

#TargetPractice: What does anointing oil represent?

Basically a connection between heaven and earth...heaven brought down to earth. It represents God's presence with us.

In the Garden of Eden, God was among Adam, Eve, and the rest of creation.

After they disobeyed, they were kicked out of the Garden and separated from God.

Jacob anointed rock where he saw a vision of a stairway leading to heaven.

At Mt. Sinai when Moses met with God, he was given instructions to build a tabernacle (a place to meet with God). Moses was also instructed to make an anointing oil to place on the tabernacle and objects

Jesus is called the Anointed One because He was heaven on earth.

Jesus spread His anointing to His followers when He rose. Followers of Jesus become pockets of heaven on earth. We are able to show God's love to those around us.

Last week we talked about prayer. It is a way to talk to Jesus and let Him know our desires and needs. It also helps us connect with Him. Sometimes, when someone is prayed for you may see anointing oil put on someone. It is a symbol of connecting with God in the belief of healing.

For those who have been in the back when the women are praying before service, you have probably noticed us passing a little bottle of oil around. It is an anointing oil we can use as a symbol of connection with God. There is no power in the oil itself. It represents God's presence with us. His love for us.

Just like when shepherds would use oil to heal wounds and care for their sheep, anointing oil represents Jesus caring for us.