



Kindergarten-2nd

March 29-30, 2014

DATE

Mary Magdalene

LESSON TITLE

Luke 7:36-50

(pp.1205-1206 Adventure Bible for Early Readers)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus loves it when we show him love

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Today you have a chance to share a time you've practiced sacrificial love (see Connect Time questions) and a way you'd like to sacrifice out of love for Jesus this week (Small Group question #5). Ahead of time, ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind an example you can share with kids.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to open their gift box and explain why they got it, even though somebody else made it.

large group heads up

Mary Magdalene showed Jesus love in a crazy way: she cried over his feet, wiped her tears with her hair, then poured perfume all over his feet! But Jesus loved it, because he loves it when we show him our love.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

- Split kids into groups of 6-12
- Dump a pile of **stampers** in the middle of the circle
- Tell kids to look them over, then choose their very favorite and hold it
- Ask why they liked it
- Tell them to pass it to the person on the left
- **Discuss:**
 - How did it feel to give up the favorite you chose?
 - Have you ever had to give up something you loved for someone else? Tell us about it. Why did you do it? (Share your own example.)
- Kids should set the characters down and plan to return after large group. But before you go, ask kids about the best and worst parts of their week.

Then, before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) relate to Mary by “giving up” something of their own and (2) recognize that Jesus wants them to love him back by telling or showing him how great he is.

Why? “Sacrifice” is a tough concept, but one that’s important to begin practicing.

Tips: The “Extra Time” activity is really an easy way for kids to begin applying the concept of loving Jesus back. Don’t rush the gift boxes, but if at all possible, make time for it!

small group

DIG DEEPER AND RELATE

***Try this for a more engaged discussion: tell kids you’re going to ask a question. Then give a *beanbag* to somebody and it’s their job to answer. Then, everybody has to listen carefully to the next question. The kid with the “beanbag” must toss it to someone else.**

1. What’s the most surprising part of this story to you? What’s your favorite?
2. What did Mary do for Jesus? Why?
3. Why did Jesus like what Mary did?
4. What does it mean to worship? (To tell and show Jesus how great He is.)
5. Mary’s life was all about Jesus. She didn’t mind using all of that expensive perfume on him, instead of selling it for money or keeping it for herself. How could you show that your life is about worshiping Jesus? What could you give up this week to show that? (Give an example of something you’d like to do.)

ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a ***white box***
- Let kids decorate with ***markers*** and the ***stampers*** they chose (they can switch back to get the ones they originally wanted)
- Then give kids ***1 bottle of bubbles***
- Remind them that Mary Magdalene gave up perfume for Jesus; we’re going to give up bubbles for someone else.
- Switch boxes with another small group
- Let kids choose a new box to take home to remember the story

COLLECT STAMPERS FOR THE NEXT SERVICE

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***Pray with the kids, thanking Jesus that he loves us.**

*Extra time? Give each kid a **sheet of paper**. Have them make a card for Jesus, telling and/or showing him how much they love him back.*

special notes

Perfume can be an overwhelming smell. Engage the kids' sense of smell but don't spray so much that they are distracted by it.

presenter tips

You can preview today's video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-42TglrVYw> (we're only watching 0:45-4:42).

script

Hi everybody, welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here today. You guys just did something really cool: you gave up the stamper you chose...*for somebody else*. I'm so proud of you! When you give up something for somebody else, it's called a sacrifice. Can you guys say, "sacrifice"? (Let kids say it.) Great job!

Now, before we start, we're going to talk about one way to give that lots of churches in our city are going to do together in a week. Food costs money, right? So if you were going to buy a can of soda for fifty cents, you could choose to drink water...and give that fifty cents to somebody who really needs it. If everyone in this room gave fifty cents, we'd probably have about _____ (estimate amount).

In one week, we're going to try to save money to give by eating rice and beans instead of some other foods. Kind of like these kids: (***click to watch short promo***).

We'll talk more about that next week. Today, we're going to hear a story about sacrificing, a story about giving up something...for Jesus. Today's story is all about a woman named Mary Magdalene. Can you guys say, "Mary Magdalene"? (Let kids say it.) Great. And she decided to give up some perfume for Jesus. (Pause.)

