

This week we are learning about

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

I can listen to Jesus.



Busy Martha, Quiet Mary

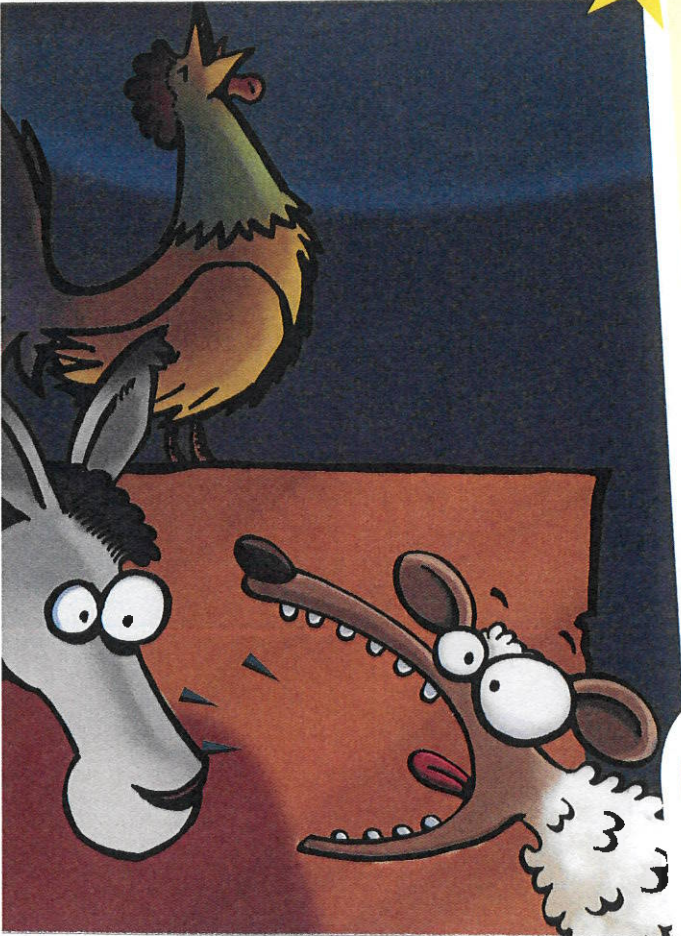
Martha worked to make Jesus' visit special. Mary listened to Jesus teach.



Name _____

Multiple Animal Sounds

When I listened to Jesus, I can make sounds and listen!



Two Little Ears

I can be like Mary and listen to Jesus.

Two little ears to listen,
To Jesus' loving words.
Two little ears to listen,
To sweetly singing birds.
Two little eyes to see,
A smile that Jesus sends.
Two little lips to say,
"Thank you, Jesus, for my friends."
Amen.



FAITH on the GO!

Gather soft blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals. Arrange them in a special chair or corner with a Bible storybook. Snuggle and read about God's love.

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READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Mary and Martha
from Luke 10:38-42.

We have busy serving times and quiet learning times.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Martha
- Jesus
- Cooking
- Learning
- Cleaning

This Mary and Martha story is found only in the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel contains more stories about women than the other Gospels. Since women were not particularly valued in Jesus' culture, this is significant. Jesus loved everyone — women, too!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 366-371

Spark Bible page 1146

Family Prayer

Say this prayer around a broom or other cleaning supply.

Thank you, God, for time we can serve you by helping others and times when we can study and learn. Help us to find a balance between those two things. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

1 When are you like Mary? When are you like Martha?

2 What do you do when you find yourself or your family too busy? How do you slow down?

3 How do you learn best from Jesus?

4 When you're going someplace in your car, take turns listing things you've learned from Jesus and things you like to do to help other people. Every time you turn, the next person shares their favorite things to learn or do.

Eye Spark

When you see cleaning tools or cooking things, think of Martha. When you see a Bible, think of Mary.

Ear Spark

When you hear someone ask for help housecleaning, remember Martha's frustration with Mary. Then see if you can help so everyone has time to sit and learn!

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LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a Job Jar filled with slips of paper listing jobs that need to be done. On the back of the slips, list a Bible story. When the job is done, take time to read the Bible story, or when the Bible story is done, go do the job!

For younger kids

Help your parent with a job and then ask to read you a Bible story.

For older kids

Trade with your parent — volunteer to do a housecleaning job for them so they can have a little surprise time to read or pray. Then reverse it — ask them to do one of your chores while YOU study!



