



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 12**

Jesus is Anointed

John 12:1-7

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride sometimes gets in the way. Squire Goofus, the Gallant, is a young man who wants desperately to be a noble knight in the King's Guard. He is very naïve and a bit clumsy. Rufus is a dragon puppet that thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

Plot: Sir Praisealot gives up his most prized medal for Lent. He tells Gus about when Mary gave up a pint of nard and washed the feet of Jesus with her hair. We learn that the Lord gave up everything for us so we should give him all of our worship.

Costumes: Tunic, boots, chain mail.

Props: Box containing medal, sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, Bible.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Trumpet fanfare
4. Heavenly Chorus (Vocals singing "ah")
5. Song clip: Partial chorus of "December 1963"
6. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Dance Lighting
3. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture Slide: Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12:3
5. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover: (VFX: Video intro)

In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures! (SFX: horse galloping over video)

Gus (enters through audience)

Yip, yip, yippee! Down Duncan! Hello children, good morrow to you! It is I, Squire Gus. (bows and falls) **Oh forgive me my legs are killing me. You see, my horse Duncan has given up carrying me for Lent. So for the next 40 days from now until Easter Sunday, I must carry him. Lent is a very holy time when we choose to give up something. I'm not really sure why. But I suppose I had better do it. I have been racking my brain trying to find something to give up for Lent. I want to give God the best thing so that I can be His favorite servant! Perhaps I can give up Duncan! After all, he is getting rather heavy now that he gave up carrying me. Oh, but if I gave up Duncan who would carry him? Perhaps I should give up my fencing lessons.** (Pulls out sword) **En garde!** (drops sword) **I'd better not give up those lessons. I need all the practice I can get.**

Rufus (pops up)
Meow, meow, meow!

Gus
What is that sound. Rufus, is that you?

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow, meow.

Gus
You gave up barking for Lent?

Rufus
Meow.

Gus
What a strange choice. I'm afraid I understand less pussycat than I do doggy!

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow, meow.

Gus
What that? You have a message?

Rufus
Meow, meow.

Gus
Sounds like! (Rufus tosses tape rule) A ruler? Well, King Jesus is our ruler.

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow.

Gus
It's not ruler? Is it yardstick? Inches? It has to be something to do with the way we measure.

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow, meow.

Gus
Aha! Sounds like measure! Seizure! Pleasure? Treasure?

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow!

Gus
Treasure! We should give King Jesus our treasure! That's easy for you to meow, Rufus. You gave up the barking that you treasure. But I have no earthly treasures.

Rufus
Meow, meow, meow, meow. (exits)

Gus

I suppose you're right, Rufus. I shall think of something. Thank you. (SFX: Trumpet fanfare) **Ah, my combat teacher approaches!**

Praisealot (enters with a gift box)

Hail, Squire Goofus! Hold this carefully if you will.

Gus

What is this?

Praisealot

This box contains my favorite treasure.

(opens box revealing a medal) (SFX: Heavenly chorus)

It is the Medal of Nobility! It was given me by my teacher in the presence of the King Himself on the day I became a knight! (SFX: December 1963) (VFX: Dance lighting) (They break into dance)

(Oh, what a knight,
Late December back in '63,
What a very special time for me,
I remember what a knight!)

(Praise-a-lot continues) **Oh what a knight!**

Oh, what a knight!

Sorry, I get carried away.

Gus

It is a good dance though, G.

Praisealot (they do a hip-hop handshake)

Straight up, Dawg! Pound it and explode!

Gus

Sir Praisea lot, if I were you, I would never let that medal out of my sight! It must be priceless!

Praisealot

Oh, it's worth more than that! Everyday I spend an hour polishing it, shining it and reflecting on the day I earned this great honor. It is the one thing that fills me with pride! That is why I am giving it up.

Gus

What? Are you crazy? I could never give up something so valuable.

Praisealot

Silly Gus, it's easy to give up things that don't matter to us. Even Robespierre can do that. I am going to lay a treasure fit for a king at His window and trade it for His Word right now! (Opens stained glass window and removes Bible.) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") **Ah, now that is a priceless sound. Look here, Gus, in this report Jesus had gone to have dinner with His friend Lazarus and his two sisters.**

Gus

Isn't Lazarus the one that Jesus brought back from the dead?

Praisealot (VFX: Scripture slide – John 12:3)

Very good, young squire! Now listen to this part: *Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

Gus

She poured perfume on Jesus' toes and wiped them with her hair! That makes no sense to me.

Praisealot

Of course, it wouldn't unless you knew its value. You see, this perfume, called nard, was worth about a year's worth of paychecks!

Gus

Wow! A whole year of work for that and then she poured it out for Jesus!

Praisealot

It was a treasure fit for a king!

Gus

Like King Jesus?

Praisealot

Yes! But there is something else I want you to see. Squire Gus, do you think a lady values her hair?

Gus

Oh yes! My mommy goes to yon beauty shoppe all the time. Mommy says, "A lady's hair is her crowning glory."

Praisealot

Oh, I like that! My lady fair, Lady Chats-a-lot, spends hours brushing and braiding her hair.

Gus

So, giving up her perfume and her hair was like giving two treasures to the King!

Praisealot

Well said Squire Gus! She gave all she had for her King!

Gus

Sir Praisealot...do you think God wants me to shave my head bald for Lent?

Praisealot

I don't think it would mean the same coming from you. You see, by giving all her treasure, Mary was giving Jesus all of her worship.

Gus

How brave of her to do that in front of everyone. Sir Praisealot, sometimes I feel funny worshiping in front of others. I'm afraid they might judge me.

Praisealot

We all feel that way sometimes and indeed someone did judge Mary. Judas said she wasted the perfume on Jesus, instead of selling it and giving the money to the poor. But that did not stop her from worshiping the King. Mary knew that Jesus has the only opinion that matters.

Gus

What did Jesus say?

Praisealot

He said, "Leave her alone. It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."

Gus

So, Jesus knew He was going to die?

Praisealot

Oh yes, Jesus is the noblest of heroes, for He gave more than a treasure – He chose to give His own life to save us!

Gus

He gave everything for us? No wonder we want to give Him our treasures!

Praisealot

Indeed, Jesus is the one who deserves the Medal of Nobility. Say our Kingdom Code with us kids!

Both

Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing slide)

Gus

Sir Praisealot, I want to serve the King and give Him all of my worship like Mary did!

Praisealot

What a wonderful idea. Let's all stand to our feet and give Jesus our worship!

(Teacher or worship leader leads children in a time of worship.)