



BIG IDEA

We can love Jesus extravagantly.

GOD STORY

Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12:1-11)

KEY VERSE

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us.
He gave himself up for us. (Ephesians 5:2a, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask: What does the word “extravagant” mean? What do you think it means when someone does something extravagantly?
- Clarify that something that’s extravagant goes beyond what’s reasonable or necessary. It’s over the top!
- Explain that today we’re talking about someone who did something shockingly extravagant to show Jesus how much she loved him.
- Discuss:
 - Have you ever done anything extreme or outrageous to show someone that you loved them? What happened?
 - Has someone ever done something like that for you? How did it make you feel? What did other people say about it?
- Introduce today’s Big Idea: **We can love Jesus extravagantly.**
- Point out that when we love Jesus extravagantly our actions may seem outrageous!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss & Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review and discuss the video teaching:
 - What stood out to you in today’s Life Story?
 - How did the Life Story connect with the God Story and the Big Idea (**We can love Jesus extravagantly**)?
 - What was so extravagant about the way Mary treated Jesus?
 - Did everyone like what Mary did? Why or why not?
 - How was what Jesus did for us extravagant?
 - One way we can show our love for Jesus is by loving other people. What are some extravagant ways to love your neighbour...or your enemy?
 - What’s something you could do this week? Will you commit to trying it?
- Pray together. Thank Jesus for his extravagant love for us! Pray that the kids will find ways to show their love for Jesus extravagantly in the week ahead.



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Cords
- Key-chain rings
- Alphabet beads
- Heart beads

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each of the kids a cord, a key-chain ring, alphabet beads (to spell “extra”), and a heart bead.
- Direct them to fold their cords in half, then loop them through their rings and pull tight.
- Guide the kids to spell “extra” with the beads and add a heart bead at the end.
- Have them thread their beads onto their cords.
- Help everyone tie large knots at the base to secure their beads.
- Encourage the kids to use their crafts as a reminder that God’s love for us is EXTRAvagant and that **we can love Jesus extravagantly!**

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Ball or beanbag

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read aloud the Key Verse together a couple of times.
- Place the sign where everyone can see it.
- Toss the ball to one of the kids.
- Prompt them to say one part of the verse (e.g., “Lead a life of love”).
- Direct them to toss the ball to someone else.
- Encourage the person who catches it to say the next part of the verse.
- Keep playing until everyone is familiar with Ephesians 5:2a.