Listening to Jesus

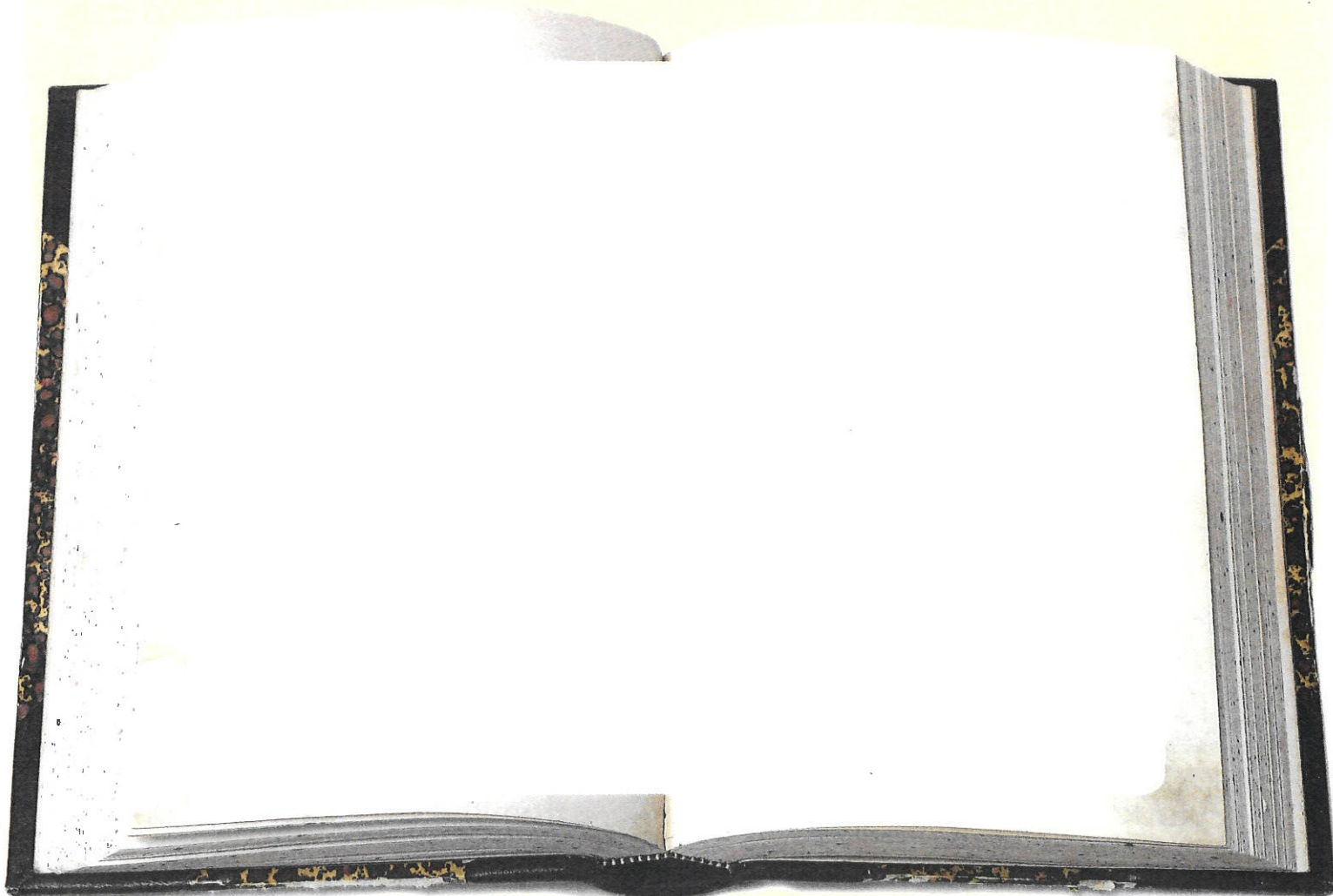


Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his stories.
I wonder what her favorite story was?

My favorite story about Jesus is _____.

It is my favorite because:

This is one scene from my favorite story:



TRY IT!

Mary's Good Idea



As soon as Jesus walked in the door and sat down, Mary sat at his feet. Martha, on the other hand, was very busy. Martha worked and worked. Then Jesus taught her that Mary had a good idea. Solve this puzzle to find Mary's good idea.

