

February 17/21 – Love’s Motivation - Luke 7.36-50

Opening Prayer:

A woman wept
and Jesus smiled.
A woman kissed
and Jesus forgave.
A woman loved
and Jesus spoke of peace.
Jesus, smile
when I get angry
at all the bad things
in the world.
Jesus, forgive
when I don’t do enough
to make the world
a kinder place.
Jesus, bring peace
to places which are crying
and which need your help.
Amen.

Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story of John’s the Baptists hope in Jesus.

The Story: Play Video/Videos

Check Video Folder

Game/Activity:

What’s that Smell?

Activity using What’s that Smell game.

Play a game with the children where they have to identify various objects and items by smell alone, keeping the items in a bag so that they have to rely on smell.

Use this activity as a way into the story today. You could discuss which of those smells/items they think would be the most expensive.

Discussion

Engage the children in some discussion around the themes contained in this week’s story.

What is the most expensive item you own?

What is the most expensive item you would like to own?

Would you freely give it away like the woman in the Bible passage today who washed Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume?

Why do you think she used the perfume in that way?

Craft:

Family Faith Questions:

Discuss these topics as you do your crafts together.

Is it easier to give help or receive it?

Clay Pots

You will need: air drying clay, pencils, cocktail sticks or sculpting tools, paper plates, water for dipping fingers into and for smoothing the clay, protection for surfaces.

Give each child a paper plate and ask them to write their name on their plate. Give them some clay each and ask them to make a pot or jar from the clay. When jars and pots are complete they should place them on the plates to dry.

Talk about the jar of precious perfume being like an extravagant gift of love for Jesus. Discuss how they show love. Talk about how we can show Jesus' love to others today.

Next Week:

Next week we will focus on Jesus and the disciple's and their experience of God's affirmation of Jesus.

Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.