

Children's Resources – Sunday 7th June 2020

Matthew 26: 1-13

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Intro

I'm sure sometimes your mum or dad tells you 'Don't waste that!'

I wonder what kind of things they don't want you to waste?

- Is it all the bubble bath you are tempted to pour into the bath?
- Some sweets that you've been given and you want to eat all in one go?
- A present of some sort?

In today's story Jesus disciples scold a woman they think has been wasteful but Jesus tells them they are wrong. Let's find out more!

Story

Jesus is in a town called Bethany at Simon's house.

While he was sitting at the table a lady came up to him with a jar full of expensive ointment – like perfume we have nowadays.

Guess what she did? She took the jar and poured the ointment over his head!

When the disciples saw it they shouted 'why this waste?' They thought the woman had been wasteful as the ointment cost a lot of money.

But Jesus called what the lady had done a 'beautiful thing.' She had honoured Jesus with her gift and Jesus also said she was preparing Him for his death which was not far away.

It is right to honour Jesus.

How can we honour Jesus today?

We can do so by loving and obeying Him, by reading the Bible, talking to God through prayer and serving Him.

Can you think of any specific ways in your own life?

So the next time someone says 'Don't waste it!' remember this lady's gift and that it is always good to honour Jesus.

Prayer

Father God,

We thank you for your word, the Bible, which teaches us about you.

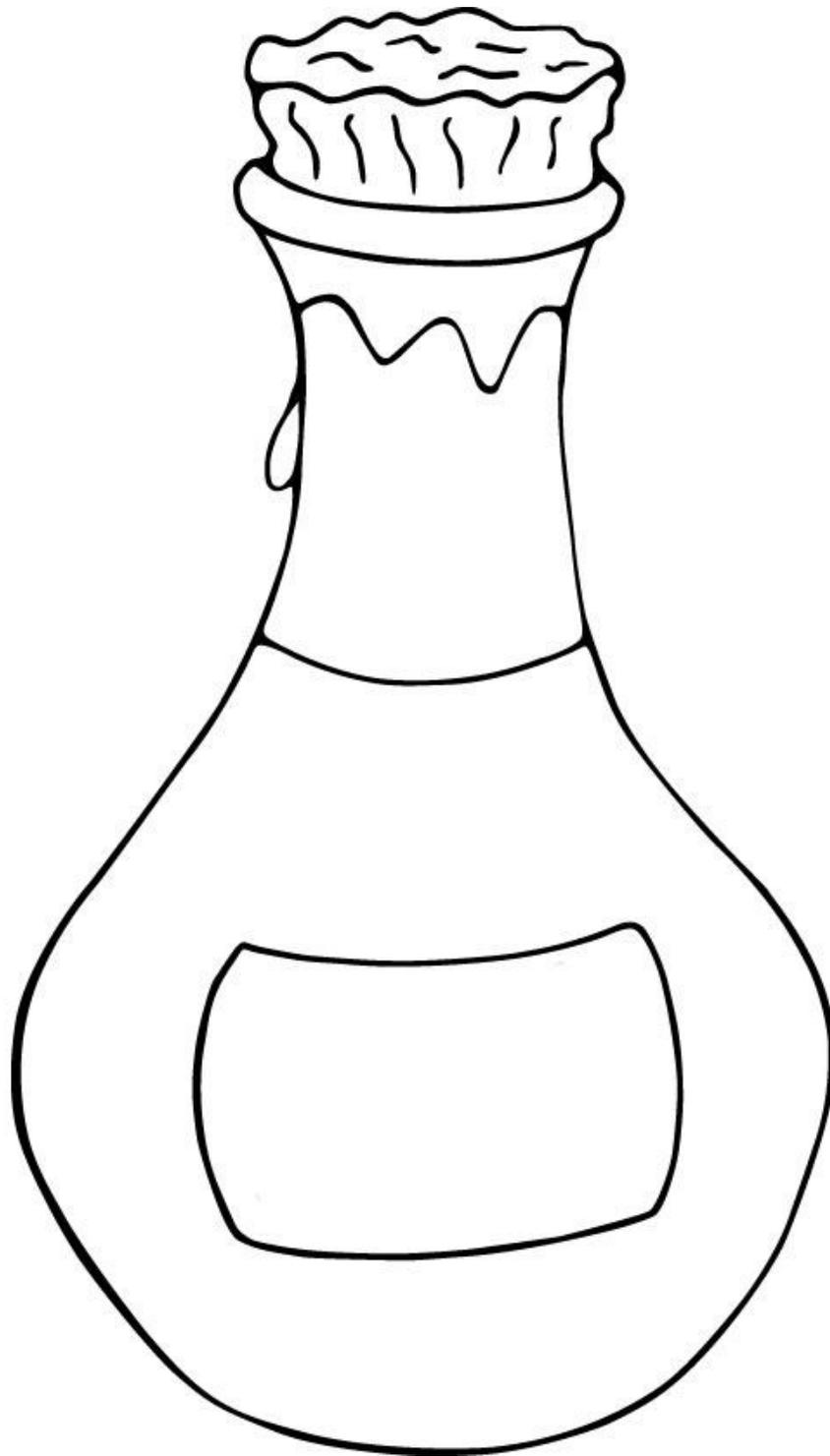
We thank you for Jesus, for His life and that he died to save us from our sins.

Please help us to honour Him in our lives.

Amen

Activities

1. Perfume jar colouring sheet
2. Activity sheet



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Matthew 26: 10

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

Matthew 26

From the words provided for each clue, put the letter of the word which best matches the clue in the blank.

- ___ A person who steals
A. liar B. poor C. thief D. kidnapper

- ___ The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Jesus
A. Mary B. Sarah C. Elizabeth D. Jane

- ___ What grows on the head of a person
A. perfume B. hair C. thief D. poor

- ___ The building in which a family lives
A. temple B. bank C. house D. school

- ___ A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
A. money B. water C. perfume D. coffee

- ___ What we use to buy things
A. stones B. hair C. perfume D. money

- ___ The opposite of rich
A. poor B. perfume C. house D. thief

- ___ Pay received for the labor of a worker
A. poor B. hair C. feet D. wages

- ___ The part of the body on which a person stands
A. HAIR B. hands C. feet D. thief

- ___ The disciple who betrayed Jesus
A. Judas B. Lazarus C. Peter D. John