Find and cross out these Bible story words:

MARY	CLEAN	TEACH	SISTER	WORRY	FRIENDS
SIT	COOKED	LOVE	HEAR	BREAD	SERVE
MARTHA	ANGRY	POT	OLIVES	IDEA	HELP

H E A R L I S T E N L O V E C O O K E D
 S I S T E R M A R Y F R I E N D S P O T
 W O R R Y T O S I T A N G R Y B R E A D
 M A R T H A H E L P T E A C H C L E A N
 O L I V E S I D E A S E R V E J E S U S

Put the letters that are left in these spaces:

**Faith
on the Go!**

Today's Bible story, and , is from

the Gospel of **Luke**. Luke wrote many stories about how

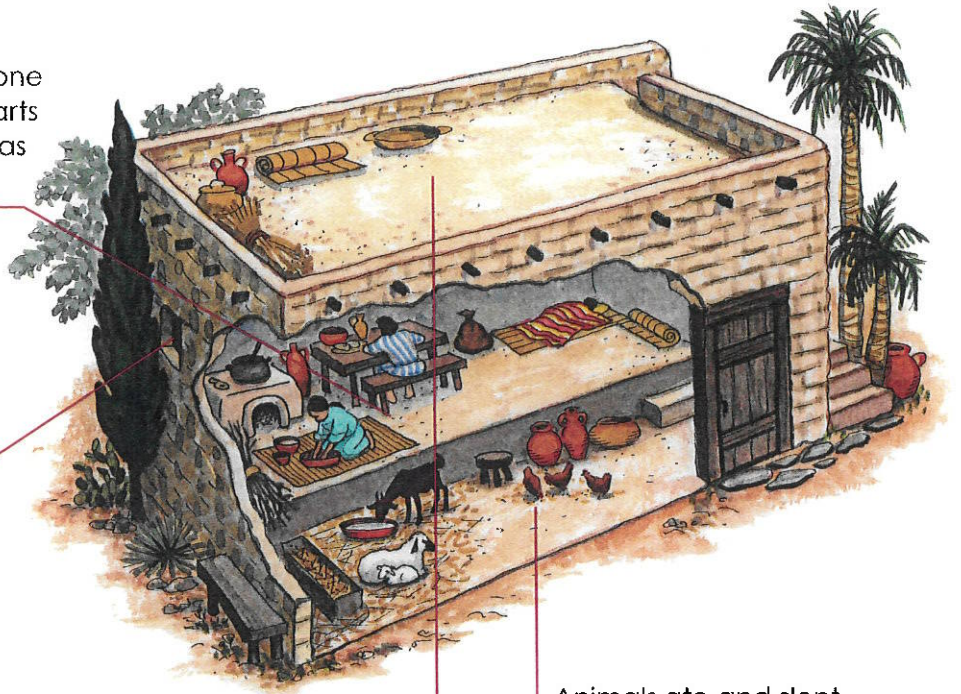
changed people's lives. This story of Mary and Martha is found only in Luke.

Mary and Martha's Home

Mary and Martha were sisters. They lived in a house together. They liked to welcome friends into their house. Jesus was one of their good friends. Mary and Martha's home was different from homes today.

Most houses in Bible times had one room. It was divided into two parts with a platform. The platform was used for cooking.

Windows were tiny with no glass in them. It could be dark inside, even during the day.



On hot nights, the family slept on the roof. If it rained the family slept on the platform.

Animals ate and slept on the lower level. The floor was made of mud or clay.

We can listen to Jesus.

