

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Mary Anoints Jesus

from John 12:1-8.



Lent 5

Jesus pours love out on us — give all your love to Jesus!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Jesus
- Perfume
- Feet
- Judas

This story appears in all four Gospels. Although the details differ in each telling, the point — the extravagance of the anointing — is the same.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 444-445

Spark Bible page 1188

Family Prayer

Say this prayer barefooted.

Thank you, Jesus, for pouring out your love on us. Call us to love you by loving one another with extravagance! AMEN!

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What is your favorite smell?
- 2 How do you make yourself smell good?
- 3 What is the most extravagant gift you've ever given?
- 4 Play "Even better...." Start a story off in which you love someone in a simple way. Example: "One day, I took some cookies to the neighbors who were having a hard week." The next person says, "Even better...I took some cookies and volunteered to walk their dog." The next person says, "Even better, I took some cookies, walked the dog, and mowed their lawn for them...." Play continues as long as you can keep thinking of extravagant additions to how you can serve others.



Eye Spark

When you see a bottle of perfume or scented lotion, remember this story of Mary rubbing Jesus' feet with perfume.



Ear Spark

When you hear someone crying, think about how you might be able to help them.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Love somebody close to your family in a tangible way — make a meal, babysit, send some flowers, or do a secret kindness.

For younger kids

Give someone in your family a foot rub with good smelling lotion!

For older kids

This story appears in the other three Gospels too. See if you can find them. Use a study Bible or an online Bible if you need help. Read the other accounts. Then compare and contrast the stories. Make four drawings, photos, or short videos to illustrate the four tellings. Then share these four stories with your family and friends.