

DID YOU KNOW? (PRESCHOOL)

WEEK 1

BIG IDEA

Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?

BIBLE

John 12:1-8

WELCOME TIME

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and work on building relationships.-*
 - *Get on the floor and be silly*
 - *Play along with what they're playing*
 - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
 - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *-During free time, use one of our spotify worship playlists to play some background music while kids play.*

CLEAN UP

ACTIVITY | Clean Up

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
 - *Place all toys in labelled tubs*
 - *Place tubs on shelves labelled with your service time*

ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY | Don't Laugh Game

- Do you love Jesus a lot? **Give me two "Yays!" if you love Jesus!**
- Now, your job is to make your friend laugh by making the funniest faces and noises you can think of!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pair up the kids and tell them to face each other. The object of the game is for the kids to make such a silly face or sound that the other person laughs! Give out high fives after each round and celebrate the kids doing such a great job. Play several rounds, giving the kids a chance to pair up with another friend.*
- It's not easy to hide how we're feeling right?
- Today we're going to learn about someone who loved Jesus so much, she couldn't hide it . . . she had to show it in front of everybody!

TEACHING TIME

PROP TALK | Dinner at Martha's

- In our Bible story today, we're going to hear about a dinner party. I need some help getting ready for the party.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *-Lay out a tablecloth at the front of the room, then have kids take turns grabbing an item out of the bag:-paper plates, napkins, cups, and play food. Allow the kids to set the table and create a fun, fancy meal like Martha might have prepared to share with Jesus and his friends.*

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Anointed by Mary

- In today's story, I'm going to need your help, so you'll have to pay really close attention.-
 - Whenever you see this sign-*[show thumbs up sign]*, you need to clap and cheer and say, "Yay!!". Let's try that now!
 - Whenever you see this sign-*[show thumbs down sign]*, everyone says, "Aww!" Try it together now!
- Are you ready? It's time for our-Bible Story!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Turn to the story from John 12 in the Bible. Retell the story by incorporating the following signal into your Bible story that requires audience participation:-thumbs up sign and thumbs down sign.-*
- Jesus had a friend named Lazarus. But sadly, Lazarus passed away.
 - *[show thumbs down sign]*
- Everyone was very sad, especially Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, but guess what? Jesus made Lazarus alive again! They were so happy!
 - *[show thumbs up sign]*
- One day, Jesus was visiting with them because they had put together a wonderful dinner for him and his friends.

- *[show thumbs up sign]*
- Then Mary, one of the sisters, took out a really, really expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. It was the most valuable thing she owned! Then she wiped it off with her hair.
- One of the people who was there did not like this at all. His name was Judas. Judas knew that the perfume was worth a lot of money. He thought it would have been better if they sold the perfume and used the money to help people. "What a waste!" he thought.

- *[show thumbs down sign]*
- But the Bible tells us Judas didn't really care about helping people. He just wanted to sell the perfume and make money to keep for himself. Boo!

- *[show thumbs down sign]*
- Jesus did not think Mary wasted anything. Jesus knew that Mary did this because she loved Him so much and knew that He was more important than anything in the world!

- *[show thumbs up sign]*
- Jesus knew that one day soon, he wouldn't be with his friends anymore. So he was thankful for what Mary did to show that she cared about Jesus and that He was special.-

- *[show thumbs up sign]*
- Mary loved Jesus more than anything, and she showed that with her actions. She showed that by what she did!
- That's our Big Idea today!-Repeat it after me: **Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?**
- Mary showed Jesus how much she loved Him by doing something really special for Him and by giving Him something that was really important to her.-
- **What can you do to show how much you love Jesus?**

- There are so many things we can do to show how much we love Jesus. We can sing to him, we can learn about him, we can talk to him, we can treat others in a kind way . . . there are so many things we can do!

MUSIC | Worship

- All month, we're learning that we can know Jesus! As we get to know who He is and how much He loves us, we can worship Him. Stand up on your feet and let's worship Him together!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce some of the motions to the class before playing the song then, dance along together as you worship! Here are the songs for this month:*
 - "I Love The Way"
 - "Very Best Friend"
 - "Love Like Jesus"
 - "I'm Gonna Tell"

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

- While we're all standing together, let's practice the verse we're memorizing this month. This verse is from the Bible and reminds us of one way to love Jesus!
 - *[Read the verse]*
- To "grow in grace and knowledge" means to know more about Jesus and learn to do what Jesus teaches us to do!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Practice the verse together using these motions:*
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PRAYER

- Before we split up into our groups, I'd like to pray together. Will you fold your hands together and close your eyes to show me you're ready to pray?-
- Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us! Help us to love you more than anything else by giving you our time and attention. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Small Group

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**-Review the Bible story together by placing the story images face up on the floor. As you retell today's Bible story, encourage the kids to find the image that goes with that part of the story.
- Today's story starts off with two sisters and one brother named Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. **Can you find the picture of siblings?**
- Jesus and the disciples went to Mary and Martha's house for a special meal called, Passover. **Can you find the picture of people having a special meal together?**
- After the meal, Mary poured her expensive perfume on Jesus' feet! **Can you find the bottle of perfume? How about a picture of feet?**
- One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, was not happy about what Mary had done. **Who can find the angry face?**
- But Jesus was happy with Mary.
- **Does anyone remember why Mary poured the perfume on Jesus' feet?** That's right! To show Jesus how much she loved Jesus!
- **Who can find the picture of the heart?**
- Jesus is better than anything because Jesus stays the same, is always there for us, and loves us so much!
- **Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?**
- **What can you do to show how much you love Jesus?**

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MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *After discussion, distribute this week's coloring page along with crayons. While kids color, review the memory verse with kids, awarding prizes. Keep kids in groups until picked up.*
- Let's say our memory verse together again:
 - **"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18a**