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

___ Tell you about Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha's house

___ Share with you how Mary listened

___ Read my favorite Bible story

___ Listen to you tell a story about Jesus

___ Help you clean our home

___ Invite guests over for a meal

___ Invite you to church

___ Give you a big hug

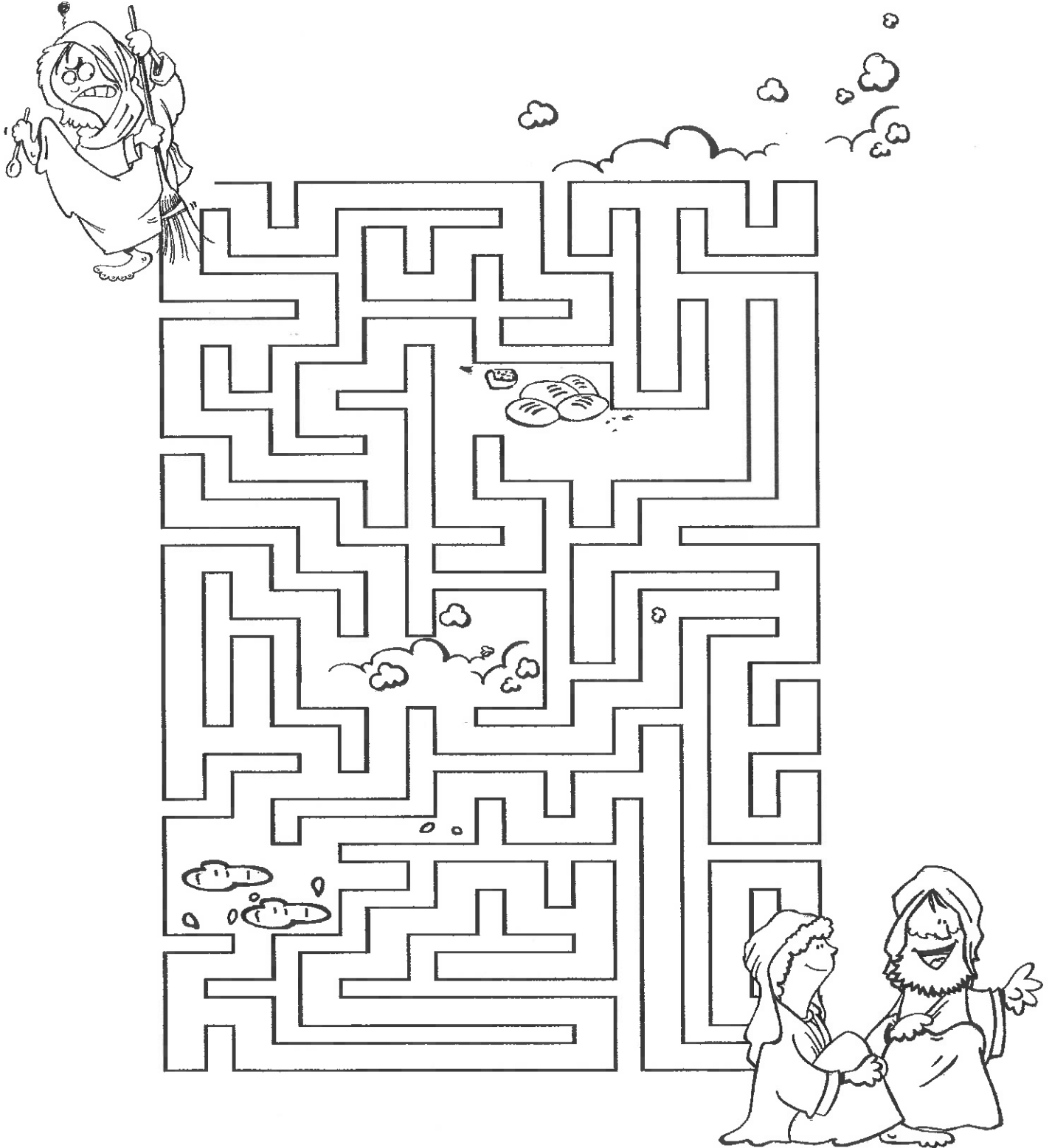
___ Say "I'm sorry"

