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CHILDREN'S MINISTR

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Pray for Wisdom:

Precious Father, keep your searchlight on my heart to reveal my innermost motives. Please forgive and remove any judgmental attitude that You see. Instead, sow selfless compassion in my heart. Impress upon my child(ren) the importance of listening to You and doing what is right—for the right reasons. Give them determination to show love You by love others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Lesson Memory Verse:

Matthew 26:7 "Mary came and put special perfume of Jesus to show her love."

Bible Story:

Sweet Scent

One day, Jesus and His disciples came to Bethany, the town where His friend Lazarus, Mary, and Martha lived. Many people were invited to attend a special dinner party to honor Jesus.

That night, everyone enjoyed celebrating together. They ate plenty of tasty food. Yum!! At the end of the meal, when the guests had nearly finished eating, Mary quietly slipped out to get something. What could it be?

Before long, Mary came back into the room. She was carrying a beautifully carved, white jar. What could be inside?

As soon as Mary opened the jar, a delightful fragrance filled the room. All the guests in the house stopped talking and eating. They slowly breathed in the lovely scent. Pretend that you can smell this wonderful fragrance right now—mmmmm!! Doesn't that smell good?

Mary's jar contained very special perfume that was worth lots and lots of money. This jar of perfume was the most valuable thing that Mary owned. She had saved it for a very special occasion. Tonight was just the right time.

Dinner guests wondered, "What will Mary do with all that perfume?" Mary walked over to Jesus and poured some perfume on his hair.

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Next, she got on her knees and poured the rest of the perfume on Jesus' feet! Then Mary wiped His feet with her hair. She used up the whole jar of perfume. Not a drop was left. Now the heavenly scent filled the entire house.

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But the disciples were not glad. They were mad! "What a waste!" one disciple complained. "We could have sold that perfume and given the money to help people who are poor."

Jesus knew that Mary had poured out the perfume because she loved Him. "Don't bother Mary!" He corrected the disciples. "She has done something wonderful! You can care for the poor when I'm gone, but you can't care for Me then! Wherever Bible stories are told, people will tell about Mary's love."

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That day, the disciples learned that Jesus deserves their very, very best!!

Prayer:

Ask God to help your child(ren) show love for Jesus by doing loving things for their family and friends.

Activities:

My Best Picture – Cut or tear colored construction paper into small pieces. Let the child(ren) glue the scraps of the colored paper onto a white piece of paper to make an art picture. Encourage the child(ren) to do their very best, just as Jesus did when He thanked Mary for giving her very best to Him.

Heart Bouquet – Cut out 8 heart shapes per child from construction paper. Spray or dab a small amount of perfume on each heart shape. Give each child four pipe cleaners and help them tape two heart shapes together around the end of each pipe cleaner. Wrap the bottom end of one pipe cleaner around the other three so they stay together like a bouquet of flowers. If you'd like, you can have leaves cut from green construction paper for the children to tape onto their stems. Encourage them to give their scented heart flowers to someone to show their love, just as Mary poured perfume on Jesus to show her love.

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