

February 18
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS WAS ANOINTED
Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 12

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Mary did the right thing by pouring oil on Jesus. She worshiped Him. Jesus is most important, and He deserves to be worshiped. Jesus knew that He was going to die to rescue people from sin. He would be buried and then rise from the dead.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 53:3

Key Passage Phrase: People were unkind to Jesus.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Name a few items that smell such as a flower, dirty sock, lemon, soap, and bag of trash. Invite preschoolers to give a thumbs-up if they think the item would have a good smell. Lead preschoolers to hold their noses if they think the item would have a bad smell.

SAY *Sometimes things have yucky smells that might make us hold our noses. Other times, objects produce beautiful smells that fill the room. Let's take a deep breath as we pretend to smell something wonderful in the room. Listen to the Bible story to hear about a time when a woman filled the room with a beautiful smell as she worshiped Jesus.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *We have a new big picture question and answer today. Our big picture question is, **How is Jesus the perfect Priest?** The answer is, **Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.** Jesus is the only perfect person to ever live. Even though He was tempted to make a wrong choice, Jesus never did anything wrong. Jesus gave His life to rescue people from sin. Because Jesus gave His life for us, we should worship Him with our words, our actions, and our thoughts.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

SAY *Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus' friends told Mary she had done the wrong thing by pouring an expensive jar of oil onto Jesus' head and feet. Jesus told them she had done a very good thing. Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew Mary was preparing Him for what was to come. Mary was not perfect, but she made a right choice that day.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. What did Mary pour on Jesus' head and feet? (*expensive oil*)

3. How did Mary worship Jesus? (Mary offered her best gift to Jesus, even though others around her thought she was doing the wrong thing.)
4. Why does Jesus deserve our worship? (He is most important; He rescued us from sin.)
5. How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

SAY *Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life. Before His death, He went to a friend's house for a meal. While there, Mary, a friend of Jesus, broke open a jar of expensive oil and poured it on Jesus' head and feet. Several of Jesus' friends were upset. They thought Mary should have sold the oil and given the money to the poor. Jesus was not upset. He told Mary she did the right thing. She worshiped Him. Jesus is most important and deserves to be worshiped. Jesus knew He was about to die, and even though she did not know it, Mary was preparing His body for His burial. Jesus knew that He was going to die to rescue people from sin. He would be buried and then rise from the dead.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY *God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin. Help us remember that You are most important, and You alone deserve our worship. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

CHOOSE THE CORRECT SIDE

Draw a smiling face on a **sheet of copy paper**. Display it on one side of the room. Draw a frowning face on another sheet of paper. Display it on the opposite side of the room. Say different worship statements with preschoolers. Lead preschoolers to move to the happy face side of the room if the statement describes a good way to worship God. Guide them to move to the frowning face side of the room if the statement does not describe a good way to worship. Ask children to come to the middle of the room between statements. (Possible statement examples: "I worship God when I give my very best to Him." "I worship God when I sing songs to Him." "I worship God when I read my Bible." "I worship God when I pray to Him." "I worship God when I disobey my parents." "I worship God when I do what I want to do instead of what God wants me to do.")

SAY *When Mary poured oil on Jesus' head and feet, this was a way for her to worship Him. Mary gave her very best to Jesus. Jesus was pleased with her offering, even though His friends were not. Just like Mary worshiped Jesus, we can worship Him, too. Jesus deserves our worship because He is our perfect Priest, the One who rescued us from our sin.*

DECIDE THE WORTH

Print and cut apart the **"What is it Worth? Cards" printable**. Separate the cards into two piles: expensive and inexpensive. Choose one card from each pile. Invite preschoolers to say the name of the picture on each card. Lead them to determine which is worth more money by shouting the name of the object they think is more expensive. Continue playing, drawing cards from each pile to compare.

SAY *You told me which you thought are the more expensive items. Mary opened a jar of expensive oil and poured it on Jesus. When she did this, some of Jesus' friends were upset. They thought this should have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus told them Mary had made the right choice. This oil was worth a lot of money. Mary gave a wonderful gift to Jesus when she poured the oil on Him.*

TRACE FEET

Invite each child to stand on a **piece of paper** while you trace around her shoes with a **washable marker**. Allow children to color and decorate the outlines of their feet using **crayons or markers**. As they work, talk about the Bible story.