___ Pray for you

___ My own idea: _____

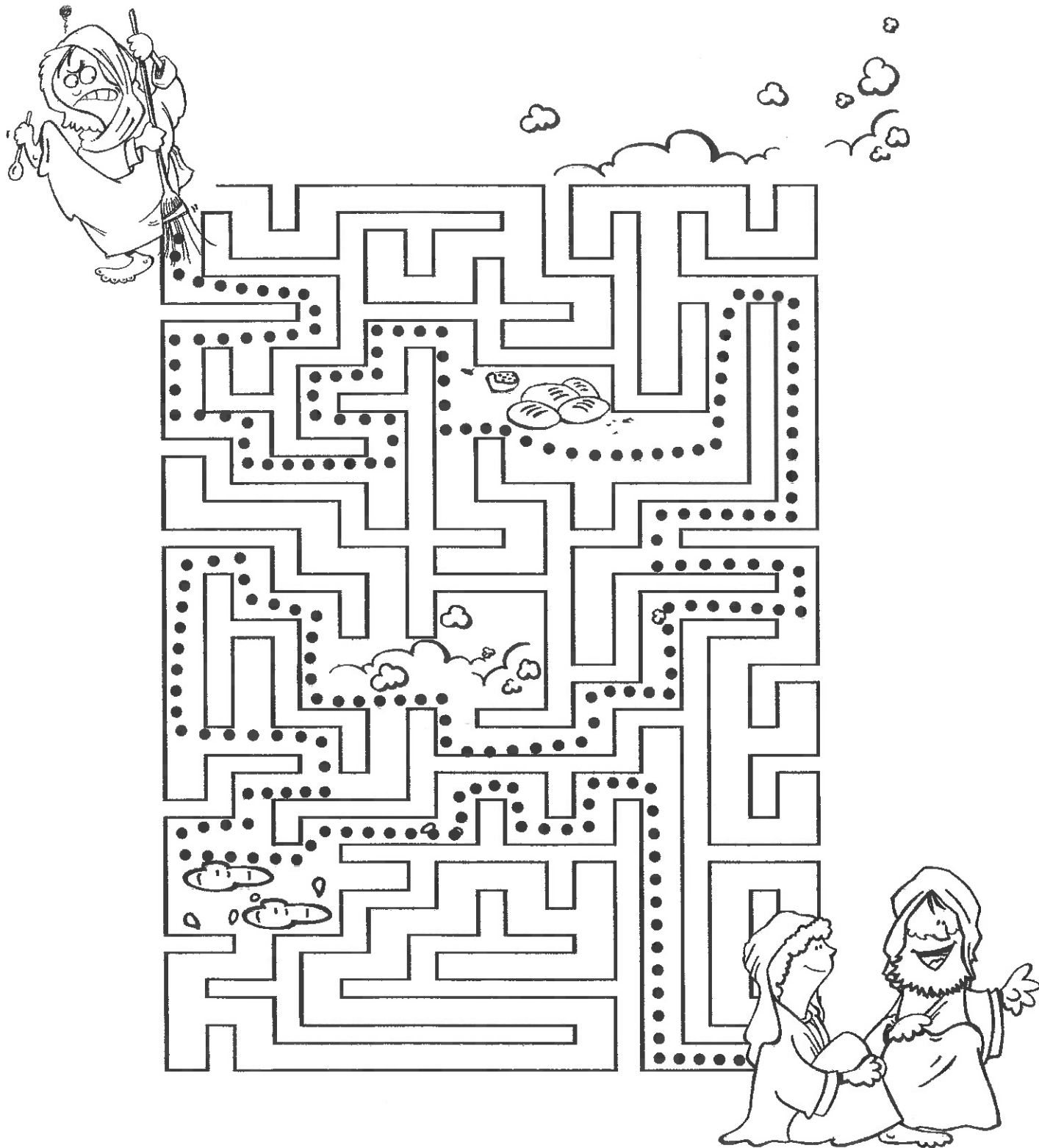
Messy Maze

Martha is busy getting the house ready. Can you help her? Follow this maze and make sure you pick up all the messes!



Messy Maze Solution

Martha is busy getting the house ready. Can you help her? Follow this maze and make sure you pick up all the messes!



Mary and Martha



Mary sat on the floor and listened to Jesus to teach.

Mary and Martha



“Hmmmph!” Martha thought. “Why doesn’t Mary help?”

Mary and Martha



Luke 10:38-42

Jesus is our **one thing.**

I wonder...

- What distracts me most often.
- What tasks Martha was doing.
- If Jesus was ever worried about anything.

Just One Thing

We needed just one thing. No big deal, right? Wrong! This was a big deal! My parents had never sent me to the grocery store alone before. It was such a big deal I forgot the piece of paper that told me what to get. It was such a big deal Mom sent her cell phone with me. It was such a big deal I totally forgot what I was supposed to get.



Speed dial. Pick up. "Hey, Dad, I forgot..." BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! A huge dump truck was backing up next to where they were building a new house and I couldn't hear a thing.

Hang up. Walk a little further. Speed dial. Pick up. "Yeah, it's me again. Yep. Well I forgot..." WEEEEAAAHHHH!!!! Yikes! I dropped my phone. I hadn't even noticed the baby in the stroller behind me. Now I couldn't ignore her if I tried.



