

# Large Group

## Jesus Was Anointed

Bible Passage: Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 12

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:15

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect Priest?  
Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.



### Countdown Video (3 mins)

### Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

### Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

### Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

### Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

We have been learning about Jesus' last days on earth and how He gave warnings to people. But let's take a moment to look back to the time of Moses in the Old Testament. When Moses lived in Egypt, the nation of Israel was enslaved. Do you remember how God rescued Israel through the plagues? [Allow responses.] All 10 plagues showed that God was in control and that He was all powerful. The last plague God sent was very serious. A sacrifice of a lamb was needed to cover the doorposts with blood. Only a house with blood on the doorpost would be spared from the death of the firstborn son. When the Jews celebrated the Passover every year, they were remembering God's faithfulness and how He saved them from death and slavery.

Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice required for our sin. He shed His blood to save us from sin and death. Today, we will learn how the time was coming for Jesus to soon die. But before His death, Mary worshiped Jesus by giving Him an expensive gift.

### Today's Lesson

In our story, the celebration of Passover was about to begin. The Jewish people were getting ready to celebrate God's faithfulness and remember how He saved them from slavery in Egypt. It was a time to think about the sacrifice of the lamb's blood on the doorposts.

As the Jewish people got ready for Passover, Jesus was with His followers. What sacrifice did Mary make for Jesus? [Allow responses.] Yes, she sacrificed her expensive oil by pouring it on Jesus. Her sacrifice was not a sacrifice to cover her sins. Instead, it was a sacrifice of worship. She had a heart of thankfulness toward Jesus and showed that He was her greatest treasure.

How did the disciples react to Mary's offering? [Allow responses.] They were upset! They thought she wasted the oil. What did Jesus say about Mary's offering? [Allow responses.] He said that Mary had done a very good thing for Him and that it was preparing Him for burial.

Just as the Passover lamb's blood saved the people of Israel, Jesus was going to shed His blood on the cross to save people from sin. Mary's oil was used to honor His body before His death. Jesus recognized Mary's sacrifice and said she would always be remembered for the gift she gave Him. This reminds us that anything we sacrifice or give to Jesus is never wasted. Anything we give to Jesus, we receive more in return because Jesus gave us Himself. When we give our lives to Him, we receive the gift of eternal life.

**Christ Connection | Pouring the expensive oil on Jesus was not a waste; it was worship. By allowing Mary to anoint Him, Jesus showed that He is more valuable than anything. Jesus knew He would soon die, be buried, and rise from the dead on the third day to rescue sinners.**

### Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Mark 14:3-9

### Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

### Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.