

## Week 7

**Theme: Simon Thomas – Always do your best for God.**

**Opening prayer :** Prepare the outline of a large Ichthus fish or Alpha symbol. Invite the children to write a short prayer inside the outline as they arrive, thanking God for their talents.

**Game: Crocodile Dodge Ball.** Divide the children into teams of 4 to 6 children. One team forms a crocodile by standing in a line and holding the waist of the child in front. The other teams make a large circle around the crocodile. The children in the circle have to throw a soft ball to hit the tail ( last person ) of the crocodile. Each time the tail is hit, he or she moves to the front of the crocodile to become the head and there is a new target / tail. Only the head of the crocodile may use his/her hands to fend off the ball. If the crocodile breaks, it counts as a hit and the tail moves to the front. Give each team 2 minutes to be the crocodile. Count the number of hits. The team with the lowest number wins.

**Craft :** Give each child a shield ( shape of Blue Peter badge ) . See resources . Make sure you have one you made earlier !!! Encourage the children to draw : a) something they are good at, b) what they want to be when they are grown up ; c) a skill they want to learn ; d) three words to describe themselves or their character.

**Memory verse :** Romans 12 v 1, *“Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him”* Sit the children down together. Divide the memory verse into sections and wrap up in presents. Choose children to open up the presents to find the memory verse.

**Introduction:** From the profile pack, introduce Simon Thomas.

**Story:** *Jesus is anointed at Bethany.* Mark 14: 3 – 9 . There is a story version in the resources

**Application :** In our story, the disciples are shocked by the woman’s action – seemingly wasting precious and expensive perfume. But Jesus commends her actions. He recognizes that the woman has done something fine and beautiful. More than that, she gave her best. Do we always give our best ? Or do we do as little as we can get away with ? Simon Thomas suggests we might not always succeed but it’s better to look back knowing you gave it your best shot . How do / could the children offer their best to God ?

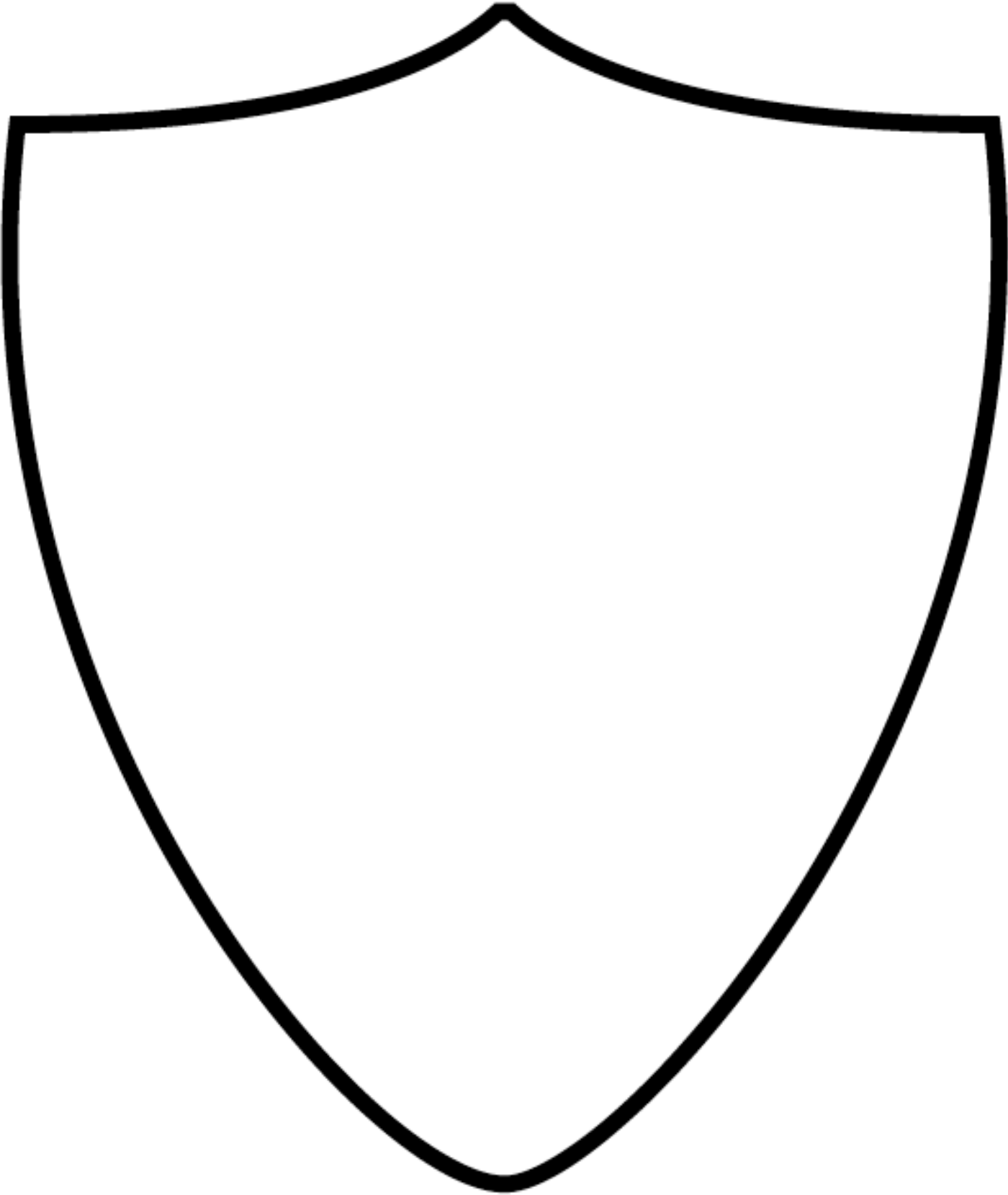
**Prayer :** A few week’s ago, we heard about Mother Teresa. One of the sayings she is known for is, *“Do something beautiful for God each day”*. Use a tea- light and some scented oil or perfume and pray that each child might try and do something beautiful for God each week. Invite the children to write down what they do as a diary and bring it back next week.