By now I'm almost at the store. Speed dial. Pick up. Talk fast! "Dad it's me at the grocery store for g



RUMBLE CRATTLE BUMBLE BRATTLE! A row of 30 carts was being pushed across the parking lot. This was hopeless. I gave up. I turned around to go home and who's standing there? "Dad! I kept trying to call you! I can't remember what I'm supposed to get."

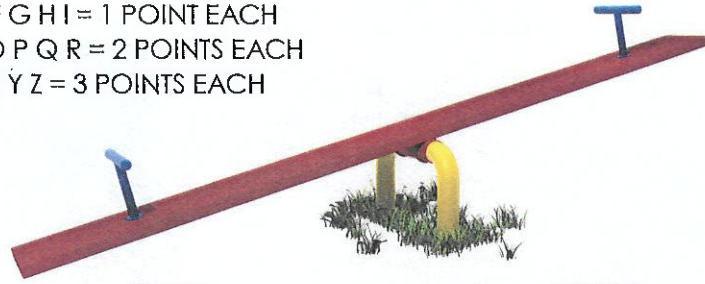
"I know. I was following you after the first call. I saw how distracted you were, but it's okay. I'm here. And besides, we need just one thing. Let's go get it."

Finding a Balance

There are many ways to keep Jesus our one thing. Sometimes we are actively giving (volunteering, playing, helping) and sometimes we are actively receiving (listening to a sermon, praying, reading our Bibles). But either way we are learning.

Use the point system below to create a balance between giving and receiving. Both are ways that we can keep Jesus as our one thing.

A B C D E F G H I = 1 POINT EACH
J K L M N O P Q R = 2 POINTS EACH
S T U V W X Y Z = 3 POINTS EACH



PLAY

PLAY: P=1, L=2, A=1, Y=3.
So PLAY is worth 8 points.

PRAY

PRAY: P=1, R=2, A=1, Y=3.
So PRAY is also worth 8 points.

PLAY AND PRAY BALANCE EACH OTHER.



Look It Up!

Check out what Mary and Martha were up to in **John 11**.



Memory Verse

There is need of only one thing. **Luke 10:42a**

Fun Facts

Martha and Mary were sisters of **Lazarus**.

The sisters lived in **Bethany**, a suburb of Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives.

The Mount of Olives is actually a mount of dirt, **not olives**.

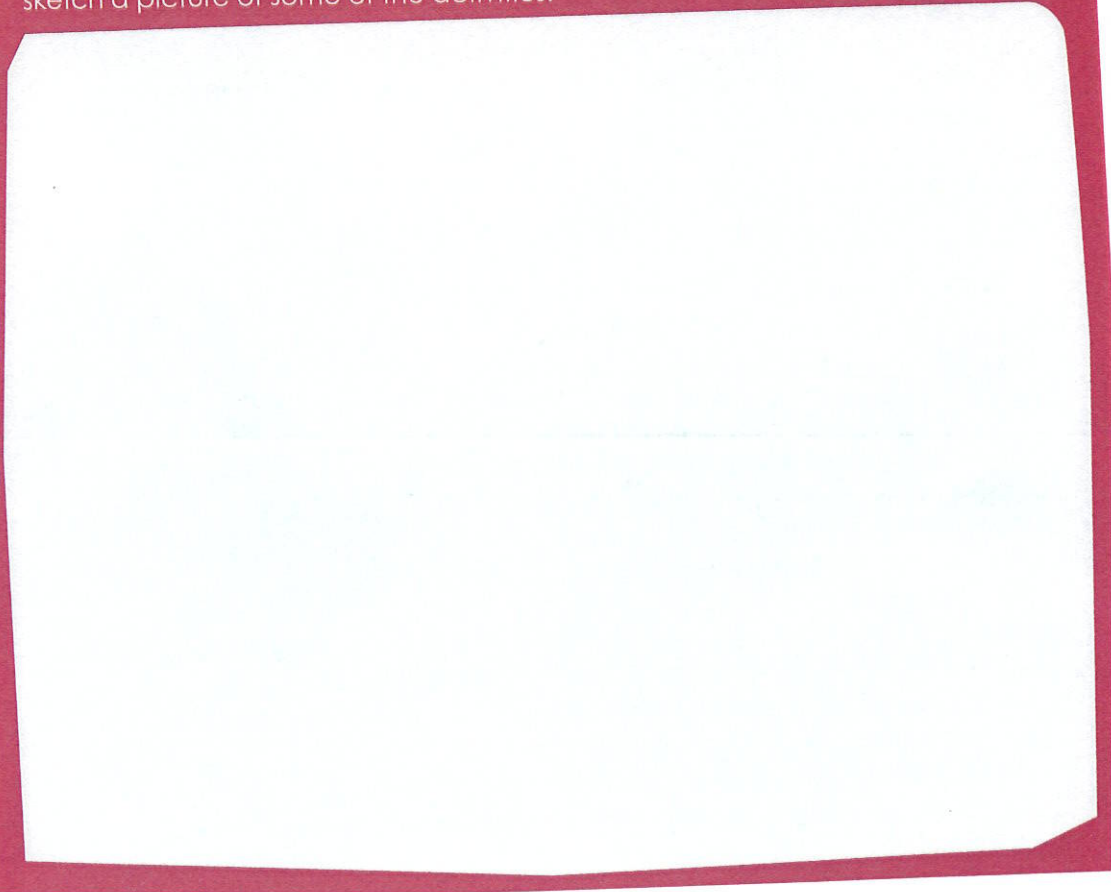
Women rarely got to be part of this sort of **teaching** in Jesus' day.