SAY *We traced around your feet and then you decorated your paper. We read in the Bible that Mary poured the sweet-smelling oil on Jesus' head and feet. Why do you think she poured the oil on Jesus? Mary loved Jesus very much. She knew Jesus is God's Son and wanted to do a good thing for Jesus. Jesus was happy*

with Mary's choice. Jesus is most important, and He deserves to be worshiped. Jesus died to rescue people from sin. He was buried and then rose from the dead.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, emphasize the The Christ Connection.

SAY *Jesus is most important, and He deserves to be worshiped. Jesus died to rescue people from sin. He was buried and then rose from the dead. .*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Mathew 26. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS WAS ANOINTED

STORYTELLING TIPS

Pour oil: Display a jar of oil as you tell the story. Pour the oil into a clear container as you talk about Mary pouring oil on Jesus' head and feet.

Use senses: When you describe Mary pouring oil on Jesus, drop a small amount of olive oil into each child's hand. Lead children to smell the oil and rub it into the palms of their hands.

Every year, the Jewish people celebrated a holiday called Passover. They gathered together to remember that when God's people were slaves in Egypt, God rescued His people.

A few days before the Passover feast began, Jesus went to the town of Bethany. Jesus' friend Lazarus lived in Bethany. Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, lived there too.

Jesus went to a friend's house for a meal. Jesus was relaxing at the table when Mary came to Him. She had a jar, and inside the jar was some very expensive oil. The oil smelled good, like a perfume. Mary broke open the jar and poured the oil on Jesus' head and feet.

Jesus' friends were at the house, and they were upset! They thought Mary had done a silly thing. The oil was worth a lot of money. One of Jesus' friends said, "She could have sold the oil and used the money to help people who are poor!"

Jesus' friends told Mary that she had done the wrong thing, but Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has done a very good thing for Me."

Then Jesus said, "You will always have people around you who are poor, but you will not always have Me." Jesus was going away soon. He knew He was going to die. By pouring oil on Jesus, Mary got Jesus' body ready to be buried.

Jesus said that many people would hear about the good thing Mary had done. He said, "Wherever the good news about Me is told in the world, people will hear about this woman."

Christ Connection: Mary did the right thing by pouring oil on Jesus. She worshiped Him. Jesus is most important, and He deserves to be worshiped. Jesus knew that He was going to die to rescue people from sin. He would be buried and then rise from the dead.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

February 18
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Two Year Olds
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CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus deserves to be worshiped. He died to rescue people from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus tells us God's message.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus never sinned. Hebrews 4:15

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

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Print and cut apart "**Key Passage Phrase Jars**" [printable](#). Tape the papers on the floor in order for children to jump on like stepping stones on a path. Place the key passage phrase marker at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage phrase aloud. Invite preschoolers to jump, one at a time, on the bottle shapes. Say the words on the shapes as each child jumps, encouraging the children to repeat the words after you. Give each child an opportunity to jump and say the words.

SAY *The Bible tells us in Hebrews 4:15: 'Jesus lived a perfect life.' This means Jesus always did the right thing, thought the right thing, and said the right thing—He always obeyed God. Jesus is the only One who could ever live a perfect life.*

ACTIVITIES

REMEMBER THE SEQUENCE

Share a simple two-to-three-sentence sequence with the toddlers. (Example: The boy picked an apple. The boy washed the apple. The boy ate the apple.) Ask toddlers to help you remember the order of what happened. Repeat with other sentences. Review the Bible story.

SAY *Jesus said that people would remember what the woman did for Jesus. We can remember what Jesus did for us. Jesus died to rescue us from our sin. He deserves to be worshiped.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the [activity page](#). As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the main points below:

A woman poured oil on Jesus.
Jesus knew He would die on the cross.
God sent Jesus because He loves us.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26. Tell the Bible story below:

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. Soon Jesus would die on the cross to rescue people from their wrong choices. Jesus stopped at a friend's house. While He was there, a woman came to Jesus. She had a jar of expensive, sweet-smelling oil. The woman poured the oil on Jesus' head and feet. Jesus' friends were upset. They said, "She should have sold the oil for a lot of money to give to the poor!" Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has done a very good thing for Me. People will remember what she has done for Me."

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.