

FULL BLOOM (Kinder-2nd)

WEEK 1

BIG IDEA

God sent Jesus to save us.

BIBLE

Jesus Anointed at Bethany: John 12:1-8; Genesis 3:1-24

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 Mary anointed Jesus with perfume 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.

Large Group Time

Welcome

Gail: Play 5 minute countdown at 9:25/11:25

When checking in kids please make sure that every one is entering the correct age group and check their tags! If their tag doesn't match please get Kayleah or Rachel before allowing the kiddo to enter Freedom KIDS.

Check-In: Lindsey/ Danielle

Bible Bucks- Lindsey/ Danielle

Addison B.

Hey there, welcome to our amazing garden that's bursting with life—*Full Bloom!* Picture this: colorful flowers stretching high as skyscrapers, grass so tall it feels like towers, and the sweet smell of nectar all around. It's like being tiny bugs in a huge, beautiful world—just like when we think about our super-awesome God.

Today's story is about someone larger than life itself. Get ready to explore this incredible Bible story about someone really, really big.

WELCOME

Welcome Visitors (100)

- Bible bucks for Bibles (10)
- Remind to turn in coloring page (75) and say verse (50)

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

POLL | Which smell is better? - Addison B.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Poll your kids on the following questions by having them move to opposite sides of the room to respond to each answer choice or hold up one or two fingers to indicate their choice.
- **Which smell do you think is better?**
 - **Flowers or freshly cut grass?**
 - **Lemons or strawberries?**
 - **Bubble gum or chocolate?**
 - **Crayons or a library book?**
 - **Shampoo or hand sanitizer?**
- There are so many different scents out in the world. When we smell something we love, we can feel like we want to bottle it up and keep it forever.
- Some smells can connect us to our favorite memories and people, and in today's Bible story, everyone was connected by this one wonderful smell.

Please end Welcome time by 9:45/11:45

MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)- Abigail R.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce this month's memory verse and explain its meaning.

Key points about this verse:

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- This verse is a call to continuous spiritual development, urging believers to not become stagnant in their faith but to continually deepen their understanding of God's grace and their relationship with Jesus.

To grow in grace and knowledge, believers are encouraged to:

- **Study the Word:** Regularly engage with the Bible to learn more about God and His plan.
- **Pray:** Seek God's guidance and wisdom through prayer.
- **Seek Fellowship:** Connect with other believers to encourage and challenge each other in their faith.
- **Live a Life of Obedience:** Strive to live in accordance with God's will, demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit

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)

- **See if anyone brought back a memory verse chart. Have them say the verse, take a picture and give them 200 bible bucks :)**

BIG IDEA | God sent Jesus to save us. - Karla/Rachel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For the Big Idea reveal each week, write each word of the Big Idea on flower cutouts ([like these](#) or make your own out of colored paper). Hide these words, along with a few blank flowers, in a bin filled with dirt, sand, or uncooked beans and topped with plastic flowers and bugs. Give kids plastic shovels to dig through the "soil" to uncover the flowers. Once they find a flower that has a word, have them bring it to you to read. Once all the words are found, practice the Big Idea together using the hand motions below.
- 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.)
- **Tithes and offerings**

PRAY FOR: Pray for Krishna's future

Books of the Bible: Introduce the New testament- James- Addison & Abigail R.

Gail: Please skip old testament

Worship- Addison B. and Abigail R.

1. Praise
2. All Hail King Jesus

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

- There have been lots of famous gardens throughout history, like the Summer Palace Gardens in China and the Gardens of Versailles in France. One garden comes to mind right away above them all ... the Garden of Eden.
- In the Garden of Eden, God and the first people, Adam and Eve, were able to walk through the garden together. They could take in all of the beauty of the plants and animals. But suddenly, things changed when Adam and Eve made the choice to ignore God's rules. They had to leave this beautiful garden until someone could come bring them back one day.
 - Whenever you need help, you might look for an adult or a community helper. Thankfully, God sent someone who could help our communities and the whole world—God's own son. His name is Jesus, and he did some amazing things.
 - Jesus came to earth to help us go back to the beautiful garden God created for us. It's not just about the garden, though. It's about being able to walk side-by-side with God again!
- Jesus would often visit a town called Bethany because he had some really good friends there. Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, who were 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.
- The next time Jesus came to their town, 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.
- **Let's read John 12:1–3.**
 - Mary pulled out a pint of pure nard, which is a very expensive perfume, and poured it on Jesus' feet. The sweet scents filling the air. It was a way for her to honor Jesus with the best she had to offer. In doing this, she showed her love and gratitude for Jesus.
 - She then started to wipe Jesus' feet with her hair. While most people could see just how much she loved Jesus, it wasn't all sunshine and roses for someone else...
- **Let's read John 12:4–8.**
 - One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, was *really* upset by what Mary did. He wanted the perfume to be sold and the money to be donated to people who needed it. But Judas was only thinking about himself.
 - He was known as the bag's keeper, meaning he would handle the money. Sometimes, though, Judas would help himself with the money even though it didn't belong to him.
 - Jesus knew how much Mary always wanted to be close to him. A similar thing happened at a previous dinner party where Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to him teach the entire time.
 - Jesus wouldn't let anyone criticize what Mary did. Instead, he was grateful that Mary had given up such a precious thing, especially because he knew that he would die very soon.
- Think of Jesus as this larger-than-life gardener. He came to earth to repair the garden—our broken world—so that people could be connected to God like before.
- Jesus was changing things and rescuing people, and the disciples needed to be ready for what was next. God was ready to bring everyone's faith into *full bloom*.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's bible story*

Select a spin it winner from each grade, remind the Kids of what Spin- It is and why they were chosen. Let any visitors spin the wheel for their first time

Dismiss to small groups

Small Group Time

DISCUSSION

Introduce yourself

Give out bible bucks for participation

Pick 2-3 questions to discuss with your group

• SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- **What did Mary do to show her love for Jesus?** *Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.*
- **Why was Judas upset about the perfume?** *Judas wanted to sell the perfume and steal some of the money.*
- **What did Jesus say to Judas?** *Jesus told him to leave Mary alone. He knew he would not be with them for much longer.*
- **Read Genesis 3:21. How does this verse show that God still cared for Adam and Eve, even though they had just disobeyed God?** *God gave them what they needed.*

• APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Mary gave her very best to Jesus. What are some things you could give to Jesus? Is that your very best, or is there more?**
- **What is something you can do this week to thank God for sending Jesus to us?**

Prayer

Ask for prayer requests and pray for your group

- God, thank you for sending Jesus to save us. Thank you for rescuing us and giving us a chance to grow again. You love us so much, even when we make mistakes. Help us to become more like Jesus. Amen.

ACTIVITY | Perfume Jars

- **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!**

Kids can take turns shopping while they work

- **PICK UP, CALL NAMES:** Karla/Rachel
- **PICK UP, CHECK TAGS UPSTAIRS:**
- **SECOND GRADE:** Lindsey/Danielle
- **THE BOX DOORWAY:** Addison B.
- **MEMORY VERSE AND BOOKS OF THE BIBLE:** Abigail R.