



Jesus Is Anointed

Lesson Aim: To give our treasure to Jesus.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Loves

THE WORD

Bible Story: John 12:1-3

What He has done: Jesus approved of Mary's gift.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Give to the Lord."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Unit 3: The King Who Loves			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
12	Jesus Is Anointed, John 12:1-3	Jesus approved of Mary's gift.	To give our treasure to Jesus.
13	The Triumphal Entry, Mark 11:1-10	Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King.	To praise Jesus as the King who came to save us.
14	Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet, John 13:1, 4-7, 12-17	Jesus washes His followers' feet.	To see Jesus' example of loving through serving.
15	Jesus and the Last Supper, Luke 22:14, 19-20	Jesus gave His followers a way to remember Him.	To know Jesus used His Last Supper to help us remember Him.
16	Jesus in the Garden, Matthew 26:36-41	Jesus prayed in the garden.	To know God wants us to watch and pray.
17	The Cross: Peter Denies Jesus, Luke 22:54-62	Jesus is denied by Peter.	To tell others we know Jesus.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for Your sacrificial love. Just as Mary gave the costly perfume, show us what You want as our sacrifice of worship. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a present or gift box
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Give to the Lord."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song: "We Love" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Give Thanks to the Lord" "How Wide?" "I Will Remember" "It's Praise Time" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Love One Another" "Sing Praises" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me" "Oh, How I Love Jesus" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarmont Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 3, Lesson 12
		THE WORD	Up to 10
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Heart Gift White envelope, red felt, shiny sequins, buttons, glitter, other craft decorations, glue, optional: vanilla extract or other pleasant scent	Game: Treasures for God Offering box, bucket, coins
		Game: Mary's Gift Spray bottle with water, drop of vanilla extract	Snack: Treasures of the Heart Heart-shaped cookies
		Circle of Prayer None	Final Five Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 3, Lesson 12 Color This Story: "Mary's Gift for Jesus"
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	GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: John 12:1-3 None
Up to 10		Game: Hugs of Love Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse "We Love," CD Player	Story Time Any story about giving

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Give to the Lord

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____.** I'm glad you are here! **Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a present or gift box. **Today, we will learn Mary gave a special gift to Jesus. Let this sticker of a gift help you remember you can give special gifts to Jesus. Today's Whisper Verse is "Give to the Lord."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Give to the Lord."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

- "Give"** Hands move forward, palms facing up and fingers together as if holding something to represent giving something away.
- "to the Lord."** With the right hand in the letter "L" shape with palm facing out, move hand across the body diagonally from the left shoulder to the right hip as if making a sash.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Give to the Lord," Leviticus 23:38. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who loves

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time—our time to give our very best offerings to the King who loves us. We give Him our best singing and praying and we give our money offering to show Him our love. Let's start by giving our offering now. Play: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" as background music while collecting the offering.



In today's story, Mary gave her best offering to Jesus. As a sign of how important Jesus was, Mary poured her very expensive perfume onto His feet. Let's see if our friends Delbert and Lello know about this special gift for Jesus. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 3, Lesson 12.

Jesus was glad Mary did this. He is always glad when we give our very best to Him. That's why our Whisper Verse is so important. Who can say it with me? Review Whisper Verse together: "Give to the Lord." Include sign language.



There are so many ways we can give our best treasures to Jesus. One way is to give Him our thanks and praise. Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord."

The greatest gift we can give Jesus is our love. The Bible says we love because He first loved us. Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse. Sing: "We Love."

His love for us is the greatest love of all. Let's celebrate that now. Sing: "Jesus Loves Me."



Mary gives her treasure to Jesus

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last time, we learned Jesus visited the home of Zacchaeus. Today, we will hear how Mary gave her best treasure to Jesus by pouring a very expensive perfume onto His feet. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to John 12:3.

WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 12:1-3

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a bottle of perfume or scented oil. Other visual options include craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- Jesus' friends gave Him a special supper.
- Martha served all the food.
- Mary brought Jesus a treasured gift;
- It was an expensive perfume.

- She poured the perfume on Jesus feet.
- This made His feet feel good.
- The house filled with its sweet smell.
- Mary gave the best gift she could.



What did Mary give to Jesus? (An expensive perfume.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.**

Read John 12:3 from teacher's Bible.

Who can we give special gifts to, as Mary did? (The Lord Jesus.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Give to the Lord."** Include sign language or hand motions. **Remember, "Lord" is another name for Jesus.**



Giving our treasures to Jesus

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: HEART GIFT

Purpose: To make a special gift for Jesus

Supplies: 5-inch x 7-inch white envelope, red felt (or cloth, foam or paper), shiny sequins, buttons, glitter, other craft decorations, glue, optional: vanilla extract or other pleasant scent to be rubbed or sprayed onto felt heart

Prepare: Cut a 4-inch x 4-inch heart from red felt. On envelope, print:

To Jesus

From: _____

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Teacher Tip: Take caution when using scented items. They may cause allergic reactions in some children.

Today, we are going to make a special gift for Jesus. This heart stands for your love for Jesus. Let's decorate our hearts to make them shiny and smell sweet. We want to give our best gift to Jesus, just like Mary did!

