

## SESSION 1

# Mary Honors Jesus

### Bible Verse

Blessing on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:9)

### Did You Know?

**N**ard is a perfume that is typically used to anoint a body after death. The nard was expensive oil from the *Nardostachys jatamansi* plant which can be found in India. This means the oil was imported into the area and was expensive to purchase. Nard was an extravagant oil to have, let alone pour over someone's feet.

Mary's anointing Jesus' feet was a reminder that Jesus would not be with the disciples much longer. The disciples had been told that Jesus would not be with them for much longer but they were not understanding. Judas reacted to Mary's extravagant washing of Jesus' feet with anger. He really did not understand the use of the death perfume on the living.

The focus this week is on hospitality. Mary offered hospitality to Jesus in an abundant way. She showed her love and respect in a most profound manner. More importantly she welcomed Jesus into the home and cared for a need.

The anchor point this quarter focuses us on welcoming Jesus and showing hospitality. As you discuss the Scripture story with the children, keep in mind they may not know much about hospitality. This is a great opportunity to teach the word and its definition as well as helping children understand hospitality in concrete terms.

Additionally, you can model hospitality to the children through the room setup, by intentionally welcoming the children into the space, and by showing them how to welcome Jesus into their lives.

**Watch this short video to learn about the free resources available on the Deep Blue Kids website.**

You can scan this QR code—go directly to the **Find Out More About Deep Blue** page. Or visit [www.deepbluekids.com/qr](http://www.deepbluekids.com/qr) to discover more.



### Bible Story

John 12:1-8

### Anchor Point

We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord.

### Your Lesson

#### JUMP IN:

- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Mary
- ☐ Perfume
- ☐ Just the Bible

#### DIVE DEEPER:

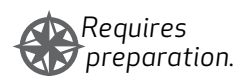
- ☐ Deep Blue Bible Adventure
- ☐ Mary Honors Jesus

#### GROW STRONGER:

- ☐ Random Acts of Love
- ☐ Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids
- ☐ Spray Paint

#### WORSHIP:

- ☐ Prayer and Praise
- ☐ Bible Stories & Stuff





## JUMP IN!

*After welcoming the children, lead them into the Bible story with at least one of the following activities.*



### **TIP**

Model hospitality for your class by welcoming the children into the classroom.

### WELCOME

**Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31, Adventure DVD;** DVD player; offering basket



Hang the Attendance Chart (Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31).

- Play, “A Beautiful Sunday” (Adventure DVD), as you welcome each child.
- Show the children where to place their offerings and ask them to record their attendance on the chart.

### MARY

**Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 3,** pens or pencils

- Hand out “Mary” (p. 3) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

### PERFUME

**Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 4,** pens or pencils

- Hand out “Perfume” (p. 4) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

### JUST THE BIBLE

**Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 4 & 29, 12**



Hang the Unit 1 Bible Verse and the Unit 1 Bible Verse Signs posters (pp. 4 & 29, 12).

- Read the verse together and teach the children the signs for the verse.
- Have the children sign and say the Bible Verse with you several times.

## DIVE DEEPER

### DEEP BLUE BIBLE ADVENTURE

**Supplies: Bible Stories and Stuff—“Songbook,” Adventure DVD,** DVD player, TV or projector and screen

- Hand out the “Songbook” (Bible Stories & Stuff). Using the songbook, invite the children to sing along with “A Beautiful Sunday” (Adventure DVD).


**SAY:** Kat and Caleb are cleaning the ship while Asia and Edgar bring them water. Asia notices there is soap in the water and tells the story of a woman who used perfume like soap. Let’s watch the video.

- Show the children the Adventure DVD for today’s session.

### MARY HONORS JESUS

**Supplies: CEB Kids Bibles, Class Stuff—pp. 14 & 19**



 Hang "In the Name of the Lord" poster (pp. 14 & 19)

**SAY:** Our Scripture reading for today is from John 12:1-8. Let's read the Scripture together.

**ASK:** I wonder:

- How the story made you feel?
- How you would show hospitality toward Jesus?
- How the disciples felt watching Mary?
- How you show hospitality to others today?
- How God is working in this story?