**Game: Blue Peter Game** – Give each team an empty washing up bottle, sellotape, newspaper, marker pens and scissors. Give each team 4 minutes to make something useful for their Kingsquad leaders out of the items they have been given ! Give everyone a Blue Peter badge ( sticker ) for completing the task.

**Song :** *“King of Love”* from Whoopah Wahey CD, Doug Horley

**Resources :** Shield craft, Simon’s profile, story and fun sheet is in the resources section.

**Week 7** Craft : Divide badge into 4 sections.



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### Story Resource : Jesus is anointed at Bethany

“Jesus is in town! He is at Simon’s house.” The woman couldn’t believe her ears.

Jesus had changed her life. She used to do all kinds of bad things—called sin. One day, she heard about Jesus and He changed her life. She did not ever want to do wrong things again. The woman thought to herself, “I wonder if I can see Jesus.”

Then, she had an idea.

She took a jar of perfume off her shelf and rushed off to Simon’s house. She knocked on the door and walked inside. There was Jesus! He was sitting at the table. She stood behind Jesus and started to cry. She was so grateful and thankful to Jesus that she began to cry happy tears. She loved Jesus so much and wanted Him to know how happy she was to have a new life.

Then, she bent over and poured the perfume on Jesus. Then she wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair. The whole house smelled so sweet. The woman showed how much she cared for Him by doing something special just for Jesus.

Can you imagine what all the other guests thought?

They sat there shocked. Jesus’ friends thought about how much money the perfume cost. It was very expensive. They couldn’t believe that the woman poured the whole thing on Jesus. They told Jesus that she should have sold the perfume and given the money to people who were in need.

Jesus explained that she had done a very beautiful thing. She cared for Jesus so much that she wanted to give Him a special gift. She gave the best thing she had to Jesus.

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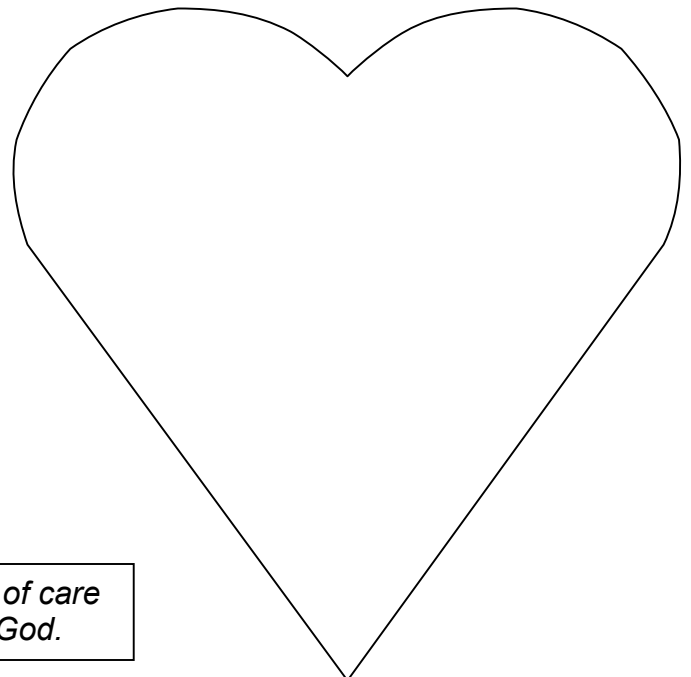
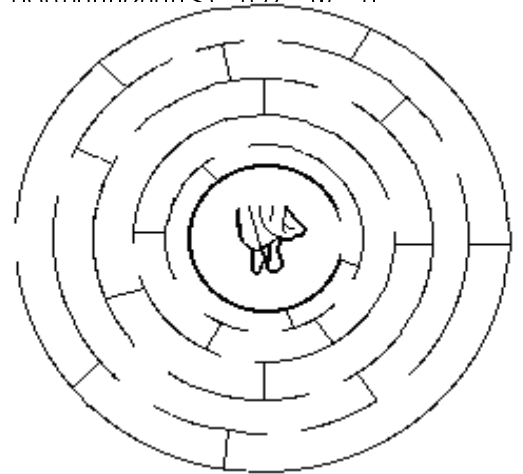
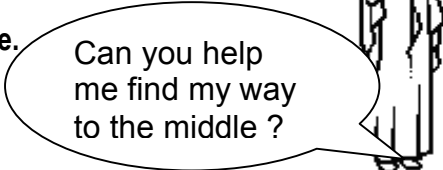
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- WOMAN
- FRAGRANT



*Decorate this love heart with lots of care and detail. Do your very best for God.*