



BIBLE DIG – JESUS IS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

Directions:

- Set up your own sensory bin for your child.
 - Fill up a plastic bin or bowl with dried rice, beans, etc.
- Bury the following items in your bin that will be used to help tell the Bible story.
 - Bible
 - Bag of coins
 - Happy face
 - Cross
 - Miniature house (Suggestion: Make out of Legos)

Note: *If you do not have these items, you may draw it on a piece of paper to use.*

- Have shovels, spoons, or plastic Easter eggs to use as digging tools.
- Read the script below and have fun digging up treasures about today's Bible story with your child.

Intro to Bible Dig

WHAT I SAY

We are going to work together to see what we can learn and remember from the Bible story when Jesus is anointed in the town of Bethany.

We are going to do this by digging up some “artifacts” that tell us about the Bible story. Are you ready? Let's dig, dig, dig it up!

Dig Site ITEMS

WHAT I SAY

Alright it's time to see what you found on your dig! Look at what you found. Do you see a special book?

Draw attention to the Bible.

You are right! You see this book is a **Bible** and it is very special. It is God's special book for us and tells us true stories about people and places from a long time ago. The story about Jesus anointed at Bethany comes straight from the Bible.

I wonder where this story happened. Do see something that tells us where today's story took place?

Draw attention to

Yes! There's a **house!** Today's story takes place in the house of one of Jesus' friends. This house was in a city named Bethany. Can you say Bethany?

the miniature house.

Great job! Now our Bible story today is about Jesus and Jesus wasn't in the house alone. He was with some of his very best friends. They were called the disciples. They loved to spend time with Jesus and learn from Him.

There was one special woman who was with Jesus and their friends that day. She brought a special gift for Jesus. It was special jar filled with very expensive perfume. In the Bible, it tells us that the woman opened the perfume and poured it on Jesus' head. What do you think about what she did?

Well, let me tell you about what the people in our story thought about this. First, the disciples were angry. They felt like the woman wasted the nice smelling perfume.

Why would they think that? Well, I think we found something in our dig that tells us! Remember, the perfume was expensive. What did you find that tells us something is expensive?

Draw attention to the bag of coins.

The bag of **money!** The disciples thought they could help people who didn't have any money with the money they could have gotten from the perfume.

I wonder if Jesus was angry, too. Do you see the face that we found? What kind of face is it?

Draw attention to the happy face.

Great job! It's a **happy face.** Jesus was happy with what the woman did. He said it was a good thing. Jesus reminded the disciples they would not always have Him with them. He wasn't going to be on earth forever with them. Do you something we found that reminds us of what Jesus was going to do?

Draw attention to the cross.

This **cross** tells us! Very soon after this day, Jesus would be sent to die on the cross for our sins. He was going to do that because He loves each and every one of us so much.

Jesus told the disciples that the woman had poured the perfume on Him to get Him ready for his burial. What she did helped Jesus get ready for Easter. Jesus said that what this woman did would always be remembered. That's why we can read about her story in the Bible.

Talk About It

In this Bible story, we saw that a woman did something very special for Jesus. She poured an expensive perfume on Him to help Jesus get ready for everything He'd do for us that we celebrate at Easter. And you know what? We can get ready for Easter, too. God loves us so much and He wants us to remember that Easter is really about Jesus.

Now, I have a few questions for you:

1. How did the woman help Jesus get ready for Easter?

She poured perfume oil on Jesus.

2. What did the disciples think about what she did?

At first, they were angry. They thought she wasted the perfume.

3. What did Jesus think about what she did?

Jesus said that what she did was a good thing and that she would always be remembered for what she did for Him.

4. What was your favorite thing we found during our dig today?