



# Skip into Science

## Day 3

**Bible Point:** Jesus forgives me! Thank you, Jesus!

**Bible Verse:** "As far as the east is from the west, God has forgiven us." Psalm 103:12

### Materials Needed: Stinky Feet Smell Sweet

- Air tight containers for the scents (zip lock baggie, spice bottles, etc.). For a fun visual effect, you may want to place each scent in a sock (reminder of washing Jesus' feet). If using socks, extra scents may need to be stuffed in the socks between groups to keep aroma strong.
- Cotton balls (if using essential oils)
- Various items with strong scents. Options may include:
  - Fragrant foods – ie. orange slice, slices of garlic, strong smelling cheese, coffee grounds, tuna, pickles
  - Fragrant non-foods: toothpaste, dog or cat food, play-doh, pine needles
  - Spices or essential oils: cinnamon, curry powder, vanilla, vinegar
  - Candies: jolly ranchers, chocolate, peppermints

### Set Up:

- Number each container
- Place a scent into each container (making note of container number)
  - If using essential oils place the oil on a cotton ball(s) and place cotton ball(s) in container
- Reseal containers
- If containers are clear keep hidden from view.

### What to do:

#### Introduce it!

- **Say:** Welcome everyone to Skip into Science and Story! To get started, read the Bible story Mary Anoints Jesus using the Spark Story Bible found on page 444.
- **Ask:** In the story Mary anoints the feet of Jesus. What do you think the word anoint means? (washes). What did Mary use to anoint the feet of Jesus? (perfume). Why do you think Mary washed Jesus' feet with perfume? (to show her love for Jesus)

### Get to it!

**Say:** Today in our Bible story, we learned that Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with perfume. Do you think the perfume Mary used smelled good or bad? (discuss ideas) Today we are going to use only our nose to try and guess what item is located in each container. Let's get smelling!

1. Ask for volunteers who are willing to smell a container.
2. Have participants close their eyes (if using clear containers) and smell inside the first container.
3. Record the participant's guess. Repeat based on time and the # of people wanting to participate.
4. Once everyone has had a chance to smell the container, identify the scent.
5. Repeat with a new scent.

### Debrief it!

- **Huddle Questions:** Of the various smells here, which smell do you like (or think you would like) the best? In our story today Mary showed her love by using the best perfume to wash Jesus' feet. What might you do to show someone you love them? What does Jesus do to show us he loves us (include forgives in the answer).
- **Bible Buddy:** Lucky duck reminds us that we receive Jesus' forgiveness no matter what – we are the "lucky ducks" to receive this forgiveness. We don't earn it, but we receive this forgiveness.
- **Practice the Bible**  
**Leader says:** Jesus forgives me!  
**Participants say:** Thank you, Jesus!

### Pray it out!

In a large circle, stand up, and say: Lucky duck reminds us today that Jesus forgives us. When ducks make a noise, one can see their beak moving up and down up and down. Make a duck beak using your hand(s). As I read the prayer today, each time you hear the word forgive, you can move your duck beak (hand) and respond with the word "me".

Dear God,  
Today I am learning that you forgive "me". I am thankful that you forgive "me". You forgive "me" each and every day. Thank you for the love you share with each of us. May I share this love with others and every time I see a duck be reminded that you forgive "me".  
Amen

