

## MCBC Bible Story Lesson

For the week of March 25, 2020

*(adapted from Shine, Living in God's Light, [www.shinecurriculum.com](http://www.shinecurriculum.com))*

### John 12:1-8: "Mary anoints Jesus"

**(1) Invite** your child(ren) to answer one of these questions: (1) What is one of your favorite smells and why? (2) Do you have any smells that remind you of a person?

**(2) Light a scented candle and pray**, thanking God for sending Jesus.

**(3) Read:**

John 12:1-8. This is a link with the story told for children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl-VSPLdqXk>

The nard that Mary poured on Jesus' feet was worth about a year's wages. Do you own anything that costs a year's wages? As a reminder, this story takes place after Jesus had raised Lazarus (Mary's brother) from the dead. Imagine her gratitude.

**Do you know?** Nard comes from a plant that grows in the foothills of what mountain range? <The Himalayas>. Also, a little bit of trivia, this is the story that was preached during Virginia's ordination service.

**(4) Wonder and reflect:**

- I wonder what Martha, Mary, and Lazarus fixed for Jesus' dinner.
- I wonder how the perfume smelled.
- I wonder how Jesus felt when Mary poured perfume and wiped his feet.
- I wonder how you would have felt watching Mary give Jesus that gift?
- I wonder how we can show our love to Jesus. (Singing, praying, caring for and loving other people.)

**(5) Discuss:**

- When have you received a gift that made you feel special?
- How do you react when you see someone else receiving a special gift?
- What is a way you can care for or love other people this week?

**(6) Make/Do:**

**Make a meal or gift (see below) for someone to show them your love.**

**Make a cinnamon dough ornament to give to someone you love.**

Recipe:  $\frac{3}{4}$  c cinnamon;  $\frac{1}{2}$  c applesauce; 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  T white glue

Combine the applesauce and white glue in a mixing bowl. Slowly add the cinnamon and mix until all the cinnamon is worked in and a dough forms. You may need to knead it to make it into a smooth dough. Add more cinnamon if too wet, or applesauce if too dry. Let the dough sit 30 minutes before using. If you make the dough ahead of time, store in a closed container or plastic bag at room temperature. Roll out and use cookie cutters to cut.

**Set up a "smell bar" with different scents** (herbs, flowers, lotion, perfume) and ask your child to identify the scents.

**(7) Pray:**

*God, we welcome you into our hearts and homes. Show us how to pour out love this week. Amen.*

**(8) Memorize:**

**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. —John 10:14**

**I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. —John 6:35a**

**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. —John 8:12**

**I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. —John 10:9**