

Talk About It:

- What is your favorite smell? Why do you love that smell?
 - What is one expensive thing your family owns? How would you feel about giving it away?
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Read About It:

Today's story comes from John 12:1-8 and Mark 14:1-9*:

The time was coming to celebrate the Passover. Every year, the Jewish people gathered together to remember a special event that happened long ago. When God's people were slaves in Egypt, God did great things to rescue His people. God showed the king of Egypt that God is in charge, and the king let God's people go. God did not want the people to forget that time, so every year, the Jews had a feast called Passover. Many Jews traveled to Jerusalem to get ready for the celebration.

It was six days before Passover and Jesus' days of ministry were coming to an end. He went back to Bethany where Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived and where a dinner was being given in Jesus' honor.

Martha served the dinner to everyone sitting around the table. In Jesus' time, people sat on the floor around a low table, they didn't usually have chairs. Then Mary did something very special. She took a jar of expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet, then wiped his feet with her long hair. The whole house was filled with the fragrance of the wonderful perfume.

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, got upset about this because the perfume was worth a year's worth of pay! Judas said Mary should have used that money to help the poor. But Jesus knew Mary's heart and that her act of love and worship showed how much she loved Jesus. Jesus said that what Mary had done for him was a very special way to prepare Him for his death and burial.

*Adapted from <http://storage.cloversites.com/peninsulacommunitychapel/documents/April%2026%20Younger.pdf> and www.calvaryfellowshipsv.org/CC/Calvary%20Chapel%20Curriculum/Teachers%20Guide/New%20Testament/CURNT259.pdf

- Why do you think Jesus' friends had a dinner in his honor (to celebrate Him)?
 - Mary poured out a lot of very expensive perfume onto Jesus' feet. How did this show her love for Jesus?
 - Judas was upset about the perfume being wasted and not used to help the poor. But Judas was not an honest person. He just wanted the money for himself. How do you think Jesus felt about that?
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Sing About It:

Jesus died on the cross to show how much He loves us. Like Mary, we can give Jesus our whole hearts in worship. Sing your worship to Jesus with this song:

[You Gave \(John 14:19\)](#) (Lifetree Kids, Kingdom Rock VBS, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. Now they were eating dinner together! How do you think Lazarus felt sitting at the table with Jesus?
 - If you could give Jesus a gift to show your love for Him, what would it be?
 - What are some ways that you worship Jesus at church or at home?
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Make It:

Decorate a perfume jar to remember how Mary worshiped Jesus.

Supplies: Jar outline (on the next page), small squares of tissue paper, glue, scissors, perfume or essential oil

Print and cut out the jar and the scripture. Glue the scripture to the back of your jar. Then tear or cut small pieces of colorful tissue paper and glue them on to decorate your jar.

Ask a grownup for perfume, cologne, or essential oils to add some fragrance to your jar. You just need a drop or two.

Keep your jar in a place where you can see it and smell it, as a reminder of how Mary worshiped Jesus and how you can give your worship and love to Jesus in many ways each day.

Do It:

We can show our worship to Jesus in so many ways! Here are some ideas to try this week:

