

Bible Lesson

Martha Gets Mad

Luke 10



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Luke 10:42

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Jesus and his disciples came to a village. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home. She had a sister named Mary.

“I will make a nice meal for Jesus,” Martha said. She swept the floor. She lit the fire. She fried the fish. Her feet hurt. Martha got tired...and mad.

Mary just sat there at the feet of Jesus. She loved to listen to Jesus talk. Mary asked him questions. He answered. Mary was learning.

Martha had no time to sit and listen. She was busy working and serving.

She went to Jesus. “Lord, my sister has left me to do all the work by myself!” Martha grumbled. “Don’t you care? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” Jesus replied, “you are worried and upset about many things. But only one thing is needed.

Mary has chosen what is best and it will not be taken away from her.”

Questions

1. When Jesus came into the home, what did Mary do?
2. When Jesus came into the home, what did Martha do?
3. Which is the best choice and why?
4. How can you spend more time with Jesus?

Pray this Prayer:

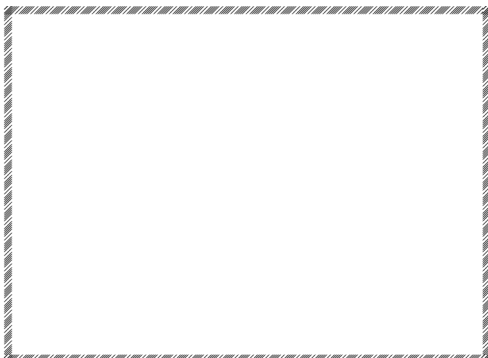
Dear Jesus,

Please help me to not get so busy that I forget about you. Please help me make time for you. Help me choose what is best.

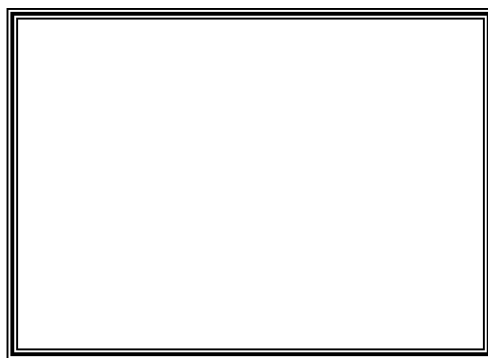
Amen.

Choose what is best:

I get distracted by doing this:



I will choose Jesus by doing this:



Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) What causes most fights between brothers and sisters?
- b) What do you think Jesus did when two sisters started to fight?
- c) What do you think Jesus would be happy about - a person who worked hard or one who just sat there?

After you read:

Sweep the Floor

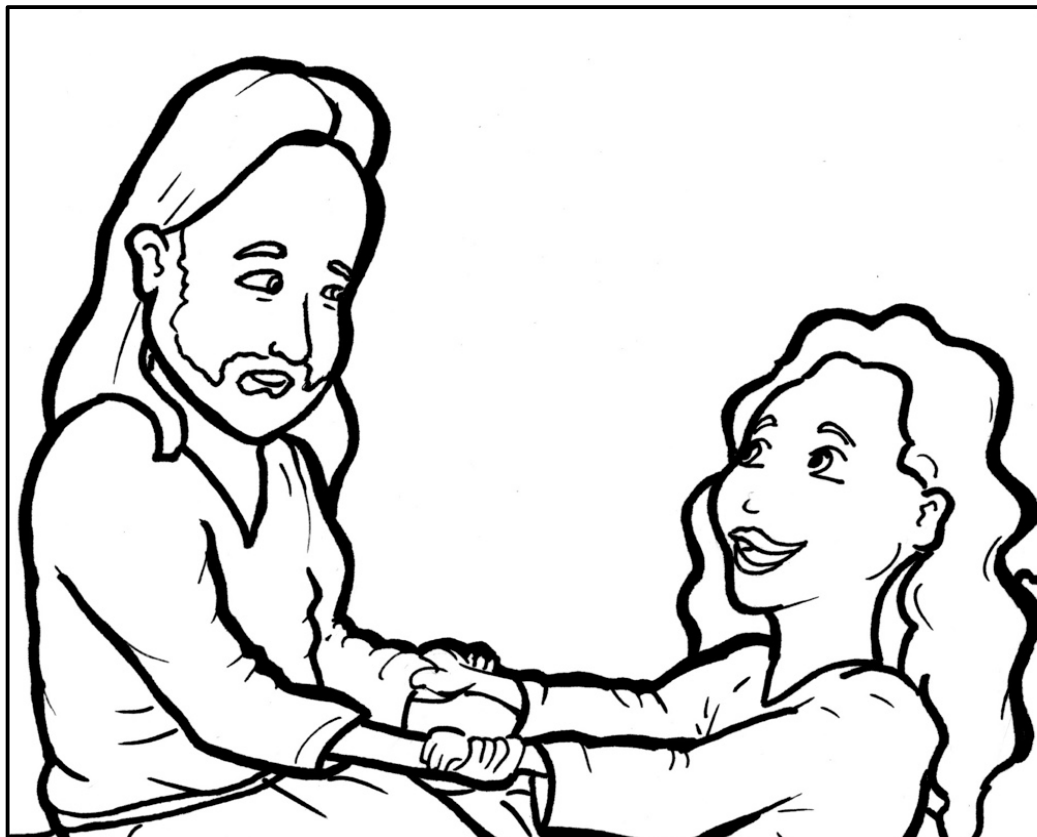
This fun, active game will help the kids review the choices the sisters made. Have the kids use 10 sheets of paper. On five, they write "Mary chose what was BEST. She..." and on each page write one thing she chose: sat at Jesus' feet, listened to him, asked him questions, waited for his answers, and learned from him. On the other five, write "Martha chose what was LESS. She..." and on each page write one thing she chose: cooked, swept, lit the fire, fried the fish, worked and served. Crumple each page into a ball. Get two brooms. Divide the kids into two teams and the room into two sides. For three minutes one child from each team will sweep the balls to his side. When the timer rings, stop, open the pages on each side. The BEST pages get a point. Add points after each team pair has played. Talk about why the best choices make you a winner.

Martha Gets Surprised

Martha scolded Jesus and hoped that he would scold Mary. She must have been surprised, angry, and embarrassed when Jesus told her SHE was the one who should change. Change and honesty are hard. Pass around a mirror, look in it, and silently ask God how you can change to make more heart-to-heart time with Jesus.

Voices and Choices

Make dialogue bubbles and write in the picture frames what choices each sister made and Jesus' reaction to the choices.



Emoji Energy

Have the kids draw emojis on individual pieces of paper or use the ones below to match the emotions of the characters in the story. As one kid reads the story, the kids can hold up their drawing and add sound effects.