The name Mary occurs **51 times** in the New Testament referring to 9 different Marys.

Cleaning 15 minutes daily **guarantees** a neat room and more time for Jesus.

Down To One

Cut out the shape below. Start with a pencil and write down all the things you do in a week. Don't worry about making rows or putting them in order. Just cover the colored area (front and back) with these things. If you like, you can sketch a picture of some of the activities.





Faith on the Go!

Help a parent prepare a meal.

Choose one regular activity to take a break from this week. Use the time to read your Bible or pray instead.

Make a two-column list describing ways you are like Martha and ways you are like Mary.


Talk with your family about how you can make learning about Jesus a priority this week.

Set an alarm to go off daily at a reasonable hour. When you hear the alarm, take a break from whatever you're doing, and pray, "Jesus, keep me mindful that you are my one thing."

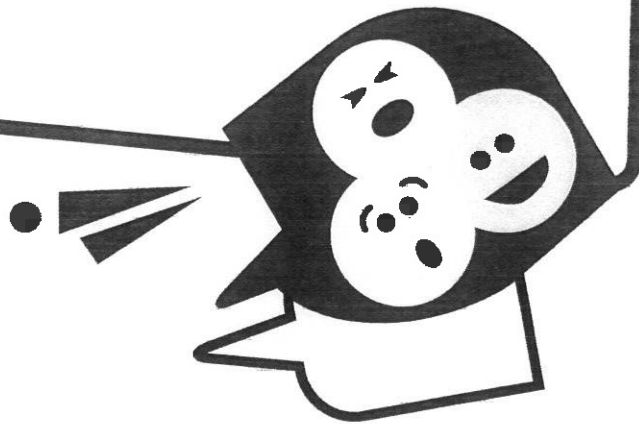
Now use crayons, pencils, markers, chalk, and erasers to show the importance of each thing you wrote or drew. If cleaning your room is very important to you, circle and underline it with a bright marker. If combing your hair is not a priority, fade it with an eraser or cover it with chalk.

Lost in Translation

Today's story accidentally got translated into a language that doesn't exist! Can you figure out what it's really saying? Here's a hint: say the words aloud!



GEE SAHS VIZ SETS MARR THE
END MARE EEZ HOW SUH. MARR
THE DUZ THEW LRK END MERRY
SETS BYE GEE SAHS. GEE SAHS
SEZ SET WET MEEMAR THE.



Jesus visits Martha and Mary's house. Martha does the work and Mary sits by Jesus. Jesus says, "sit with me, Martha."

Mary and Martha



Luke 10:38-42

It's easy to get
distracted from
the **important**
stuff.



What is **most**
important to me?

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Sensation-Seeking

How often do you pay attention to the things you sense outdoors? Think of a place that's as far away from cars and buildings as you can. A place that you've been before. A quiet place outdoors. Imagine you are there and write down the things you see, hear, smell, taste, and feel.

My Outdoor Place Is:

I see:

I hear:

I smell:

I taste:

I feel:

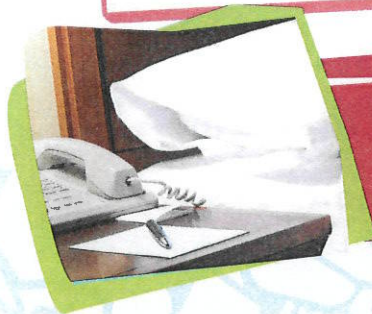
Free-Writing Journal

Take this chance to journal about the things that are most important to you.

