Some people sitting at the table said, "Who is this who forgives sins?"	Did people know that Jesus was the Lord?
Jesus and the Woman	Jesus said to her, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."	

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