

At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9 Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 12

## **Jesus is Anointed**

Lesson Aim: To give our treasures to Jesus as an act of worship as Mary did.

# THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you treasure that you would give Jesus?

**GAME:** Treasure Corners

## **THE WORSHIP** JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 141:2

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

#### THE WORD MARY GIVES HER TREASURE TO JESUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house.

Today, we will see how Mary gave a costly gift to Jesus. Point to the town of Bethany. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 12:2-11. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 12:3. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY** GIVING JESUS OUR BEST TREASURES

In Bible Times, dinner guests ate at a very low table as they lay on their side or stomach with their feet behind them. If space allows, have children lay on floor as if they are eating at a low table.

Mary's perfume was in an alabaster jar and made from pure nard. That is a very expensive perfume. Allow each child to smell the perfume. Why do you think Mary chose very expensive perfumed oil for Jesus' feet? (To give her best to Him.)

What did Judas say about Mary's costly gift for Jesus? (He said the money should have been spent on the poor.) Did Judas really care about the poor? (No, Judas was a thief wanting more for himself.) What did Jesus say to Judas? ("Leave her alone!") Does anyone

know what Judas would do to Jesus a few days later? (Judas led soldiers to arrest Jesus.)

There is a sacred ceremony called anointing that involves pouring oil on someone's head or feet. What did Jesus say was the reason God planned for Mary to use this perfume? (It was preparing Jesus for His burial that would happen soon.)

A lady's hair is one of the most special things she has. How did Mary wipe Jesus' feet dry? (With her hair.) How did Mary's choice show she was putting Jesus first? (She cared for His feet more than her hair.) What did Mary ask for in return? (Nothing.) Giving without expecting anything in return is true giving. Do you think Jesus liked Mary's gift?

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

David said "No" when Araunah (ah-ra-unah) offered to pay for David's offering. David wanted to give God something that was hard to give up. Reveal 2 Samuel 24:24. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

We each have special treasures we can give to Jesus as an act of worship. Our time is a special treasure. How can you spend more time focusing on Jesus? We can worship Jesus by sharing our treasures with others. What special treasure do you have that you might give away to show God's love to someone else? Our favorite activities are also like special treasures. What favorite activity do you treasure? We can ask Jesus to use our activities to bring people closer to Him. We can also give Him the credit for all the good things that come from those activities.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Scented sticker or cloth
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Mary kneeling and pouring oil on Jesus' feet
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

SNACK: Treasure of Oil GAME: Treasure Charades CRAFT: Treasure Jar

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW