



WEEK FOUR – FEBRUARY 2019 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *All for Love • Mark 14:1–9 (Supporting: John 12:1–8)*

Key Question: *How can you show love to God?*

Memory Verse: *“Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” – 1 John 4:10 (NirV)*

Life App: *Love—Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: In Mark 14:1–9, we see that towards the end of Jesus' life He was at the home of a man named Simon. While He was there, a woman approached with an expensive jar of perfume. She surprised everyone as she broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus' head. Many were angry and said she could have sold it and given the money to the poor. But Jesus told the crowd to leave her alone. What she was doing was important for what was to happen as He would go to the cross for us.

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITY

1. Get Your Head in the Game

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Coins

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Give each of the kids a coin.
- Demonstrate how to bend one elbow and place an open hand near their ear so that their forearm is parallel to the floor and their elbow is sticking out in a forward direction.
- Tell kids to place their coin on top of their elbow and then quickly lower their arm and try to catch the coin with the hand of the same arm before the coin hits the floor.
- If they succeed in catching the coin, let them try again using two coins.

What You Say:

“Whether we have one small coin or a full bank, our money and everything we have comes from God. In Large Group today, we’ll take a look at some ways we can love God with everything we have.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *How can you show love to God? It’s one thing to show love to people we can see and interact with, but what about showing love to God? Preteens might have a hard time figuring out how to show love to Someone they can’t see. We hope they’ll see the many ways they can show how much they love God by not only the songs they sing but the life they live.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Bible Story Extension

[Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Bible, cardstock, markers

What You Do:

- Set out the markers and cardstock.
- Ask kids to share one thing they remember from today's Bible story.
- Invite them to design an album cover depicting the story of Jesus and the woman at Bethany.
- As kids work, read the story aloud from Mark 14:1–9.
- Ask kids to name their album and share their work with the group.
- Guide the group in conversation about the story and what they can learn from it about showing love to God with our whole lives.
 - The perfume the woman gave to Jesus was probably one of the most expensive things she owned. What do you think motivated her to use it the way she did?
 - What do you have that would be the modern-day equivalent of the costly perfume in today's story?
 - Do the things we give to God always have to be expensive? Explain.
 - What are some intangible things (stuff we can't see or touch) we can give to God?
 - What is the most unique and meaningful way you can come up with to show love to God this week?
- Encourage kids to take their album covers home if they'd like, as a reminder to give God all that He deserves from His followers: everything!

2. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - Describe the kind of relationship you want to have with God.
 - What's one thing you can do to help grow that relationship? What could keep your relationship from growing?
 - Do you think it's possible to give God literally EVERYTHING? Why or why not?
 - What is something you might have to sacrifice or give up in order to show love to God this week?

- Would you say that love for God comes out of what you DO or who you ARE?
Explain
- Close it with prayer

What You Say:

“Dear God, we have learned a lot this month about love. Now we ask that You help us live out the things we’ve heard. Thank You for loving us first and forever. You gave us Jesus who made the way for us to know and love You back. We need Your help to show Your love to others, especially those who are hard to love. We ask that You help us to love You—not just a little—but with everything we’ve got. In Jesus’ name, amen.”