

Alabaster Flask Story Book

Create a miniature book to re-tell the story of the woman who washed the Lord's feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

1. One day the Lord was eating at the home of Simon, a Pharisee, when a woman came in. What did the woman do? (She knelt behind the Lord, washed His feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.)
2. Why might the woman have done that? (To clean the Lord's feet; as an act of devotion; she was humble; she knew she had sinned.)
3. Had Simon washed the Lord's feet when He arrived? (No—he did not do any of the things the woman did.)
4. How did Simon react to the woman? (All He could think about was that the woman had done something wrong.)
5. What did the Lord say to the woman? ("Your sins are forgiven"; "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.")
6. When we tell the Lord we are sorry for what we have done wrong He for-gives us—just as He forgave the woman.
7. We are going to make a book to tell this story.
8. Give each child an *Alabaster Flask Story Book* page (p. 2), and colored pencils or markers.
9. Have children color the pictures.
10. Using scissors cut around the pages as shown, being careful not to cut the pages apart.
11. Fold the book so the pages are in the right order to tell the story.
12. *Optional* Make the book smell fragrant by putting a drop of vanilla or perfume on it.



Materials Needed

Alabaster Flask Story Book
page p.2; colored pencils,
crayons or markers
optional: fragrance to make
the book smell like fragrant
oil, e.g. vanilla, perfume, etc.

Prepare in Advance

Print a copy of the *Alabaster Flask Story Book* for each child. Gather supplies. Make a sample Alabaster Flask book.

New Church Concept Fragrance

The fragrances of aromatic substances correspond to qualities connected with spiritual love, or with charity and faith. In heaven angels experience the most fragrant aromas corresponding to their perceptions arising from their love. Consequently we read in many places in the Word that Jehovah smelled a sweet odor. See *Apocalypse Revealed* 394

Assembly Directions

1. Cut out the four attached flask shapes including the center.
2. Fold the paper in half along the tops of the flask shapes so pictures show on both sides.
3. Fold the paper in half again to make a flask-shaped booklet.
4. Make sure the pictures are in order. (See small gray numbers at the bottom of the flask shapes.

