

Lesson 20: Y at the End of Short Words

Phonics Rule: “Y” at the end of a root word or a short word is a vowel. It has the pattern “consonant + vowel”, which means that it is an open syllable (it has no second consonant to close it in and make it short). Therefore, the “y” makes the long “i” sound.

by	dry	sup/ply
ply	dry/ing	sup/ply/ing
fly	pry	ap/ply
try	pry/ing	ap/ply/ing
sly	spy	fry
my	spy/ing	fry/ing
why	try	good-by
sky	try/ing	re/ply
shy	lie	re/ply/ing
cry	ly/ing	
cry/ing		

Mary's Box

(Adapted from John 12:1-9 and Mark 14:1-9)

Mary had a box.

She said, "I want to **try** to be kind to JESUS." So she broke the box open and put the con/tents of the box on JESUS'



feet. JESUS was go/ing to die, and she was **ap/ply/ing** this to His feet as a **good-by** gift. Then she was **dry/ing** JESUS' feet with her hair. JESUS was glad that she gave her gift. She was **trying** to love JESUS **by** be/ing kind to him. We can **try** to love JESUS and be kind to him by be/ing nice to people. JESUS said, "If you are nice to the least of **My** people, you are being nice to Me!" Being nice to people is a gift that you can give to JESUS. He will smile. He will like your gift! **Try** it!

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was Mary's gift for JESUS?
2. Did JESUS like her gift?
3. How can we be kind to JESUS today?

PROJECT: Mark 14: 9 says, "I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." Mary's gift was very expensive – it was probably her most valuable possession. It probably cost around a year's wages. Most people never actually used the perfume contained in these boxes. They were simply beautiful possessions to look at, but never to use, because in order to access the perfume, you had to break the box. It was not for ordinary, daily usage. It was reserved for a super-duper special event and a super-duper special person. Who was important enough to use such an expensive perfume on? Mary decided that JESUS was important enough. And she had probably heard Him say that He was going to Jerusalem to die on a cross. She believed every word that JESUS said. So she made an important decision: She decided to spend her very best possession on JESUS at that moment, before he died. She poured the entire contents on His feet and wiped it with her hair.

Do you have any valuable possessions? How could you use your best possession to honor JESUS and be kind to Him? JESUS says in Matthew 25:40 that whatever we do to the least of these His people, we do to Him.