

# FULL BLOOM (4 years old-pre-k)

WEEK 1

## **BIG IDEA**

God sent Jesus to save us.

## **BIBLE**

Jesus Anointed at Bethany: John 12:1-8

## **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

One of the best parts of walking through a garden is smelling all of the flowers as they bloom. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus was anointed with perfume by Mary during a dinner party. Mary's actions show us that she picked up on a really important part of Jesus' mission on earth—God sent Jesus to save us.

## *Welcome Time!*

ACTIVITY | Match And Smell

### **CHECK IN:** Bethany

*Greet each preschooler animatedly as they arrive and help them feel welcome and secure. Parents will feel more assured leaving their little ones, and it will help preschoolers to connect with you.*

### **Bracelets:** Elliot

### **SOUND:** Titus

### **ACTIVITY:** Annabel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, prepare [scratch-and-sniff fruit stickers](#) and matching pieces of colored paper. Place one of each sticker in the middle of each corresponding colored paper. Tape up the papers all around the room. Line up your preschoolers and give each of them a different sticker to smell. Then have them stick it on the colored paper that matches the scent they are smelling. The sample sticker will also help them match.
  - **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers love stickers, but they might want to hold on to theirs. Allow them to stick a few stickers on their clothes or hands. Then, introduce them to something that smells nice, like a mild lotion, hand sanitizer, a spritz of Febreze, or light perfume. Talk about today's Bible story about a woman who gave Jesus something that smells nice like this.
- **What is your favorite smell to find in a garden?** There are beautiful flowers, fruits, and vegetables that grow, and some that smell so good.
- Today we'll learn about a very special bottle of perfume. Perfume has a fancy smell, and we will learn how it was used for Jesus.

### **COME AND RULES:** Elliot

1. Put Up
2. Sit Up

3. Look Up
4. Zip Up
5. Have Fun!

**Any Memory Verse Charts from last week?:**Teacher/ Natalie

**If yes, bring them on stage for a picture and then remember when parents come, they can pick out a toy from the treasure chest.**

**TITHES/OFFERINGS:** Teacher/ Natalie

**Books of the Bible:** Elliot- Introduce the New Testament – Titus

**WORSHIP:** Annabel & Elliot

**1. One Way**

**2. Praise the Lord Everyday**

## Story Time

BIG IDEA | God sent Jesus to save us. – Bethany

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce this weeks big idea*
- Let's see what Big Idea we dug up today!
  - **God** (*Both pointer fingers pointed up.*)
  - **sent Jesus** (*Right pointer finger on left palm to left pointer finger on right palm.*)
  - **to save us.** (*Both hands on heart.*)

SCRIPTURE | Jesus Anointed at Bethany (John 12:1-8)- teacher/Natalie

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below.*
- Let's close our eyes and imagine we are in a beautiful garden. It's covered with the most colorful flowers. There are butterflies and hummingbirds fluttering around. The sun is shining, and the air smells wonderful!
- Today's Bible story is about someone who also gave Jesus something that smelled wonderful.
  - Jesus often visited Bethany because he had some really good friends there—Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, brothers and sisters.
  - In fact, they were such good friends that when Lazarus got very sick—so sick he died—Jesus then did something amazing. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! Lazarus was dead, but he was alive again because of Jesus.
- The next time Jesus came to Bethany, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus threw him a dinner party. Martha was serving everyone, making sure everyone had plenty to eat. Lazarus was sitting at the table with Jesus ... but where was Mary?
  - Mary was about to do something unexpected.
  - Mary poured some expensive perfume on Jesus' feet. Mary gave Jesus the very best gift she had to offer to him. She wanted to show how thankful she was for him and how much she loved him.
  - Mary didn't just pour out this perfume, though. She then started to wipe it with her hair!
- Mary understood that Jesus wasn't just anyone. Jesus was the one who would save the whole world. Jesus would help everyone know and love God.

- Jesus would free everyone from the power of sin that separated people from God. He came to help us all and to save us all!

Pray

**BUT GROW IN THE GRACE**

*(hand flat out in front of you and elevate above head)*

**AND KNOWLEDGE**

*(point to temples)*

**OF OUR LORD**

*(point up)*

**AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

*(savior sign)*

**2 Peter 3:18a**

*(hands like a book)*

**Bethany- Play transitional video and then release to small groups**

## Sharing Time

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

**Icebreaker-** Introduce yourself and get to know your small group kids

**Give out stickers for participation!**

**If children don't know the answer to a question, help by prompting them/giving hints or have them repeat the answer after you. ALWAYS use encouragement during small group time**

- **Whose house did Jesus have dinner at?** *His friends—Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.*
- **What did Mary give to Jesus?** *Perfume.*
- **What did she do with the perfume?** *She poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped it with her hair.*
- **Who did God send to save us?** *Jesus.*
- Let's say the Big Idea together: **God sent Jesus to save us.**

MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** introduce this months memory verse. give out stickers for participation.

- **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”**

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#### Prayer

#### **Ask for prayer requests and write prayer requests on a prayer card. Then pray together**

- Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for your son Jesus, who you sent to save us. Amen.

#### ACTIVITY | Perfume Bottle Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this craft, collect empty bottles (*ask around for donations*) or purchase bottles [like these](#). Give each kid a sanitized bottle and pieces of patterned [washi tape](#). Have kids cover their bottles with the tape in any design to create their own [perfume bottles](#). You may choose to print out the Big Idea on address labels that kids can add to their bottles. For added fun, stick in a few pipe cleaners to make them look like diffuser bottles.
- In today's Bible story, Mary gave her very best to Jesus to show her love for him. Not only was Jesus a dear friend, but he was God's son and the only one who could save the world from sin. God loves us, and that's why **God sent Jesus to save us!**

## *Play Time*

#### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.

**Discuss with kids as they color about the bible story, memory verse and big idea. Remember, repetition is key :)**

#### ACTIVITY | Match The Helpers

**Bethany-** Gather all the kids on the rug after small groups, after everyone is ready have Elliot lead the activity

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, print out the pages of the [printable](#) and cut each page in half. Shuffle them around and place them face down on the ground or a table. Invite one kid at a time to flip over two images. If the two images are of a helper and a situation where they help, remove the cards from the pile. Keep going until all the matches are found. Line up the pairs and have kids tell you how each picture shows someone who is helping.
  - **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of cutting and separating the cards, show each image as a unit. Talk with toddlers about what is happening in each photo and how the person on the top can help.
- When we are in need of rescue, there are certain people who are the best people for the job.
  - **Who can save us from a burning building?** A firefighter.
  - **Who helps us at school when we have an ouchy?** The nurse.
  - **Who saves us when we need help at a swimming pool?** A lifeguard.
  - **Who helps us when we need to cross the street?** A crossing guard.
  - **Who saves us from the trouble of having to clean up a big mess?** A custodian.
  - **Who helps us out when a computer isn't working?** A computer technician.
  - **Who saves our best animal friends when they aren't feeling well?** A vet.
  - **Who saves us and brings us closer to God?** Jesus!
- Jesus saves us by forgiving us when we sin. Sin is when we make a choice to go against God. Jesus is the only one who can save us from that! That's why **God sent Jesus to save us.**

**PICK UP:** Bethany and teacher/Natalie-Call names, Check Tags and Parent Handouts

**RUNNER:** Titus (Help direct kids to their parents)

\* Everyone else- please sit with kids as names are called

\*After kids are picked up, please clean up and wipe down tables and chairs :)