

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for Children

Life of Christ

Jesus gets perfume

Luke 7:36-46

Younger Verse

We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

Have you ever accidentally spilled perfume? Let's see what happens when perfume is poured out in today's lesson.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

News spread quickly that Jesus was in town. When one woman heard, she couldn't believe her ears. Jesus had changed her life. She used to do all kinds of bad things—called sin. One day, she heard about Jesus and He changed her life. She did not ever want to do wrong things again.

Suddenly, she had a great idea. She took a jar of expensive perfume off her shelf and rushed off to the house where Jesus was.

She knocked on the door and walked inside.

There was Jesus! He was sitting at the table.

She stood by Jesus and started to cry. She was so grateful and thankful to Jesus that she bowed down at His feet and began to cry happy tears. She loved Jesus so much and wanted Him to know how happy she was to have a new, changed life.

Then, she bent over and wiped Jesus' feet with her hair. Then, she did something very special. She opened the jar of perfume and poured it on Jesus. The whole house smelled so sweet. The woman showed how much she cared for Him by doing something special just for Jesus.

Can you imagine what all the other guests thought? They sat there shocked.

Some of the people that were there did not have nice thoughts about the woman. They remembered all the bad things she had done. In their mind, they were wondering why Jesus would let the woman do this.

Jesus knew what they were thinking. So, He asked them a question, "If two people owed money: one a little and one a lot, who would be most excited if they did not have to pay it back?" All the people agreed that the one who owed a lot would be most happy.

Jesus explained that the woman had been forgiven for a LOT of wrongs and she was most happy. What she did by pouring perfume on Him was a way to show how happy and grateful she was for how her wrongs were forgiven.

Teachers: The part of the lesson about the woman's hair is located in Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:3

Lesson Goals

Show how the woman showed kindness to Jesus

Explain the most kind and caring act that Jesus did for us—He died for us.

Share ways that you can tell others what you believe

Then Jesus said something that puzzled the guests. He told the woman that her sins were forgiven. The other people in the room did not understand how Jesus could forgive sin. They did not know that He was God's Son. They did not understand that soon Jesus would be on a cross. They did not understand why He had to die for OUR wrongs to make a way for us to be forgiven if we believe.

Jesus knew that soon He would die on a cross. It was not for anything that HE did wrong. In fact, Jesus did this for all the things that WE did wrong. He paid the price for our wrongs when He died on the cross. After three days, Jesus came back to life again!! If we believe in Jesus and trust that He came back to life, He can help us get to Heaven one day. We must ask Him to forgive all our wrongs and come into our heart. Jesus will clean out all our dirty sins and make us clean before God. Jesus will also help us and stay with us forever. He will show us how to do things God's way.

Do you want to become a Christian? God can totally change your life like He did for the woman. Look at the woman. She was joyful and excited. Jesus had cleaned away all her mistakes and wrongs. She was free and knew that one day she would be in Heaven with God.

The woman knew that Jesus was God's Son. She knew that He could clean out her dirty, dark heart. When she came to Him and was sorry for all the bad things she had done, Jesus forgave her and made her heart clean. She changed her ways, too. She did not want to do wrong anymore. She wanted to live a clean life and do what Jesus would do. What about you? Would you like to have Jesus clean your heart? Talk to us and we'll tell you how Jesus can change your life.

Learning Activities

Try activities that will help the kids see what love really is.

Memory Verse Activities

Play a form of "hot potato." As you pass around an object while music is playing, have the kids say one word of the verse. Stop the music at some point and the person holding the object steps out of the circle. Continue until there is one person and everyone can say the verse!

Prayer Time

Thank God for making a way for us to get to Heaven through believing in Jesus. Ask God to clean out our hearts and make us pure.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Snack time is a great time to show kindness. Look for opportunities to reinforce the lesson! One fun snack is to cook ramen noodles or spaghetti. Let the kids remember the woman's long hair and how she did something so nice for Jesus.

Planning for May 30th
The story of the seeds
Luke 8:1-15

Preschool Lesson
for
A woman's gift

A woman heard that Jesus was eating at Simon's house.

Suddenly, she had a great idea. She took a jar of perfume and rushed off to the house.

She knocked on the door (knock on wood) and walked inside.

There was Jesus! He was sitting at the table.

She was so happy to see Jesus that she cried happy tears as she bent down to honor Him. Then she wiped Jesus wet feet with her hair.

Next, she poured the perfume on Jesus! It must have splashed everywhere!. The whole house must have smelled so sweet. (Open a jar of perfume or spray air freshener) (Make a sniffing sound and say, "UMM.")

The woman was kind and so was Jesus. He loves us and cares for us. How can we be kind to others? What can we do to show kindness? Let's all think of someone who needs a hug. Who did you think of? Today, let's practice kindness like the woman and give smiles and hugs to people.

Sing, "Jesus loves me this I know."

Hands-on Activities for A woman's gift

Bring perfume, lotion, or soap samples. Let everyone put a little sample on their hand or foot. Then, think about how each person can show kindness this week.

Draw a bottle of perfume. Let everyone write at least one kind thing that they can do this week. Make sure they take the paper home with them and put it in a place they can see it.

If you have lots of girls, get them to fix each other's hair as a reminder of the story. You may want to bring extra rubber bands, hair accessories, or combs. (Please make sure they do not share hair items.)

Think up ways to be kind to neighbors on property or to managers or to your parents. Let the kids come up with ideas and try to do them! It would be especially nice to do something special for the manager to show her how much she is appreciated.

Jesus forgave the woman for all the bad things she had done. Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive you? If you come to Him and tell Him that you are sorry for the wrong things and truly want to do right, Jesus will forgive you. If you have never trusted Jesus and asked Him to come into your life, you can do this too. All you have to do is ask Jesus to come into your life. Jesus will do it. He will stay with you and be your best friend. He will never leave you.

Color a picture of the woman and Jesus. Glue yarn hair on a picture and sprinkle it with perfume.

Bring a clean wig and act out the story. It will be fun to see a boy act it out, just for fun!!

Cover a glass jar with little strips of masking tape. Now paint over the tape with shoe polish to make an "alabaster jar."

On slips of paper, write good deeds that you have seen the kids do. Hide the papers around the room. Let the kids hunt for the papers. When they find one, have everyone stop and listen to see what kind deed was done. (Idea from Group Publ.)