INTRO: PERFUME

Uh, does that sound strange to anybody? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, me too! (**Hold up a perfume bottle.**) See, this is a type of perfume that we see sometimes nowadays. We can use perfume or maybe some manly cologne. We can open the bottle and spray it on ourselves so that we smell good. Here, take a whiff: (spray the bottle and let the kids sniff) Mmmmm...



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(Hold up the big jar.) But you know what? Back when Jesus was on earth, perfume came in a BIG jar like this. Sometimes the jars looked different, but there was a LOT of perfume and it was very, very special because it cost lots of money. There was a seal on the top, so you couldn't use it every day. You could only use it once. You had to choose the MOST important day to use it.

STORY: MARY SHOWS LOVE TO JESUS

So in today's story, a lady named Mary uses perfume to say "I love you" to Jesus. We're going to watch a video about it. As we watch, see if you can figure out how Jesus felt when he saw that Mary sacrificed—or gave up—her perfume for him.

Video: Jesus Storybook Bible "Washed With Tears"

Wow, so what did Jesus do when he saw that Mary gave up her treasure for him? Did he say, "Why did you cry at my feet?" (Let kids say: No.) No! Did he say, "You wasted all that perfume!" (Let kids say: no) No way! What did he say? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he said, "Your sins are forgiven. God has rescued you!"

Whenever we choose to love Jesus, it doesn't matter what we've done—he will forgive us and rescue us. He loves us so much...and he loves it when we love him back, even if it looks crazy to other people! In fact, the Bible tells us what Jesus thinks about us. Zephaniah 3:17 says:

SLIDE: Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is with you.

He is mighty enough to save you.

He will take great delight in you.

The quietness of his love will calm you down.

He will sing with joy because of you."

He will SAVE us—that means rescue us. He also delights in us, which means we make him really, really happy. He will even sing with joy because of us!

WE CAN SHOW LOVE TO JESUS OUTWARDLY

OK, everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.) We're going to act a little crazy to tell Jesus we love him. Spread out (let kids respond). Mary didn't care when people thought she was weird for crying and wiping Jesus' feet with her hair...or pouring her treasured perfume all over his feet. So don't even think about what your neighbor is doing.

We're going to sing our song that talks about going "all out." That means we give everything! When we sing about going all out, go crazy with whatever dance moves you want. Ready?

Song: Before I Go

Great job! Now have a seat. (Let kids sit.)



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WE CAN SHOW LOVE TO JESUS INWARDLY

If you're not a big dancer or don't really like to go all crazy, that's OK. Just like the video said, Jesus knows what we're feeling INSIDE. And like the "important" guys in the video that didn't love Jesus, we can sit really quietly and not do any crazy stuff, but still be totally in love with Jesus on the inside. The good news is, he knows that too.

So today, we're going to try something. And you're going to have to sit really, really quietly. So spread out, lay down if you want, get comfortable (let kids respond). Great! Now just listen to this next video I'm going to play. As you listen to all the ways Jesus loves you, in your head, tell him you love him back!

Video: Take A Minute

Now you can sit up. Great job being quiet! And don't worry! Jesus knew exactly what you were thinking.

WORSHIP

Want to sing one more song together? Stand up!

Song: Jesus Loves Me

PRAY

Ask somebody to thank Jesus that he loves us so much and wants us to love him back!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

1 stamper per kid (can be re-used at each service): OT: IN-5/720

small group supplies

1. Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pp. 1205-1206)
2. Markers
3. Beanbag
4. 1 jar of bubbles per kid (OT: IN-

- 12/2320)
5. 1 white box per kid (OT: IN-3/2614)
6. Blank paper
7. Coloring Page: Vase

large group supplies

Small spray bottle of cheap perfume
Large jar

a/v needs

1. Video: Rice and beans promo
2. Video: Washed with Tears (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-42TglrVYw> use 0:45-4:42 only!)
3. SLIDE: Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is with you.
He is mighty enough to save you.
He will take great delight in you.
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4. Song: Before I Go, I Stop
5. Video: Context / Take a Minute
6. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about Mary Magdalene.
How can we tell Jesus we love him?

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A woman named Mary Magdalene did something pretty surprising to show Jesus she loved him. She cried over his feet and dried her tears with her hair; then she poured an expensive jar of perfume all over Jesus' feet! Jesus loved it! He loves us so much and wants us to love him back, even if it looks “crazy” to other people. Read about Mary in Luke 7:36-50 in the Bible.