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JOHN 12

JESUS ANOINTED, TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Scripture: John 12:1-19

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Jars, paint and sponges OR paper cut outs of the jars in the lesson, colored pencils or markers, and glue

Ask:

- Can someone tell me the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?
- How did the religious leaders feel about this?
- Today, we'll continue our story

Read: John 12:1-11

Explain:

Nard was and still is an extremely expensive perfume. The average income for a year's work in America is about \$59,000. Could you imagine pouring something that expensive on someone's feet?

How did Judas react? (He thought the money should have been used differently)

How did Jesus react? (He told Judas to leave her alone. She had done something beautiful and prepared him for his burial)

The truth is, Jesus is worth far more than a year's wages of our work. He's worth the work of our whole life. He's worth everything we have to offer him. Mary knew this.

Do a Craft:

Have the kids create a vase and put gifts, talents, and treasures that they can offer to God in their own lives. You can either use dollar store vases that they can paint, or use the print out provided below.

Paper Jar Instructions:

Print out both jar pages for each child. Have them color the jars. Glue the edges of the second smaller jar onto the bigger one, making a pocket where they can write the gifts and talents.

Jar instructions:

Buy from the dollar store or a thrift store. Have the kids dab paint on with a sponge (2 coats). Then, have them place their papers in the jar.

Read: John 12:12-19

Play a Game:

This game is similar to "Assassin" if you've ever played it.

The person who is representing Jesus will stand in the middle of a circle of the other kids. With all eyes closed, the teacher will tap someone on the shoulder. They are the Pharisee. All the rest of the kids who did not get tapped, are rocks. Everyone will sit in the circle. Jesus will call on kids in random order. If he calls on a "rock," they will cry out Hosanna! (Because in Luke 19, Jesus says that if the people didn't shout, even the rocks would). If he selects the Pharisee, they'll scream "Get him!" as though trying to arrest him. Then, the Pharisee will go in the middle and take the role of Jesus. Repeat until everyone has had a turn.

Memorize: John 12:13

Close in Prayer