First, think about three things that are important in your life.

Start free-writing with the sentence, "_____ is more important to me than anything, because..."

Keep writing until you are told to stop. See what you come up with.



Did You Know?

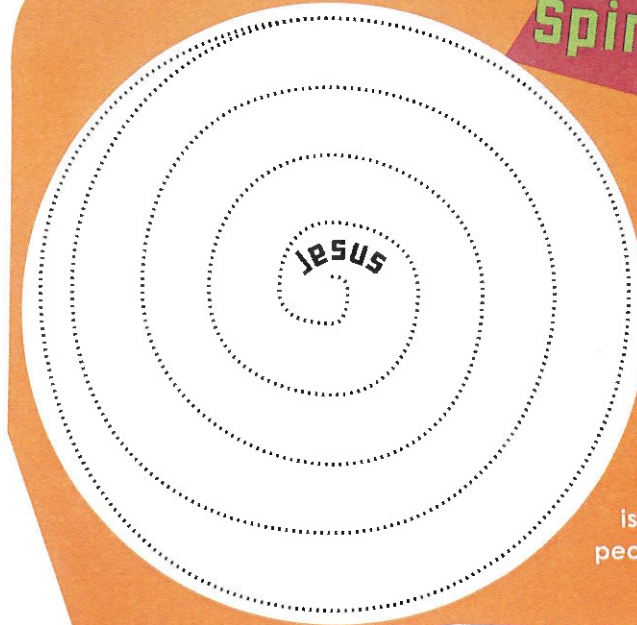
Hotels are a 3.5 TRILLION dollar a year industry! That's a lot of hospitality.



Look It Up!

Look up John 10:27 to find out why it is important to listen to Jesus.

Spiral-Writing



Keep Jesus the center of your attention by doing the following: Starting in the center of the spiral, write words that describe Jesus. These words can describe what Jesus might have looked like, who Jesus is to you, or what other people say about Jesus.

Drawing

Mary and Martha were two very different people. After reading their story, what do you think they looked like? Use these two spaces to create your own drawings of Mary and Martha.

Mary, a patient woman who sits and listens to Jesus

Martha, a hard worker who keeps busy

Party Plan

It's good to get together with friends! Make plans for your dream party. Remember to think about what your guests will want to see, hear, and do. After you've figured out how to throw an awesome party, talk with your family to see if you can make it a reality!

My Party Plan

Who I'll Invite

Where

How I'll Decorate It

What the Invitation Will Say

Five Songs I'll Be Sure to Play

What We'll Have to Eat

Party Games to Play

Faith on the Go!

Church doesn't have to be the only place you worship God. With a little creativity, and the following tips, you can make your own God-zone at home.

1. Find a space free from noise and distractions. It doesn't have to be huge—a closet will work fine. Keep the lights low, or use a flashlight!
2. Add things that remind you of God. You can hang pictures, play music, or do anything that puts you in the mood to pay attention to God.
3. Make an altar from a small table or cardboard box.
4. Spend a few minutes every day praying or reading the Bible in your God-zone. Make Jesus a habit that's hard to break!



Memory Verse

[Mary] sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. Luke 10:39b



To-Do List Search Solution

Mary and Martha lost their to-do lists, and so did some other well-known people from the Bible. Can you match each person to his or her list? Look up the Bible verses if you need a clue.

Deborah (Judges 4-5)

- Sit under the palm tree
- Get in touch with Barak
- Make melody to the Lord

Mary (Luke 10:38-42)

- Cook
- Check on beverages
- Bake bread
- Clean pots
- Sweep floor
- Tidy up
- Make sure everything is ready
- Put out fresh flowers
- Make sure neighbors know about our guest

John (Matthew 3:1-12)

- Fix belt
- Clean up honey spill
- Check on new riverbank at the Jordan

David (1 Samuel 17)

- Find some smooth stones
- Take care of sheep
- Slingshot practice
- ~~Practice wearing helmet~~

Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)

- Think of names for purple for the new fall line
- Call back that reporter from Thyatira Today
- Have household baptized

Disciples

- Follow Jesus
- ~~Pack our stuff~~
- Tell parents to have their kids step aside

Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

- Listen
- Practice sitting on the floor