- Sing! Singing is a wonderful way to worship Jesus. You can find a lot of songs online to help you sing your worship. Here's a suggested playlist: [Lifetree Kids Songs](#)
 - Dance! You can dance to show your love for Jesus. Choose a song and create a dance of worship.
 - Create! Use art materials to create artwork that shows your love and worship of Jesus.
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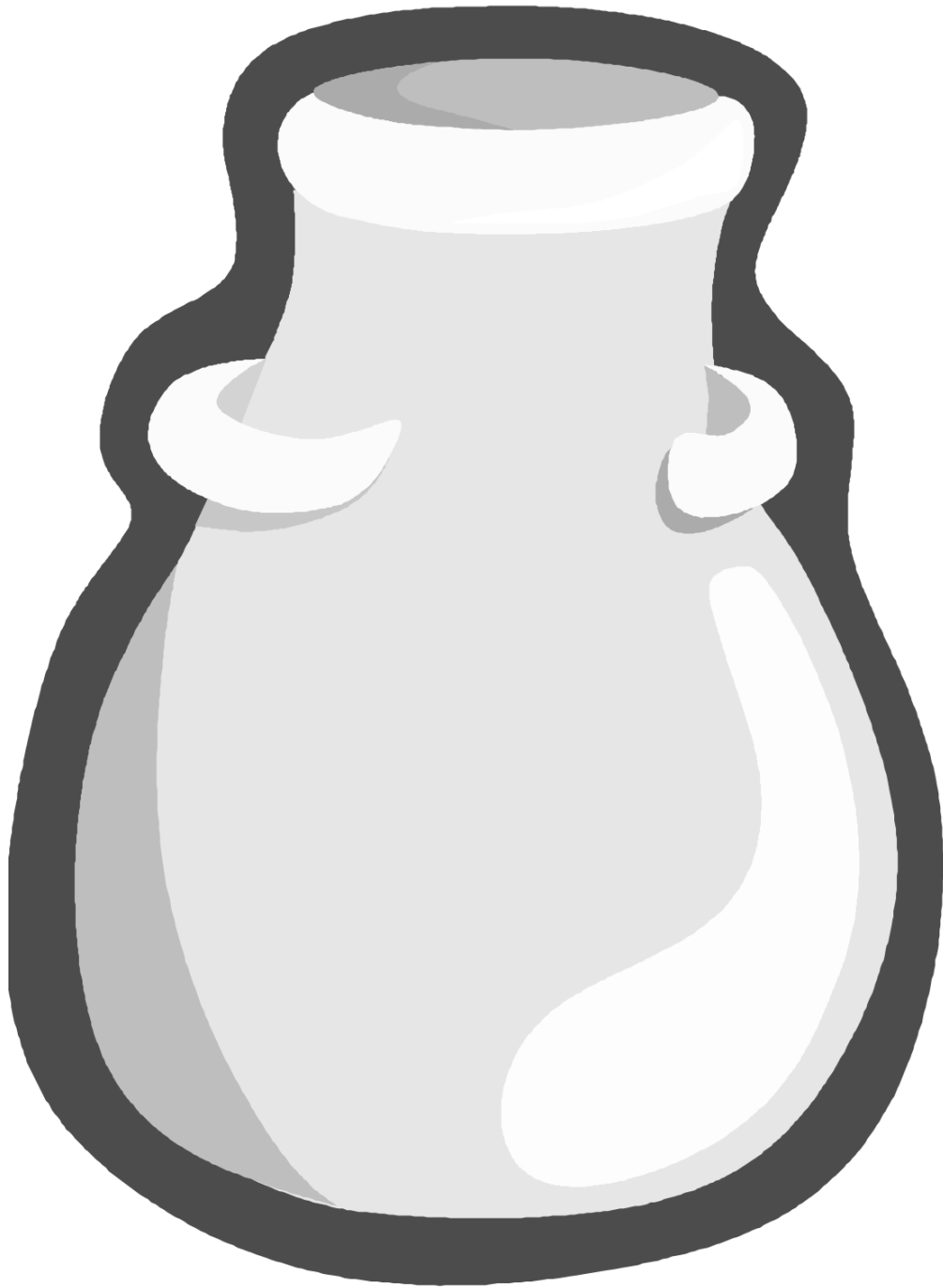
Pray About It:

Jesus, you have given us so much and we want to give back to you in worship. Help us to find ways to worship you every day. Amen.

Memorize It:

Worship the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:2

Anointing Jar Craft



Mary brought in a pint of expensive perfume made of pure nard. She poured the perfume on Jesus' feet. Then she wiped his feet with her hair. And the sweet smell from the perfume filled the whole house. John 12:3