



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Find this story in your Bible in John 12. 1 - 11

Sunday 24th May

### Start with a discussion:

Why do we buy people we care about presents? Is it because we want to show how much we appreciate them?

### The story

Before his death, Jesus visited the home of Lazarus, the man who Jesus had raised from the dead. There were lots of people at the house, one of them was Mary. While there Mary took some expensive perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was just about to betray Jesus) was also at the house. Judas questioned why Mary had spent money on expensive perfume and was using this for Jesus, when the money could have been given to the poor.

Jesus told Judas that it was up to Mary what she chose to spend her money on. Jesus understood that Mary wanted to celebrate Jesus while he was alive and that this was what she had chosen to do for him.

Like Mary, we can do something for those we care about, even if we can't see them in person at the moment. Today's activity, Prayer Pebbles, might not be expensive like the perfume Mary used but you can put your time and effort into making a pebble for someone you care about.



## Activity: Prayer Pebbles

### You will need:

- Pebbles or small stones
- White paint
- Coloured paints (ideally acrylic but whatever you have available will work)
- If you don't have acrylic paints you'll need some non-water soluble PVA glue or varnish
- A permanent marker with a fine tip

This activity has been designed to adapt to what materials you have available at home in the current circumstances. If there is something you don't have don't worry just swap it out.



Wash your pebbles, let them dry and then paint one side with white paint. Leave paint to dry.



Once one side is dry paint the other side and leave to dry again. Painting the pebble white will make the colours brighter when you start adding them.



Once dry, add the person's name on the top and start adding your design.

We have used permanent markers to decorate our pebble but you can do this using paint and a brush.



You could also (on the opposite side to the name) add words that you think of when you think of this person. This would be best done using a very fine paintbrush or a fine tipped permanent marker.



Once dry, add a layer of either non-water soluble PVA glue or get an adult to put a layer of varnish over them. You can either keep them to help you keep that special person in your prayers or give the pebble to that person to keep, so they know you are praying for them.