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Bible Story: WASHED WITH TEARS

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- A woman, some scholars believe to be Mary Magdalene, comes to the party without an invitation from the Pharisees. She brings an expensive, Alabaster jar of perfume.
- She sees that Jesus hasn't been washed, and hasn't been greeted with oil for His head. She falls at His feet to do the job.
- She is overwhelmed with love and gratitude for all the love and grace Jesus has offered her in their time together. Her love causes her to weep, so much so, she is able to use her tears to wash Jesus' feet. She uses her hair as well, since no one provided a basin or cloth for Jesus.
- And then she breaks her most prized possession, the thing worth the greatest value in her life—her oil, and she pours it ALL out for Jesus. That's how much she loves Him.
- Everyone looks at this lavish use of oil, and they are indignant. They believe her extravagant love is wasted. Wasted? On Jesus? Even the disciples questioned if it was a good use of such expensive oil.
- There are implications that this woman might have been a prostitute, and the jar was purchased with tainted money. The entire encounter gives the Pharisees a righteous indignation that is evident to all.

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Weekly BIG IDEA: JESUS GAVE UP EVERYTHING TO LOVE ME

9:30/11:00a: greet kids, give them play time on carpet

9:45/11:15a:

SAY: Today we're going to learn about a woman who LOVES Jesus SO much, she gives up the most treasured thing she has to give Him.

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3- What was the first thing she did when she got there? (Walked up to Jesus and used her tears, hair, and oil to wash His feet)

4- Why do you think she gave up her most treasured possession to pour on Jesus' feet? (To show Him she valued Him the most, because she loved Him, because she knew He was going to rescue her from her sins and she was a sinner)

5- What do you think is GOD's most special treasure? (Let them answer however they want)

SAY: I really like that the woman gave Jesus her most special treasure. She gave up everything to show Him she loved Him and special He is. You know what I like EVEN BETTER? Jesus does that for US!! We are so loved by God, that Jesus gave up Heaven, and power, and money- He gave up EVERYTHING to love us and see on the cross. Because we

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5- What did Jesus think about her actions? (He was thankful that she saw Him as her King and loved Him so much)

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9:30/11:00a: greet kids, give them play time with the board games.

9:40/11:10a: Large Group Game: "Price is Right"

Break into two teams and kids will get points for accurately estimating the value of common objects, like the gameshow game. There will be about 10 rounds, the winning team gets bragging rights but they ALL get candy at the end.

SAY: Was it hard to determine the things that were more expensive? How did you determine what was most valuable?

SAY: We're going to learn today about a woman who gave up HER most valuable possession to show Jesus just how much she loves Him.

9:50/11:20: Watch WATCHED WITH TEARS

SAY: This week comes from Matthew 26:6-13, so if you want to follow along in your own bibles you can, but we're going to watch it now.

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- 2- Who walked in late? (A woman who wasn't invited to the party)
- 3- Why wasn't she invited? (She was a sinner and everyone knew it)

4- What was the first thing she did when she got there? (Walked up to Jesus and used her tears, hair, and oil to wash His feet)

5- What was special about the oil? (It was VERY EXPENSIVE and was her most treasured thing in all the world)

6- How did she treat Jesus? (Like a KING)

7- What did Jesus think about her actions? (He was thankful that she saw Him as her King and loved Him so much)

8- Why were the important people mad about what she did? (They knew she was a sinner and thought Jesus shouldn't be friends with sinners)

9- Why do you think she gave up her most treasured possession to pour on Jesus' feet? (To show Him she valued Him the most, because she loved Him, because she knew He was going to rescue her from her sins and she was a sinner)

SAY: The bible says that the woman gave up her most treasured, most valuable thing to show her love for Jesus. AND that's exactly what GOD does to show His love for US! HE gave up HIS one and ONLY Son, to show us how how much He loved us and to bring us into His forever family. He makes us HIS children, by giving up Jesus. AND JESUS gave up heaven, power, and HIS LIFE to love us. That's how valuable we are to Jesus. Jesus gave up everything to love me. That's some really good news to remember always.

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