

Lesson 7

The Passion Prediction John 12:1–8

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Set the Table for Jesus

Have children imagine that Jesus is coming to their house for dinner. Use a roll of craft paper to cover the table in your classroom. Using markers or crayons, have children draw plates and fill them with the food they would make for Jesus. In other blank spaces, have them draw gifts they would give Jesus if He were at their house.



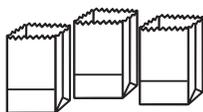
Sachet Gifts

Cut a square piece of fabric, about 6 × 6 inches, for each child. Put a drop of scented oil on some cotton balls and put them in the center of the fabric. Gather and tie with a piece of ribbon. Children can give this as a gift to someone they love. Make a gift tag out of construction paper. Punch a hole in it and string with ribbon; attach to sachet. Talk about how they are using their hands to make a gift to show love.



Sensory Station

Set out items for children to explore with their sense of smell. Put scented items in separate lunch bags, such as soap, orange or lemon peels, onion slices, and cinnamon sticks. Encourage children to use their noses to guess what's inside. Say, **In today's story, Mary honored Jesus with nice-smelling perfume. We want to honor and praise Jesus too, because He forgives our sins and gives us new life in Him.** Discuss ways to do this.



Which Anointing Is This?

If you have children who are good readers and know their Bible well, compare this narrative to the anointing narrative in **Luke 7:36–50**. Make a T-chart and place it where everyone can see it. Together, compare and contrast the key elements of these two important events. Talk about why these narratives might even get confused.

