

Mary Anoints Jesus



John 12:1-8



Name _____

Jesus loves us, so we can love others.

Surprising Love!

One day when Jesus went to someone's house for dinner, a surprising thing happened. Solve the riddles to finish the story.



Martha

I am God's Son. I was invited to Lazarus's house for dinner.

Who am I?

I cooked lots of tasty food and set the table. Who am I?

I poured something surprising on Jesus' feet. Who am I?

I thought the surprise for Jesus was a waste. Who am I?

My house was filled with a sweet smell. Who am I?

Mary used this to show her love for Jesus. What is it?



Judas



Jesus



Lazarus



Mary



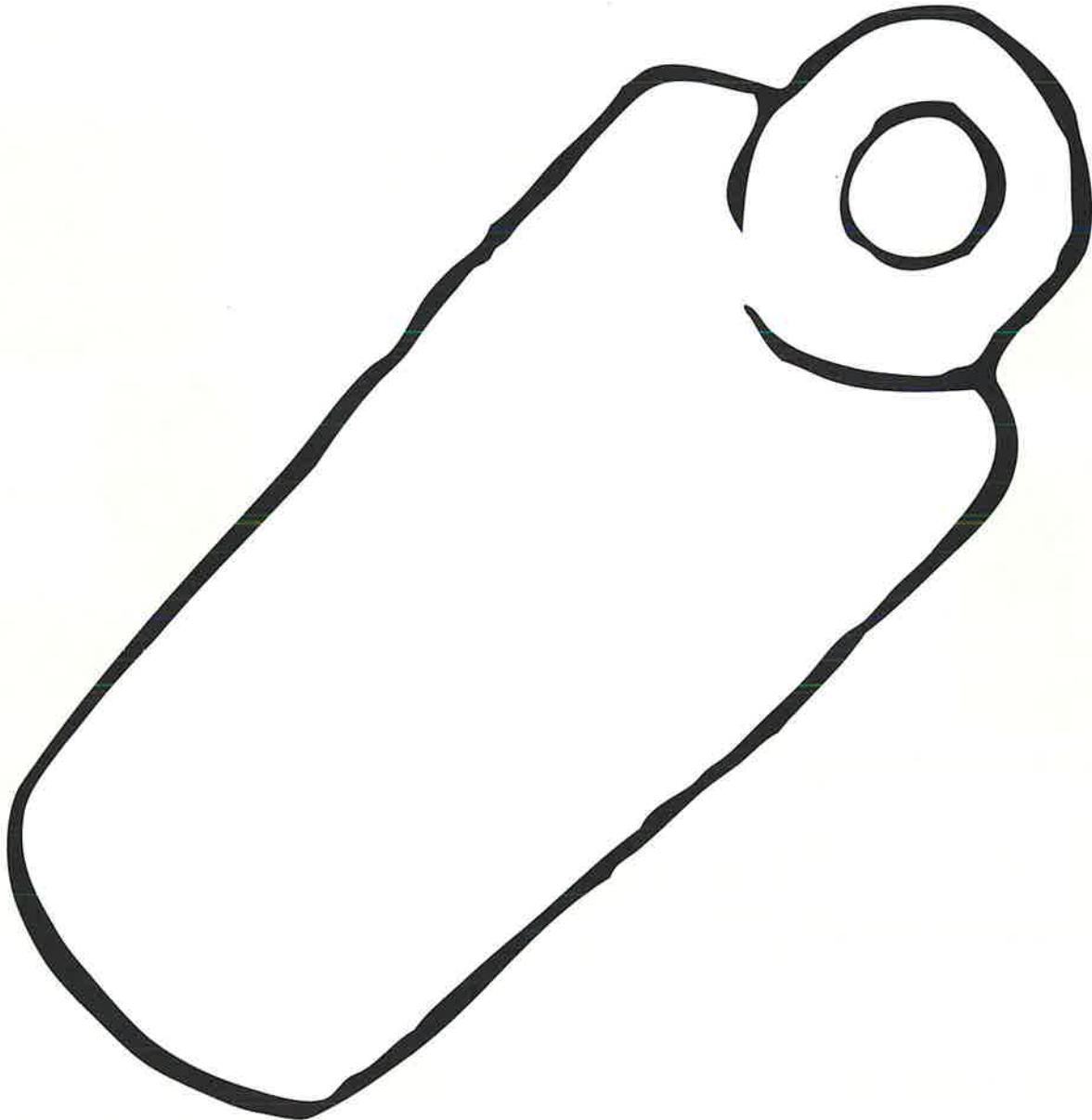
After the room was filled with the smell of perfume, Jesus said, "God doesn't save any love but pours it all out on each of us. Give all of your love to God."

Today's Bible story, **Mary Anoints Jesus**, is from the book of **John**. John is the 4th book of the **New Testament** and one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Acts of Love

Mary wanted to show Jesus how much she loved him. She poured perfume on his feet.

