

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2026

Unit 2, Session 3

#### CONNECTION POINT:

God desires us to humbly approach Him and worship through our actions.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** To live humbly means you are willing to take the lowly position so that Christ can be exalted. However, Jesus does make it clear that one day the last in this world will be first. God exalts the humble but humbles the prideful. In the same way, when we live with a humble heart, God will exalt us so that others can see our good works and give glory to Christ.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Live It Out:** Guide your child to show love to Jesus in different ways. Say a short prayer for protection as you drive in the car or sing a praise song as you cook dinner.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. On the way, Jesus stopped in the town of Bethany to see His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They gave a dinner for Jesus and His disciples.

Martha served the food. Mary took an expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped His feet with her hair. The scent of the perfume filled the entire house.

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was not happy that Mary used the perfume on Jesus' feet. "Why was this perfume not sold and the money given to poor people?" he asked.

Jesus said, "Leave Mary alone." Jesus knew that pouring the perfume on His feet was Mary's way of saying, "I love You, Jesus."

## KIDS

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story and say that Mary showed her love for Jesus by her actions. Discuss actions your child believes shows love for Jesus. Read Deuteronomy 6:5.

Jesus came to the town of Bethany. Jesus ate a meal with Lazarus, and his sister, Martha, served the meal for them. Lazarus' other sister, Mary, took a pound of expensive perfume and poured the perfume on Jesus' feet. Mary was showing that Jesus was set apart for a special purpose. Mary wiped Jesus' feet with her hair. The entire house was filled with the wonderful smell of the perfume.

Judas Iscariot asked, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for much money and given to the poor?" Judas asked this because he was a thief. Judas was in charge of the group's money bag and sometimes he would steal money from the bag!

Jesus said, "Leave Mary alone. She has done this to prepare Me for My burial. You will always have poor people with you, but I will not always be with you on earth."

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

- Do you treat Jesus as simply a part of your life, or is He the very reason you live? Explain.
- How is it possible to do all things to the glory of God?
- What opposition have you faced for following Jesus?

#### Live It Out:

As a family, discuss how you can make sure you're worshiping Christ and not all the things the culture tells us to worship. What are some of the things the culture worships? Ask your student and other family members to give some examples. Ask why we should worship Christ, and then brainstorm some ways you can worship Him in your daily lives.