



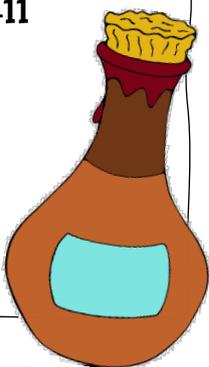
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus being anointed at Bethany

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 12 v 1–11

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



The other lectionary readings for today are:

Isaiah 42 v 1–9

Psalms 36 v 5–11

Hebrews 9 v 11–15

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Mary who recognised how important and precious you are.

As we begin our journey towards Easter help us to draw closer to you.

Thank you for all those in the story who heard about Jesus' miracles and believed in Him. Help those who do not know you to hear about you this Easter time.

Amen

Holy Monday

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

- *What did Mary do with her perfume?*
- *What are some of your favourite smells?*

Mary's perfume was very very expensive, that is why people were so shocked that she gave it to Jesus. But Mary understood how special Jesus was and how precious it was to spend time with Him.

Sometimes there is a cost to spending time with Jesus, we might have to give up doing something else that we also enjoy, but time with Jesus is precious and important

A question for children to ask adults

What are some of the things you do to spend time with Jesus and show Him how special He is to you?

Family Activity

You will need: A selection of items from around the home – perfume, soap, grass, food items etc. Blindfolds (scarves)

Collect together a selection of items from around your house and garden. Children should take it in turns to smell the items whilst wearing a blindfold – can they guess what they are smelling?

They could be nice smells e.g. chocolate, not so nice smells e.g. dirty socks or familiar smells e.g. a parent's perfume.

Spend some time wondering together what Mary's perfume smelt like?

