

LESSON 3 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE: There's always a reason to praise God!

OBJECTIVE: Little ones will learn that our reaction to Jesus should be to love and worship him.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 26:6-16, Jesus Anointed & Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

MEMORY VERSE: "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)

SUMMARY: A woman came to Jesus and washed his feet and anointed him. She knew that she was not worthy of Jesus' love. Perhaps because Jesus did not act the way Judas wanted, he went out and made plans to turn Jesus over to those who wanted to kill him. Two different people with two very different reactions to Jesus.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God (Dear God),
Thank you (Thank you),
For allowing us (For allowing us),
To worship You (To worship You)!
Amen (Amen)

SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS:

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: A woman came to Jesus (walk in place). She wanted to show her love to Him (cross arms over chest). She had a bottle of perfume (pretend you're smelling something wonderful) and she poured it on Jesus (pretend you're pouring from a bottle) to anoint Him. Judas was mad that she did this (make a mad face). So, he planned to betray Jesus. (Make a sad face.)

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.

MEMORY VERSE

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Say the verse together as a group a few times. Separate the group into two teams. See which team can say the verse the fastest, without missing a word.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have everyone stand and move around to “loosen up” a minute. Open both arms wide and say “But here” (raise both arms to the sky and say) “is how God” (point to both eyes and say) “has shown his love for us.” Pretend to cry and say “While we were still sinners,” (place both hands over your heart and say) “Christ died for us.”

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: GIVE YOUR BEST

ITEMS NEEDED: None

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: Two boys, brothers

CHARACTERS: Brady and Ben

Brady and Ben walk in together.

BEN: Can you believe that?

BRADY: What?

BEN: What happened at church!

BRADY: A lot of things happened at church.

BEN: When Sadie Smith brought her favorite baby doll for the offering!

BRADY: Oh yeah. That was so sweet!

BEN: But why would she do that?

BRADY: Well, she's four years old for one thing. Plus, she wanted to give an offering and since she didn't have any money, she gave what she had!

BEN: But Sadie loves that doll! I've never seen her without it!

BRADY: She loves God more. She wanted to give Him something that meant the most to her.

BEN: I don't know if I could do that.

BRADY: You wouldn't give Him your favorite doll?

BEN: Ha.Ha. You know I don't have a doll. I mean, I don't know if I could give up something that means the most to me.

BRADY: Imagine how God felt when He gave His only Son!

BEN: I can't imagine it.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

BRADY: But that's how much He loves us! He gave something that meant the most to Him!

BEN: Wow! Little Sadie, who hasn't even started school yet, acted more like God today than anyone in the church!

BRADY: It's not just things we can give God. We can give Him our time. You know, the time we think is most precious.

BEN: I never thought about that.

BRADY: We could give Him some of our sleep time. We could wake up earlier than usual and read the Bible or pray.

BEN: Instead of sleeping?

BRADY: Yes, instead of sleeping.

BEN: God does deserve the very best we can give Him.

BRADY: Absolutely!

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Construction paper, stickers, crayons

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut the paper in the shape of a perfume bottle.

DIRECTIONS: Have the kids decorate the perfume bottle as a reminder of the perfume that anointed Jesus.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Rock, sponge, clear bowl, water

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None

DIRECTIONS: Ask a volunteer to hold the rock and another to hold the sponge. Another volunteer can fill the bowl with water. Explain that the rock represents the bad attitude of the disciples, and the sponge represents the kind attitude of the woman with the bottle of perfume. Have someone place the rock in the water. Ask if anyone can see a change in the rock. Explain how a hard heart is like a rock. It doesn't change unless God changes it. Now, have someone place the sponge in the water. Ask if anyone can see the sponge changing. Explain how a kind, soft heart will change.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Pretzels with caramel sauce

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says:
“Today’s snack is pretzel with caramel sauce. Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

CONNECTION: The saltiness of the pretzels with the sweet caramel are completely different, yet compliment each other. People can have two different reactions to something and still get along if God is in the middle of it.

MAIN LESSON

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KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 26:6-16, Jesus Anointed & Judas Agrees to betray Jesus

WORSHIP TIME: Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's lesson comes from the New Testament (hold up a Bible). The Bible is God's Word so we know everything in it is true.

Jesus and His disciples were visiting the home of a man named Simon. There was a lady at Simon's house that had a very expensive bottle of perfume with her. She started to pour it on Jesus' head as a sign of worship.

The disciples were mad that she was wasting such a valuable bottle of perfume. They felt the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. However, Jesus corrected them and said it was a beautiful thing. The perfume she used was preparing Jesus for burial. He knew that He would soon go to the cross, but the disciples didn't realize that yet.

In that time, pouring oil or perfume on someone's head meant they were anointing that person. This woman's act of worship could also be seen as an anointing for Jesus and what was to come.

