

We are going to hear a beautiful story of Jesus and of one who was thankful for His goodness and did what she could to show her love for Him.

Introduction—Little lame Susie could not run messages, but she did what she could and was sometimes more of a comfort to mother than Jennie, who could walk and run.

Lesson—Here is the house of Simon the leper in Bethany (Blackboard). Here are Jesus and His disciples seated at the dinner table. See! in comes a woman—what is that in her hand? Tell the story. The woman did what does not appear to us to be a very great or wise act, but it was what her heart prompted her to do. Jesus knew it was a “love act” and accepted it as such. Jesus wants our love and worship as well as our work. We must each show our love in our own way, some doing one thing, some another thing, for Jesus.

The disciples thought the gift a useless one and too costly. Jesus rebuked them. Mary, for that was the woman’s name, gave her best to Jesus; well spent money, better than spending it on herself.

Do we not spend our money foolishly on candy which only lasts for a minute and does no one any good? Jesus is like a banker; He gives us good interest on our money. (Explain.) He pays us back in better things than money, if we love Him and give Him our best.

Story—Little Christabel heard her teacher say:

“Even the youngest, humblest child
Something may do to please the Lord.”

She wondered what a poor little girl like she could do. Soon she found the baby crying because he had lost his rattle. She found it for him and baby laughed. She thought how happy the rattle must be because it could make baby so happy. You and I know that it was Christabel who made the rattle to help. She did what she could.

Practical Thoughts—Jesus wants me to serve Him by serving others. What can I do to please Him?

“I want to be like Jesus
Engaged in doing good
So that of me it may be said,
She hath done what she could.”

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

By the Editor

What Mary meant
The disciples thought
Jesus said
Judas did

Possibly as effective a review as any will be to turn the thoughts of the scholars back again upon the scene at the supper in Bethany. Describe, or have one describe, an Eastern supper. Then call for a list of those present at the supper. These will come out—Mary, the disciples, Jesus, Judas. Now write on the board, which should be blank up to this point, the word **WHAT** in large letters. Follow this with the persons in the order mentioned. (The scholars, especially the younger ones will be alert to give you the names.) Then briefly—all can be spoiled by elaborating here—complete this sketch, with Mary’s faith and love, the disciples’ suspicion and grudge, Jesus’ satisfaction and recommendation, and Judas’ dark guilt. The lessons of the story, even if unspoken, will sink deep.