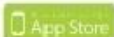


This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



4.2

JESUS IS WORTHY

Mary Worships John 12:1-8

Mary knew Jesus loved her, and that inspired her to return His love. She took a bottle of expensive perfume and poured it over his feet. Mary worshipped Jesus through her unexpected actions.

JUST FOR FUN

Read **John 12:1-8**. Explain to your children that sitting at someone's feet, like Mary did, was a form of worship. Ask them, "What are some ways we can worship Jesus?" Remind them that we often think of worship as singing, but we can worship God in many different ways: prayer, silence, art, dance, giving, sharing, and thanksgiving—just to name a few. Then as a family, choose a way in which you'd like to worship Jesus together, and do so. Be sure to end your time by praying and thanking Jesus for loving us so much.

Did You Know?

- In biblical times, there were very clear societal expectations of women, making Mary's response to Jesus very unexpected.
- Mary's worship response to Jesus, in particular letting her hair down in front of a man, would have been considered very scandalous.
- Mary was so devoted to Jesus that she didn't care what those around her thought of her actions.

Your child's faith will be inspired as she watches the adults around her seek to love and worship God. Encourage your child to be a part of what's happening within your own faith community, and provide positive models for her as her faith continues to develop.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think Mary felt about Jesus?
- How do you feel about Jesus?
- What are some ways we can show our love and thankfulness to Jesus?

Remember Verse

*You have made known to me
the paths of life;
You will fill me with joy in
Your presence.*

Acts 2:28

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you know that Jesus is great and worthy of our worship. May you join with those around you to worship Jesus each day.