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was very upset about the waste of money from the perfume. He went to the leaders and agreed to betray Jesus. They gave him 30 pieces of silver to take them to Jesus.

One person gave the most important thing they had to Jesus, while another person was angry enough to set Jesus up to be killed. One act, two different attitudes. What Judas didn't understand was that nothing was a waste if it was given to Jesus. He deserves the very best.

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Lead the class in sit ups and skipping in a circle.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Where was Jesus when He met the lady with the perfume?

Why did she pour the perfume on Jesus?

Who was angry enough to agree to betray Jesus?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Discuss ways to worship Jesus. For example, pray, read the Bible, tell others about Him....

MAKE IT STICK

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER LESSON 3

4 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



DRIVING:

On the drive home, ask your child what they learned in class. Ask them how they can worship Jesus.



PLAYING:

When playing, talk about or show them ways to worship God.



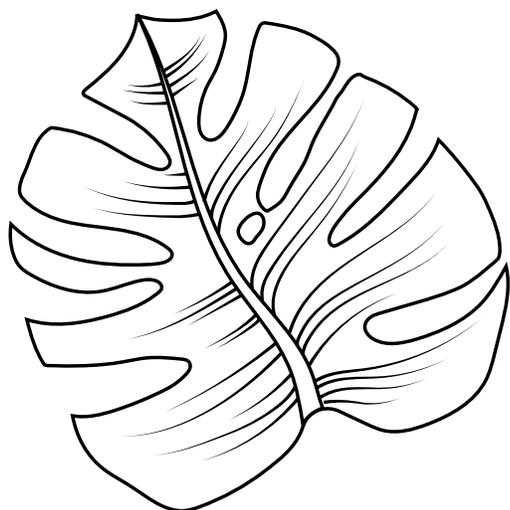
EATING:

Pray for your food and explain that it is a way to worship God.

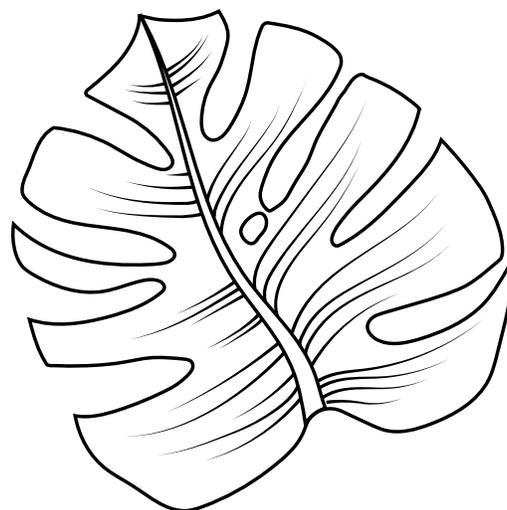


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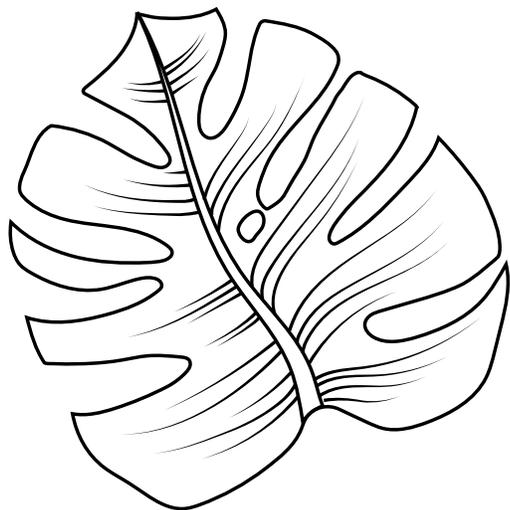
Snuggle up and say the memory verse, "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NirV)
Tell them Jesus deserves all our praise.



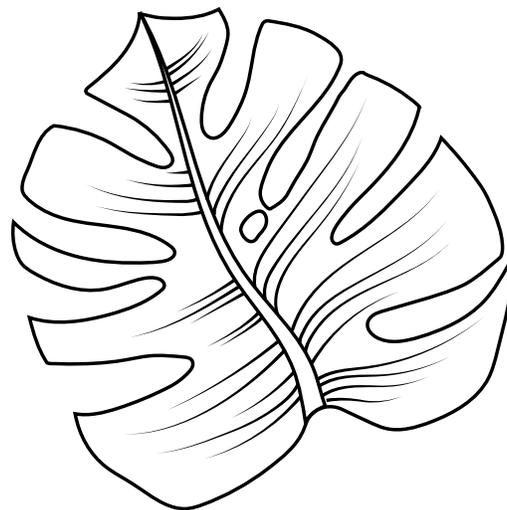
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