



FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-11

SESSION SUMMARY

In this week's session, we revisit the village of Bethany, where Lazarus, Mary, and Martha lived for a dinner they hosted in Jesus's honor. We watch how Mary specifically honored Jesus by anointing His feet with an expensive perfume. Some argued that this was wasteful, but Jesus called it worship. He knew what they did not—Mary was preparing Him for His coming burial. Many people believed in Jesus after He raised Lazarus from the dead.

- Jesus's followers sacrifice greatly for Him (John 12:1-3).
- Jesus's followers prioritize being with Him (John 12:4-8).
- Jesus's followers help others believe in Him (John 12:9-11).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When have we sacrificed something for the good of others? What might God be calling us to give up now for someone else's good?
- How do we tend to honor Jesus? Is our attitude more like Mary's or Judas's? Explain.
- Why is it important for us as a family to prioritize being with Jesus?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Find a box with a lid and wrap the box and lid separately in gift wrap if possible. Give each family member a few scrap pieces of paper. Invite them to write out several ways we can honor or worship Jesus on slips of paper, fold the papers, and put them in the box. Shake up the box, then pass it around. Allow each family member to open the "gift," draw out a paper, and read it. As a family, choose a few to put into practice this week. Post them where you can see them, and put the rest back in the box to use later. Let this serve as a reminder that our worship is like a gift to Jesus.