## GROW STRONGER

### RANDOM ACTS OF LOVE

**Supplies:** construction paper, scissors, loose-leaf book rings, single-hole punch

**SAY:** Mary showed love and hospitality to Jesus by washing his feet with the nard. Mary used this expensive oil and showed love to Jesus. There are a lot of things we can also do to show love to those around us. Let's create a flip book of ways we can randomly show love to people. This means we show love to others when they do not expect it.

- Give each child construction paper and scissors. Then follow the directions to make the flip book:

Fold your construction paper in half and then fold that half in half to make four different parts of the paper. Then cut along the folds to have four sheets. You will need to do this with at least two other sheets of construction paper. Then use the hole punch to make a hole at the top of each piece of paper. After you have punched a hole, put all the sheets on a loose-leaf book ring. Decorate the first page as a cover and then write different ways you can randomly show acts of love to those around you on the other sheets.

- Encourage children to take the book home and continue to add to it during the week as well as practice a few of the random acts of love.

### LEARN AND SERVE

**Supplies:** Leader Guide—p. 11, large bowl of water, several towels

 Copy "Foot Washing Service" (p. 11) for the children.

**SAY:** Mary washed Jesus' feet. Let's recreate the scene by doing our own foot washing service.

- Participate in the foot washing service.

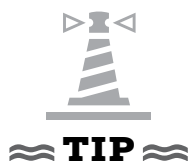


#### ≈ TIP ≈

Some children may prefer to have their hands washed instead.



This activity is messy. You might want to paint outside. Consider sealing the spray bottles with tape.




Do you have children waiting at the end of class. Check out the Deep Blue app at the QR code below.



## SPRAY PAINT

**Supplies:** spray bottles, liquid water colors, paper, scented oil, smocks

 Cover the work area. Encourage children to wear paint shirts or smocks to protect clothing.

**SAY:** A woman in today's story honored Jesus with expensive perfume. She was showing an act of love for Jesus. Today we will paint a picture with our own scented spray.


- Give each child a spray bottle. Let children mix water colors with a small amount (1-2 drops) of scented oil into the spray bottle. Help them to be sure the containers are sealed.
- Let children paint a picture with the spray paint by spraying the paper with the spray bottle. Remind children to only spray the paper.
- Hang up the pictures to dry.

## WORSHIP



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Supplies:** Leader Guide—p. 12, Adventure DVD, Bible Stories and Stuff—"Songbook," CEB Kids Bible, DVD player, TV or projector and screen, table, fabric for covering table, candle, cross on the table

 Copy "Praising God" (p. 12) for each child.

- Sing together "A Beautiful Sunday" (Adventure DVD).

**SAY:** As we gather together for worship, let's remember our anchor point for today is "We welcome Jesus in the name of the Lord." Our anchor point helps us to focus on Jesus. While thinking about Jesus from our story today, let's light our candle for worship. (*Light the candle.*)

**SAY:** Worshipping together is important because it gives us time to praise God. Today we are going to praise God with a responsive reading. We will divide into 2 groups. Group 1 will begin our responsive reading and Group 2 will respond. After our responsive reading, we will close with prayer.

**ASK:** Are there any prayer requests for us to keep in mind this week?

- Read "Praising God" together.

**PRAY:** Dear God, we thank you for Mary who washed Jesus' feet. Help us to show love to all those around us each and every day. Amen.

**SAY:** Remember to take home your Bible Stories & Stuff for session 1.

# Foot Washing Service

Foot washing is a traditional symbol of God's love for us.

## Greeting:

**Leader:** The love of Jesus be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## Confession:

**Leader:** God we don't always treat others as you want us to.

**All:** Forgive us.

**Leader:** We forget to love others.

**All:** Forgive us.

**Leader:** We forget to love you.

**All:** Forgive us. Amen.

## Foot Washing:

Take turns washing each other's feet.

## Closing Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for Mary, who washed Jesus' feet. Help us to show love to all those around us each and every day. Amen.



# Praising God

Group 1 Mary honored Jesus.

Group 2 She showed him love.

Group 1 We welcome Jesus.

Group 2 And praise him.

Group 1 God loves us.

Group 2 We love God.

Group 1 We praise God.

Group 2 Always.

**ALL Amen.**

