



HAPPY DAY | WEEK 1 | APRIL 6, 2025

## Preschool Lesson

# Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus

**Bible Story:** *Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus* • Everyone can be thankful for Jesus • *John 12:1-8*

**Memory Verse:** "I am alive forever and ever!" Revelation 1:18, NIV

**Key Question:** Who is alive?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is alive!

**Basic Truth:** I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever.

### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*What would you call a happy day? Maybe a day with no traffic, or a day when your boss gives you an unexpected bonus. How about the day you got married, or the day a child was born? All of these are happy days, but this month, we're talking with preschoolers about days that are happy because Jesus is alive. Easter is the happiest of happy days, and every day can be a happy day because Jesus is alive. What an awesome privilege we have to share the good news with preschoolers that Jesus is alive!*

**Story Focus:** Everyone can be thankful for Jesus.

There is a special dinner to celebrate Jesus. Mary, one of Jesus' friends, wants to show Jesus how much she loves Him. So, Mary pours an expensive bottle of perfume all over Jesus' feet and then wipes His feet with her hair. When some people see Mary do this, they do not understand. But Jesus knows Mary was doing something VERY special for Him. This was such a happy day for Mary, because Mary got to be with Jesus and show Jesus that she loves Him and that she is thankful that Jesus is alive.

### Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

### Morning Flow



## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

*Transition to Large Group...*

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. I am made by God. What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

*Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.*

'I am alive *(jump with arms up)*  
forever and ever!' *(Twirl with arms up.)*  
Revelation 1:18.' *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: HAPPY DAY, HE IS ALIVE)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie and Large Easter Egg with Prop Inside for the Current Week (W1 Small Perfume Bottle, W2 Palm Leaf, W3 Rock, W4 Pretend Breakfast Food))**

*LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.*

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

*Pull out the Bible*

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story. Let's see what else is in our story box today.

*Pull out Stuffed Ollie and Large Easter Egg with Prop Inside for Current Week*

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! It's an Easter Egg! Should we open it and see what's inside? *(Pause for responses.)* Of course we should! *(Open Egg and Pull out the prop for the current week.)* Do you know what this is? *(Pause for responses.)* It's a perfume bottle. Perfume is sprayed to make you smell good. Today we are going to hear a story about someone who used perfume to do something very special.

Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you

say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! That was an amazing story! Mary did something very special with the perfume. Do you remember what she did? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, she poured the perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair to show Jesus how much she loves Him! She was thankful Jesus is alive. We are learning this month that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive!

When I ask, 'Who is alive?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus is alive.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* 'Who is alive' *[Bottom Line]* 'Jesus is alive!' YES! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive"

## SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong is God's family forever.' Jesus wants to be your friend forever. When you receive Jesus as your friend, you are in God's family forever.

## PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them close them, open them close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

Dear God, thank you that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is alive! Thank you for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us show Jesus how thankful we are for Him by loving others the way Jesus loves us. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name, amen."

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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### PERFUMED FEET (2’s-5’s)

(‘Perfumed Feet’ Activity page – 1 per child, ¼” by 1” Scented Paper Strip – 1 per child, Optional: Extra Scented Paper Strips, Crayons, Glue stick – 1-2 per group for Leader to Use)

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Perfumed Feet” one per child. Write each child’s name on their paper. Cut strips of scented paper, one strip per child.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to color their paper, leaders help them use the glue sticks to add the scented paper strip as the perfume coming from the jar. Encourage children to talk about the smells they smell.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Hello, friends! Come over and sit with me. I have a fun picture for you to make to remember today’s Bible Story.”

*During the Activity:* “Look at your picture. There’s Mary pouring perfume on Jesus’ feet. Color your picture, and then we can add this scented paper for the perfume. (Pause.) Great! Now we are going to add the scented paper for the perfume. (Pause, pass out the scented strips and help kids glue it on the paper.) Do you smell anything special? (Pause.) Smell your paper. What does it smell like? (Pause.) They smell nice, like perfume! Wasn’t that fun?”

*After the Activity:* “Today we heard a story about a big dinner party to celebrate Jesus! Jesus and all His friends were there. They wanted to show Jesus how much they loved Him. Mary is one of Jesus’ friends. Mary loved Jesus, and she wanted to do something special for Jesus. So, she took a bottle of a very expensive perfume and poured the perfume all over Jesus’ feet! Then Mary did something special with her hair. She wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair. Jesus knew Mary was doing something VERY special for Him. This was such a happy day for Mary, because Mary got to be with Jesus and show Jesus that she loved Him. And soon there would be another happy day. It’s a happy day on Easter when we celebrate that [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive. Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive.”

## FOR JESUS (2's-5's)

(“For Jesus” Activity Page - 1 per Small Group on 11x17 paper, “Ways to Show Love” Activity Page - 1 Half Sheet of Images per Small Group, Gift bag/Brown lunch bag - 1 per Group, Optional: Tape)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “For Jesus” on 11x17-inch paper, one per Small Group. Print and cut the “Ways to Show Love” page and place images in the Paper Bag.

*During the Activity:* Point to the picture of Jesus. Kids will take turns pulling an example from today’s Bible Story of ways you can show love to others: give a hug, make a card, say “I love you,” from the paper Bag and stick it on the For Jesus paper.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bottom Line.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, come find a spot here with me.”

*During the Activity:* “Who do you see? (Pause.) Jesus! Yes. Every day can be a happy day because [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! What could we give to Jesus to show our love for Him?” (Pause. See if kids remember any of the ways mentioned in the video) Show the kids the 4 different images in the bag and say what they are. Then let the kids take turns pulling an image out and putting it on the For Jesus page. (Optional: Leader will put tape on the back of it to stick). “Wow! Look at all these ways we can show Jesus how much we love Him!”

*After the Activity:* “Jesus wants to be our friend forever so we can show how much we love Him in lots of different ways like . . . giving a hug, making a card, or saying “I love you,” Mary showed how much she loved Jesus by pouring perfume on His feet in today’s story. It was a happy day because [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive! Who is alive? [Bottom Line] Jesus is alive!”

## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster - 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

‘I am alive (jump with arms up)  
forever and ever!’ (Twirl with arms up.)  
Revelation 1:18.’ (Open hands like a book.)

## PRAY

“Let’s pray together. (Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)

Dear God, we are so thankful for Jesus. Jesus is the best friend we could ever ask for. We love you, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (A Gift for Jesus, page #423) and read it to your small group.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.