

YEAR C

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO IN PEACE

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of people sharing meals
- > Attractive perfume or oil containers.
- > Perfume.
- > Fancy bottle or jar shape cut-outs

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved us so much he sent his
only Son
to take our sins away.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

One day a Pharisee named Simon
invited Jesus to his house for a meal.
While they were eating a woman
came into the house. She had a bad
name in the town. She had heard
Jesus was dining with Simon and
had come to find him, bringing a jar
of very expensive perfume. She knelt

DISCUSSION

Have the children retell the story of
Jesus coming to dinner with Simon.

Why did she pour the perfume on
Jesus' feet?
- out of love.

Point out how the smell of perfume
spreads everywhere.

What gift did Jesus give her?
- forgiveness and peace.

Like the perfume, Jesus' peace and
forgiveness can spread everywhere
to everyone.

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SHARING

Invite the children to guess the connection between perfume and meals

- e.g. that people wear perfume (or aftershave) when they go out for a special meal.

Let the children smell the perfume, and invite them to discuss the smells.

Talk about the use of oils for

anointing. Oils are used to look after your body, your skin.

Some oils are used to honour people in special circumstances

e.g. kings and queens are anointed at their coronation

e.g. we are anointed in baptism and confirmation.

This anointing is a sign of having become God's children. God's anointing is a sign of his great love for us.

at Jesus' feet. She was crying, and her tears fell on Jesus' feet, so she wiped them with her hair. She kissed Jesus' feet and poured the perfume over them. Simon thought to himself 'If Jesus really were a great prophet, he'd know what kind of woman this is.' Jesus looked at Simon and said 'Imagine two people owe a man money; one owes a few pence, the other many pounds. They are both pardoned. Which do you think will

love him more?' Simon answered 'The one who owed more.'

'Exactly', said Jesus. 'You didn't kiss me, nor offer me water to wash my feet. This woman has done it with her tears. She has shown great love because her many sins have been forgiven.' Turning to the woman Jesus said 'Go in peace, your faith has saved you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children act out the Gospel.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.
- > Have the children write or draw on them ways in which they can pour out love and forgiveness in the week ahead.

- > Have the children sit quietly, and think about something for which they are sorry. Anoint each child with perfume, saying 'Jesus forgives you. Go in peace.'