

Chalk Your Walk

INTRO FOR PARENTS:

Today we start off Easter week celebrating who Jesus is and thanking Him for what He came to do. When we have the right view of who God is and who we are, we can't help but be amazed at His love and grace. Use this activity to help your kids see that, just like the woman in our story today, we need Jesus, He loves us, and He is worth loving more than anything else.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Sidewalk chalk
- Alternate activity supplies: paper and crayons, markers, or paint
- Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Texts that are **bolded** are meant to be read out loud
- All other texts are either activity directions or answers to the teaching questions
- Feel free to modify the teaching portion for younger children
- Start and end your time talking to God in prayer

TEACHING TIME:

Before starting the craft, take time to read "Washed with Tears" (page 280) from the Jesus Storybook Bible or watch the video version on YouTube or Facebook @jesusstorybookbible.

What did the woman pour on Jesus' feet? (very expensive perfume) The perfume was the most precious thing the woman had and as it filled the room with a beautiful smell, it showed everyone how much she loved Him.

Did the important people like what she did? (No.) Did Jesus like what she did? (Yes.) Jesus loved this woman and He knew her heart. You see, this woman was a sinner, just like you and me, and even the very important people at the dinner. There was nothing she could do to make up for her sin and she knew it. Is there anything we can do to make up for our sin? (No.)

Who is the only person who CAN rescue us from our sin? (Jesus!) Yes, the woman trusted Jesus and He forgave all of her sins. This is why Jesus came to earth and it is what we're celebrating this week. When we trust Jesus, will He forgive our sin, too? (Yes!) Why? (Because He loves us!) That is some really good news we want to tell others about!

Today let's celebrate the good news of Jesus and remember two important truths. Repeat after me.

- Jesus is worth loving more than anything else
- Jesus is God's plan to rescue the world from sin

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

Just as the woman filled the room with beautiful perfume to celebrate Jesus, let's fill our sidewalks with beautiful pictures to share the good news about Him with our neighbors!

You can let your family be as creative as they want in chalking your walks with the good news about Jesus but here are a few different options:

- Pick your favorite verse from the Bible that talks about Jesus (John 3:16 and Romans 5:8 are great places to start), write them on your sidewalk, and draw pictures to illustrate them
- Talk about different parts of the Easter story and draw them out on your sidewalk (look ahead to the Resurrection Eggs activity for image suggestions)
- Illustrate your favorite story from the Bible. Don't forget to write the verse reference!
- Draw out the Bridge Illustration (you can google this for some examples)
- Let each person pick a square of the sidewalk and draw their favorite thing about God

After everyone is finished walk along your sidewalk and enjoy each other's drawings. Remind your kids that **Jesus is worth loving more than anything else** and **Jesus is God's plan to rescue the world from sin**. Be sure to pray for your neighbors, and whoever else will get to see your chalk art, that they would come to understand the amazing love Jesus has for them.

ALTERNATE ACTIVITY: If you do not have a sidewalk to draw on, you can make signs to hang in your windows for your neighbors to see using the same options above.