Directions:

1. Sign your name on the envelope.
2. Decorate felt heart shape with shiny sequins, buttons, glitter, and other craft decorations.
3. Optional: Rub or spray vanilla (or other pleasant scent) onto felt heart.
4. Place decorated felt heart in envelope.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse? ("Give to the Lord.") Let's say it together with the motions.**
- **What did Mary give Jesus? (Nice perfume.) Have you ever given a gift to someone? What did you give? (Children respond.)**
- **Jesus is watching over us now and He can see the gift you have made for Him. I'm sure He likes it very much, just as He liked Mary's gift.**
- **Keep Jesus' gift in a special place in your room to remind you the greatest gift we can give to Jesus is our heart.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: TREASURES FOR GOD

Purpose: This game will help children practice giving to the Lord.

Supplies: Offering box, two baskets, a coin for each child

Teacher Tip: If possible, use an offering box or plate from your church. If not, use a child's coin bank or a box with a large slit in the top.

What did Mary give to Jesus? (Nice perfume.) **Mary gave her special treasure to Jesus. We can give our special treasures, too. One treasure we can give is money. When we give an offering during Praise Time, we are giving our treasures to God.**

Directions:

1. Form two teams of children. Line up both teams at one end of the room and place a basket of coins (enough for each child to have one) next to each team.
2. Place the offering box on the other side of the room.
3. On your signal, the first child on each team is to grab a coin, race to the offering box, and drop their coin in the offering box.
4. The next player repeats the process.
5. Continue playing until both teams have dropped all their coins in the offering box.

GAME: MARY'S GIFT

Purpose: For children to think about how Mary's gift felt to Jesus.

Supplies: Spray bottle with water, optional: vanilla extract

Optional: Add one drop of vanilla extract to the spray bottle.

Teacher Tip: Because some children are highly sensitive to smell, you may prefer to use water only and have children imagine the sweet smell. The use of perfume, cologne, or strong scents of any kind is discouraged. If removing shoes is not possible, mist the children's hands instead.

Let's pretend this is a bottle of very nice perfume. I will spray some of the perfume on your feet.

Directions:

1. Have the children sit in a circle and remove their shoes.
2. Have children close their eyes as you lightly mist their feet. If there is no scent added to the water, ask them to imagine they can smell the perfume.

How did the perfume feel? How did it smell? (Children respond.) **Why do you think Jesus liked Mary's gift?** (It felt and smelled good.) **Jesus was very happy Mary gave Him such a special treasure.**

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: TREASURES OF THE HEART

Purpose: Children will enjoy a heart-shaped snack while they discuss gifts of love for Jesus.

Snack Suggestion: Heart-shaped cookies

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Give to the Lord."
 - **We are eating heart-shaped cookies to remember we can show Jesus our love by giving our special treasures to Him. When we love Jesus, we are giving Him our heart.**
 - **What did Mary pour on Jesus' feet?** (Very nice perfume.) **How do you think the house smelled?** (Sweet and good, like the perfume.)
 - **Did Jesus like Mary's gift?** (Yes.) **Jesus was very happy with her gift. Mary gave Jesus her special treasure to show Jesus she loved Him.**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Heart Gift" craft. Tell someone how Mary gave her special treasure to Jesus. Remember to give your treasures to the Lord.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about ways you can give to the Lord.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Mary's gift for Jesus." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "We Love" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: JOHN 12:1-3

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus' friends gave Him a special supper.** (Pretend to eat.)
- **Martha served all the food.** (Pretend to hold a plate with food.)
- **Mary brought Jesus a treasured gift;** (Hold a special bottle.)
- **It was an expensive perfume.** (Pretend to smell a bottle of perfume.)

- **She poured the perfume on Jesus feet.** (Pretend to pour perfume.)
- **This made His feet feel good.** (Thumbs up.)
- **The house filled with its sweet smell.** (Pretend to smell.)
- **Mary gave the best gift she could.** (Thumbs up.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

GAME: PASS THE LOVE OF JESUS

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: A large heart-shape, Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "We Love," CD player

Jesus loves you and me. Jesus wants us to love each other, too. Pretend this heart is your love. As we say our new Bible Memory Verse, we are going to pass the heart around the circle. We will be giving our love to each other!

Directions:

1. Stand in the circle with the children.
2. Say the Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each phrase for children to repeat.
3. Have the children pass the heart around the circle as they repeat the Bible Memory Verse.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: HUGS OF LOVE

Purpose: Children practice showing love as instructed in the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "We Love," CD player

Jesus loves you and He loves me. What does Jesus want us to show each other? (Love.) We can show each other love by giving hugs. When the music starts, hug as many as you can before the music stops.

Directions:

1. Start the music.
2. Children hug as many other children as they can before the music stops.
3. Stop the music.
4. Play again as time allows.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about giving.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 3, Lesson 12: Jesus is Anointed

PONDER! Read John 12:1-3 with your family. Talk about how Mary gave her treasure of special perfume to Jesus. What did Jesus think about Mary's gift? What are some special treasures you can give to Jesus?

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for loving us. Show us what special treasures we can give to You to show our love. Amen."

PLAY! Mary showed Jesus love by giving a special gift. Jesus wants you to show your love to Him and to your family. Give your family the gift of hugs by playing "Hugs of Love." Play a favorite song and count how many times you can hug each other before the song ends!

Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19

"We love because He first loved us."