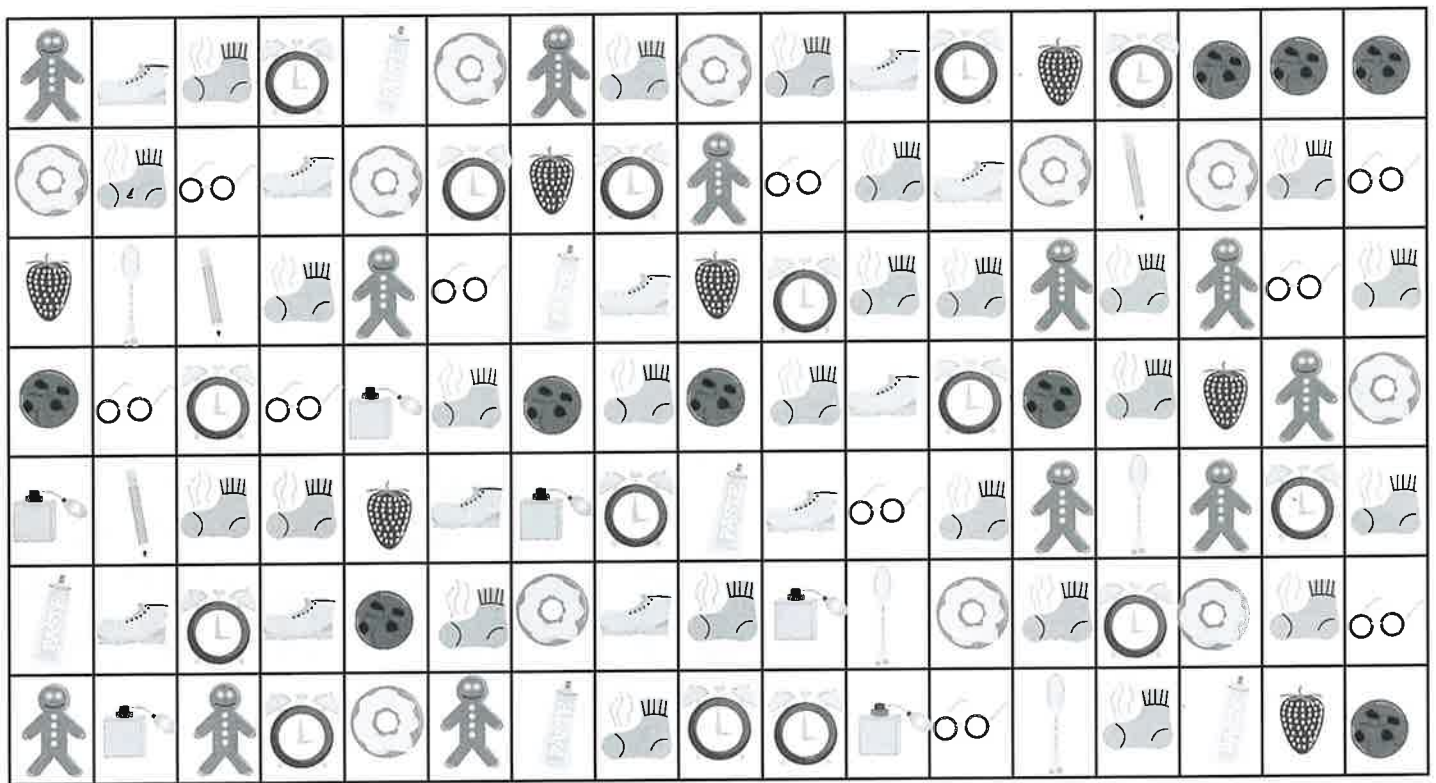
I love Jesus, too. I show my love for Jesus when I:



TRY IT!

A Sweet-Smelling Message

When Mary poured the perfume on Jesus' feet, Lazarus' house was filled with the smell for a long time. It reminded people of something Jesus told them about God that will overflow forever. Color all of the boxes that have pictures of things that smell good to discover what God gives us that is always overflowing.



Faith
on the Go!

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Perfumes of the Bible

The perfume Mary poured on Jesus' feet is called nard. Nard comes from a plant that grows wild in India, China, and Japan. Nard cost a lot of money in Bible times because it came from so far away. Mary's bottle of nard cost 300 silver coins. That was more money than one person could earn in a whole year!

Nard is an herb. Steaming the plant brings out its oil. The oil is made into perfume.

We can read about other kinds of perfume in the Bible, including frankincense and myrrh.

Frankincense is resin from a tree.

Myrrh is the powdered, dried sap of a tree.



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To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

- Tell you what Mary did
- Share what Jesus said about love
- Find out what your favorite smell is
- Smell baking cookies with you
- Eat dinner with you

- Show you something special that I am saving
- Invite you to church
- Give you a big hug
- Say "I'm sorry"
- Pray for you
- My own idea: _____