

Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



LESSON TITLE: Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

**THEME: Jesus wants us to worship Him
with a humble heart.**

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-8

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. Bible Time for Kids are devotions for children and families. Their purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children in developing a daily devotional life. You can pick up your copy each Sunday in your child's classroom or at the family bulletin board in the hall. We hope Bible Time for Kids is a blessing to you as your family studies God's Word together.

This week we learned about **Mary Anointing Jesus' Feet**. The theme was "**Jesus wants us to worship Him with a humble heart.**" Through the story used in this devotional, we will learn that humility is often a hard lesson to learn but is necessary as we walk with Jesus.

Worship is very pleasing to God but our heart's attitude must be right for our worship to be pleasing to Him. It is important to realize that Jesus tells us to come to Him "just as we are" but loves us too much to let us stay "just as we are". When we realize just how much Jesus loves us and how He has forgiven us, our hearts are filled with worship for Him, just like Mary.

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 12:1-8**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

The Fight

Text: Matthew 19:21 - "Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me.' "

Also read Luke 21:3-4

Jessica, Christine and Brian were great friends and all three of them went to the same church and helped in the leadership of their youth group. All three of them were also part of a great play that their church was doing and they were getting ready to take the play "on the road" for Jesus. A few weeks before the play was going to go on tour, Pastor Greg, their youth pastor, called a meeting. He asked Jessica, Christine, and Brian for their help in organizing a fundraiser for the travel costs. Pastor Greg knew these three kids could be trusted to pray for direction from God regarding the fundraiser. He also thought they were mature enough to work together and get the job done.

All three of them met and the ideas were many. Jessica thought of a car wash but it was too cold outside and it had been raining a lot. Christine wanted to have a bake sale but Jessica and Brian felt that people probably didn't want to buy a lot of cakes and cookies since Christmas had just passed and people probably were trying to lose weight, not gain it. Then Brian said, "Why don't we have a giant garage sale at the church? Everyone can bring things they don't need or want and we will sell them to earn money for the play." Jessica loved the idea but Christine still liked her own idea better. She said "I still think a bake sale would be better. I just don't think people are going to want to come to a garage sale, besides I don't have anything I really want to give away." Christine went on to say, "It would probably be a bunch of old toys and old clothes that no one would want to buy. I think my idea is the best. People always want to eat something sweet."

Brian and Jessica did not understand why Christine was acting like this. What they didn't see was that God was preparing Christine for a great lesson in being humble. Like all of us, God does not keep us the same as when we first give our hearts to Him. We must be willing to follow Jesus and that means we will be willing to give up whatever He asks us to give. Just like God giving us His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. We'll find out more tomorrow about Jessica, Christine and Brian and see what they learn. **(Continued on Day Two)**

- Was Christine being humble or prideful?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Humble: Not proud or haughty.

Day Two

The Silver Box

Text: James 4:10 - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Also read John 12:3

(Continued from Day One) Christine went home that night and she thought about the things that she had said that day to Jessica and Brian. She wanted to please the Lord and she knew she had been very selfish. Christine went right to the Lord in prayer and asked for forgiveness. She woke up the next morning and knew she had been forgiven but she also knew she had to apologize to Brian and Jessica. They were all three going to meet that night at church to decide on the fundraiser, so she decided to tell them then. She was embarrassed about her behavior but remembered Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

While getting ready to go to church, something on her dresser caught her eye. It was as beautiful as ever; shiny, delicate and the letters, C.A.M. beautifully engraved on the top. Every time she looked at this silver jewelry box she remembered seeing it in the store window and telling her mom she wanted it for Christmas. It was very expensive, but her mom had saved up and given it to her just a few weeks ago on Christmas. Christina was so thrilled. She had never thought she would have that box, especially with her initials engraved on top. It was her treasure and she loved it. She would never part with it.

Christine finished getting ready. She was glad that she was going to see Brian and Jessica. She wanted to show them she loved them and wanted to make things right. She decided that she was fine with the garage sale idea. Besides, there were some old clothes she had that she had outgrown and she could help by giving those away. When they got together, Christine apologized for the day before, and Brian and Jessica were forgiving. They all realized they needed to pray before they came to a decision for a fundraiser. They told Pastor Greg that they decided on the garage sale and he loved the idea. They posted fliers all over the church. Brian and Jessica were busy talking about what they would give and Christine told about her clothes. Christine was joyful to be helping and she thanked God for His Holy Spirit convicting her of her selfishness. But there was still a treasure in Christine's heart that she was not willing to give up. We will see tomorrow what happens.

(Continued on Day Three)

- Tell about a time that you humbled yourself when you were wrong.

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Conviction: To prove or find guilty. The Holy Spirit helps us to realize when we sin and need to ask forgiveness.

Call The Police!

Text: Matthew 6:19 - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal."

Also read Psalm 37:4

(Continued from Day Two) As we have seen, Christine wanted to please God and do what was right. Just like Mary, when she washed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair, we must also be humble in our worship of God. During the time that Jesus lived on this earth, everyone wore sandals and they walked everywhere. Can you imagine how dirty Jesus' feet may have been? And Mary was wiping His feet with the most expensive oil a person could buy. Mary knew that Jesus was her Lord and Master and she was willing to give everything, even her most expensive oil, to show how deeply she loved Him and how humble her heart was. It pleases the Lord when He is the one and only treasure in our heart. Mary showed the humblest of affection and worship as she wiped His feet with her hair.

