

DID YOU KNOW?

WEEK 1

BIG IDEA

Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?

BIBLE

John 12:1-8; (Philippians 3:7-9)

FREE PLAY

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Tables will be set with games and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins.
- This is a great opportunity to get to know some kids and work on building relationships.

QUESTION | What do you consider expensive or valuable?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *This question will be written on the board as a discussion starter while kids arrive.*
- **What are some things you might consider expensive or valuable to you?**

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play a selection of worship music videos during free time. Some may choose to dance along while it may be background music for others.*

- *Alternatively, learn a few of the motions yourself, introduce them to the class and dance along together to kick things off!*

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Spin the Wheel Trivia

- Welcome, everyone, to the *Did You Know? Game Show!* [Give a round of applause.]
- Your host for this month will be [Leader name]!
- Now, what's a good game show without fun, games, and awesome prizes, right? Each week, you will be divided into different teams. In order to win, you have to make the most points out of all the other teams. And there will be bonus points available! The winning team at the end of the day will win a big prize!
- Let's kick things off with a game about how much you know!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids into two to four teams and let them come up with a team name. A spinner wheel will be available to you (see your Shop & Prep List for suggestions) and allocate point values to each colored space (e.g., blue = 50 points, red = 100 points, yellow = 5 points, etc.). A list of trivia questions will be provided to you – it will be general Bible knowledge questions or other categories such as movies or school subjects. -Have one representative from each team answer a trivia question. If they answer it correctly. they get to spin the wheel and earn points.*
- Great job, teams!
- This game showed us that there are always new things to learn, and even if we knew the answers already, it doesn't hurt to get a reminder.

SO WHAT?

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Anointed by Mary

- For this next part of our game show, we need you to pay close attention because you will need to participate!
 - Whenever you hear this sound [play victory trumpet sound], we need you to applaud! Let's practice that now.
 - Whenever you hear this sound [play losing horn sound], then we need you to say, "Aww!" Try it together now.
- Are you ready? It's time for the *Did You Know?* Bible Story!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have students find John 12:1-8 in your Bible. Retell the story by incorporating the following sound effects into your Bible story that require audience participation: victory trumpet and losing horn.
- Did you know that there's a woman in the Bible who shows us how to value Jesus? Well, there is!
- It all started with her family. This woman had a brother named Lazarus. Unfortunately, one day, Lazarus passed away.
 - [Play losing horn sound.]
- Everyone was very sad, especially Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, but guess what? Jesus made Lazarus alive again!
 - [Play victory trumpet sound.]
- Needless to say, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha loved Jesus and were close friends of his.
- So, it was six days before Passover.
 - Passover is a holiday that celebrates when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt where they were slaves for more than 400 years!
- Jesus ended up in a town called Bethany, where the trio lived. They had put together a lovely banquet for Jesus and his friends. Everyone was having a jolly good time.
 - [Play victory trumpet sound.]
- Then without warning, Mary, one of the sisters, took out an expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet, then wiped it off with her hair.

- Well, one of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot – who later betrayed Jesus – didn't like this. Judas thought something this expensive should be sold and used to help the poor. This perfume was worth a lot of money!
 - *[Play losing horn sound.]*
- But you know what? Judas didn't really care about the poor. The Bible tells us he was in charge of the money bag the disciples kept together and sometimes he would help himself from it. He was probably thinking how much more money he would have if Mary had just sold the perfume and given them the money instead!
 - *[Play losing horn sound.]*
- But Jesus told Judas and everyone to back off. He was moved by Mary's gesture and because he knew he would die soon, he thought it was fitting that Mary would do this kind act for him.
 - *[Play victory trumpet sound.]*
- Jesus could see both Judas' and Mary's hearts. Even though Judas said he cared about the poor, he didn't mean it in his heart. Mary showed that she loved Jesus by giving up one of the most valuable things she owned.
- Mary loved Jesus more than anything!

(OPTIONAL) VIDEO | Did You Know? Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For more re-inforcement of what kids have just learned, you can play this week's [teaching video](#).*

BIG IDEA | Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?

- Now, I need a brave contestant to step up to the front. Our Big Idea is going to ask a question related to the Bible story we just heard.
- **Which door do you think is hiding the Big Idea? Is it door number one? Maybe it's door number two? Or who knows, it might be door number three!** Feel free to get suggestions from the audience!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hang three large pieces of butcher paper side by side on the wall vertically and number them. These will be your doors. Behind one of the doors, place a poster board where you've written today's Big Idea. Choose one volunteer from each team to choose a number and rip*

down the door. If they are not successful, choose another volunteer. If they don't find it either, rip the last door down and no one gets points (or give points to volunteers for trying). The volunteer who finds the Big Idea wins 100 points for their team!

- You found the Big Idea!
- **Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?**

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- It's time for the Big Idea!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Reveal the Big Idea by turning over the poster on the white board.
- **Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?**

ACTIVITY | Flip a Square!

- It's time for the next game in our *Did You Know? Game Show!* Ooh, this game is so fun, you are all going to flip! It's time for Flip a Square!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Select four colors of *origami paper* you want to use for this game and gather 25 of each color. Glue two sets together so that they are double-sided, with a different color on each side (e.g. blue/red, yellow/green). Create two 5x5 grids, with 12 of one color facing up, and 13 of the other color. Have two players from each team stand on either side of the paper grid (4 per grid) and designate each team a color. The objective of the game is to keep flipping the squares over so that your team's color is facing up (even if it gets flipped over by your opponents) for two minutes. The team that has more of their color facing up wins.
- Today's Big Idea asked us: **Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?**
- Notice that in this game, the colors didn't stay in your color for very long. The moment you thought ah-ha! I got it, the other team flipped it back over to their color.
- Many times in our lives, we put our trust in very temporary things. But

someone who is always there for us and never changes is Jesus. And Jesus deserves our very best always and more than anything else.

NOW WHAT?

(OPTIONAL) MEMORY VERSE | Dance-Off!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play [this song version](#) of II Peter 3:18a and encourage kids to sing and dance along. Then invite team leaders to pick the best dancer from each team for the final dance-off. The winning team gets 400 points. If you want to have a second-place winner, they earn 200 points.

PRAYER

- Jesus, thank you for being the only one who never changes and is always there for us. Help us to love you more than anything and invite others to love you like we do. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- **What did Mary pour on Jesus' feet?**
- **How did Judas react to Mary's actions?**
- **How did Jesus respond to what Mary did?**
- **Reread Philippians 3:7-9. What are some things in your life that compete with your love for Jesus?**
- **Is there anything in your life that you need to reduce in order to spend time with God?**

- **Why does Jesus deserve all our love and attention?**
- **How can we show that we love Jesus more than anything?**

MEMORY VERSE | II Peter 3:18a (NLT)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Practice this month's memory verse together. Award a token to any kid that can say last week's verse from memory.*
- Let's practice this month's memory verse together!
- **"Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."**