

SPICES

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DIFFERENT USES

FOCUS

EXODUS 23:23–25, MATTHEW 2:11, 13:31–32 & 23:23
& MARK 14:3

In the Bible, spices were used for many different things!

MATERIALS

Mustard seed & 1/2 sheet of white paper (1 per child)
Mint, dill & cumin spices & small cup (1 set per child)
Cinnamon & olive oil (1 set per child)
Frankincense resin & small gift bag (1 set per child)
Spikenard

ACTIVITIES

1. PARABLE

TALK: The mustard seed is small, but grows into a big plant! Jesus said the kingdom of Heaven is like that! It starts small, then grows!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow smell the mustard seed and use them to try to form the shape of a tree on the paper!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

HE TOLD THEM ANOTHER PARABLE: "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED, WHICH A MAN TOOK AND PLANTED IN HIS FIELD. THOUGH IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS, YET WHEN IT GROWS, IT IS THE LARGEST OF GARDEN PLANTS AND BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS COME AND PERCH IN ITS BRANCHES."

MATTHEW 13:31–32

2. TITHE

TALK: Some spices were given as a tithe! Even the Pharisees tithed mint, dill and cumin!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow smell the spices and take a small portion out of each cup and put it in the small cup.



"WOE TO YOU, TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND PHARISEES, YOU HYPOCRITES! YOU GIVE A TENTH OF YOUR SPICES—MINT, DILL AND CUMIN. BUT YOU HAVE NEGLECTED THE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE LAW—JUSTICE, MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS."

MATTHEW 23:23

ACTIVITIES

3. ANOINTING OIL

TALK: Some spices, like cinnamon, were mixed with olive oil and used for anointing oil!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow smell the spices and mix the cinnamon with the olive oil!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

TAKE THE FOLLOWING FINE SPICES... HALF AS MUCH (THAT IS, 250 SHEKELS) OF FRAGRANT CINNAMON... A HIN FOF OLIVE OIL. MAKE THESE INTO A SACRED ANOINTING OIL, A FRAGRANT BLEND, THE WORK OF A PERFUMER. IT WILL BE THE SACRED ANOINTING OIL.

EXODUS 23:23-25

4. GIFTS

TALK: Some spices, like frankincense, were used as gifts! Jesus even got frankincense as a present!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow smell the frankincense and help them wrap it in a bag and give it as a gift.



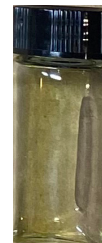
ON COMING TO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH HIS MOTHER MARY, AND THEY BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED HIM. THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND PRESENTED HIM WITH GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

5. PERFUME

TALK: Some spices were used to make perfume! A type of flower, called spikenard, was used as a perfume! A woman even put it on Jesus' head!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow smell the oil, then place a small amount of the spikenard on your Tiny Arrow's head.



WHILE HE WAS IN BETHANY, RECLINING AT THE TABLE IN THE HOME OF SIMON THE LEPER, A WOMAN CAME WITH AN ALABASTER JAR OF VERY EXPENSIVE PERFUME, MADE OF PURE NARD. SHE BROKE THE JAR AND POURED THE PERFUME ON HIS HEAD.

MARK 14:3

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

MATTHEW 13:31

SPICES

1/2 TBL MUSTARD SEED



1/2 TBL MINT, DILL & CUMIN



SMALL CUP W/LID



SPIKENARD OIL



1 TSP CINNAMON



2 TBL OLIVE OIL



FRANKINCENSE RESIN



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THE DECREES OF THE LORD...
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