Christine is still going to learn more about worshiping God and giving. Our story continues when Christine and her parents arrived home from church that evening. They noticed their front door was opened. As they walked up to the door they saw broken glass from the front window. They had been robbed! Quickly they went to a neighbor's house and called the police. When the police arrived they went inside. What a mess! Christine ran to her room. Everything was there except the silver box. Her heart was broken. She started crying and was very angry.

Have you ever been really hurt because someone or something was taken from you? It really hurts and Jesus knows how much. Just like the scripture from Sunday's lesson, Judas Iscariot used to steal the money collected to be given to the poor and worse of all, he betrayed Jesus and had Him arrested for thirty pieces of silver. Christine was in need of comfort and God would be there to provide it. He is there for us; all we have to do is ask. Christine had a choice. She could let this sorrow make her better or bitter! We will learn more about God's awesome power tomorrow. **(Continued on Day Four)**

- As Christians, what pleases God when people sin against us? Talk about it.
- Is there a hurt or disappointment that you need to tell Jesus about?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Trespass: To sin against God and others.

What Would Jesus Do?

Text: Hebrews 4:16 - "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' "

Also read 2 Corinthians 12:9

(Continued from Day Three) Christine was mad and hurt; that box was so precious to her. After the police left, Christine's mom came into her room. Her mom was sad too but she felt even worse for the people who had stolen from them. She asked Christine to pray with her for the robbers and asked the Lord to save them. Her mom also prayed for the Lord to keep anyone else from being robbed by these people. Christine knew that was the right thing to do and through this she began to realize how much importance she had placed on that box.

Sometimes we are just like Christine. It's easy to make something more important than God. Christine began to really see how she probably wouldn't have ever given that box away and sometimes God will allow difficult and even sad things to happen in our lives so we can glorify Him and learn valuable lessons. To truly worship God with a humble heart, we must first be willing to give Him everything. God never asked Christine to give the box away for the garage sale but she was able to see that she cherished it more than God. The only way she saw this was when it was taken from her. Jesus did not ask Mary to anoint His feet with costly oil, nor did He ask her to wipe them with her hair. Mary did these things because she loved Jesus.

Christine began to pray for the robber and she asked God to forgive her for placing that box above Him. She also asked God to forgive the robber and bring his heart to Jesus. As we study God's word, we need to worship Him with a humble heart and pray that God would begin to work in our hearts. When we do this, we become more like Jesus. Christina was seeing this, and she thanked God for changing her heart. He is faithful to finish the work He has begun. Philippians 1:6 says, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." As the story ends tomorrow we will learn more about His faithfulness and that prayers don't always get answered the way we think they might, but they do get answered perfectly according to God's will. **(Continued on Day Five)**

- How have you reacted when you were sad or angry?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Faith: Complete trust in God and His faithfulness.

Adversity: Difficult circumstances or problems.

Day Five

The Great Garage Sale

Text: Psalm 95:6-7 - "Oh, come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

Also read Matthew 5:43-48

(Continued from Day Four) It was the day of the giant garage sale at church and there were a lot of donations. Since the burglary, people from the church had helped Christine and her family in many ways. Christine missed the silver box but she knew she was closer to God since the robbery had taken place. Everyone at church was praying that the thief would be stopped and that he would come to Jesus.

The Lord does allow problems to come into our lives to draw us closer to Him. It makes us depend upon Him even when circumstances are not happy. This is what Mary was doing when she anointed Jesus' feet; she knew He was going to be crucified. Imagine the pain she felt and especially since Jesus had brought her brother Lazarus back from the grave. Mary was revealing true humility and worship towards Jesus. This was the humility Christine was learning. As the day was ending and the great garage sale was about over, a policeman drove up to the church. It was the same officer who had taken the report at Christine's house. He walked up to Christine and said that he had just made an arrest of a man breaking into another home and in the bag he was carrying there was a silver box with the initials C.A.M. on the top. The policeman said he remembered how upset Christine had been, and he asked if she and her parents could go down to the police station to pick up the box and file a report against the young man who had been arrested.

Christine and her parents drove to the police station and picked up her silver box. While they were there they were asked if they wanted to press charges against the young man. Both Christine and her mom decided not to press charges but asked if they could speak to the young man before leaving. They were escorted to where the man was being held and they introduced themselves. There was a screen between the man and them and they told the man they forgave him for everything he had done and told him about Jesus and asked if he wanted to accept Jesus as his savior. The man was so touched that he asked for forgiveness and asked Jesus to come into his heart. Isn't God awesome?!

Kid's Prayer Time



What valuable lessons we learned this week! When you pray ask the Lord to help you to learn humility, patience and how to trust in Him even in times that you have problems. You will find that the Lord is always faithful. God bless you this week!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**"Jesus wants us to worship
Him!"**

Third Grade and Above

**"Then Jesus said, 'Let her
alone; she has kept this
for the day of My burial.
For the poor you have with
you always, but Me you do
not have always.'"**

John 12:7-8