



Open Up Easter

Day 3 – Mary shows she loves Jesus



Start the day with praise!

A song to sing to start the day:

Brand new day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQ0_IOMuxgY

Bible Reading

John 12:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Story

Jesus went for dinner with a family; two sisters called Mary & Martha and their brother Lazarus. Jesus had only recently raised Lazars from the dead, wow that's amazing – read all about this in the chapter before (John 11). Mary loved Jesus so much, she wanted to express what she felt and so she went and found something of her very own that was of huge value, expensive perfume, and gave it all to Jesus – pouring it on his feet. She didn't do this in secret, but in front of everyone at the dinner – not to show off, but simply because she loved him so very, very much.

Learning

Mary loved Jesus because she knew how much Jesus loved her. She had also seen how much Jesus loved everybody through the miracles he had done – healing so many people. Most of all she was so thankful for how Jesus had raised her own brother from the dead. Mary's heart was totally overflowing with love for Jesus and she didn't keep it in. This Easter week, take time to stop and think of how much Jesus loves you. Remember how he gives you so many good gifts each day (food, family, friends); remember how He is always with you – when you are sad, or lonely or scared; remember that you can always say sorry to Him and He forgives you.

Song

Today's songs are the following – you can sing along with the links.

I love you Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKMxvt9wxaU&list=PLMxQfqk4FnSy048szsz4GBi7BG4FKYk-C&index=2>

With all my heart I love you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZGK-2iWz0w>

God is so good <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llcsmEs6vfk>

Cross Craft

Get some cotton wool. Kindly ask an adult to put a little bit of perfume on your cotton wool. Stick it onto Day 3. Draw a love heart around your cotton wool.

More Ideas!

Make a love heart chain (ie fold a piece of A4 paper over several times, cut out the shape of a love heart leaving a little bit attached, unfold to have a string of hearts). Write things you can do to show Jesus you love him. Stick it by your bed to remind you.

Ask an adult if they might have a seed you can plant in a pot or in the garden. Plant the seed and take care of it. As you watch it grow, ask God that your love for Him can grow like the seed. The seed might not grow if you ignore it. Your love for God will not grow if you ignore him! Remember to listen to him (read the Bible) and talk to him (pray) everyday.

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