

At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12 Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus Unit 2, Lesson 10

Jesus with Mary and Martha

Lesson Aim: To focus on Jesus and give priority to time with Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite food?

GAME: Be Still Tag

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 6:33.

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS VISITS MARY AND MARTHA

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus told the woman at the well about living water.

Today, we will learn Jesus wants us to choose to focus on Him instead of being distracted or worried. He explained this to Martha at her home in Bethany. Point to Bethany, near Jerusalem.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 10:38-42. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 10:42. Pray. Read.

THE WAY SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS

What was distracting Martha? (Preparations for the guests.) What kinds of things distract you from focusing on Jesus? What do you think Jesus would say to you about the things that distract you from spending time with Him and following Him?

Why do you think Martha was worried and upset? What worries or upsets you? In Martha's eyes, it must have seemed unfair for Mary to sit and listen to Jesus while Martha needed her help. What did Martha ask Jesus to do? (Tell Mary to help Martha.) What did Jesus say about Mary? (He said Mary made the better choice and it would not be taken from her.) Sometimes we see something that seems unfair, but Jesus sees it differently. How might spending time with Jesus in prayer and reading the Bible help us to see things His way? How might it help us with our worries?

In this situation, Martha thought making the preparations and getting Mary to help were important. In each situation, how can we know what is most important for us to be doing? (By asking Jesus to show us how He want us to spend our time.)

FILLING YOUR DAY: To demonstrate setting daily priorities, see FILLING YOUR DAY located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Mary knew there was nothing more important than being with the Lord. One thousand years earlier, King David showed he knew the same thing! Check out the song King David wrote to the Lord about getting to spend time with Him.

Reveal Psalm 34:4-5. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How does David describe the faces of those who look to the Lord? (Radiant.) Mary looked to the Lord when she sat at His feet and listened to Him. In what way do you look to the Lord?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Jesus rock" (A rock symbolizing time with Jesus.)
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #10
- OFFERING OF ART: Mary sitting by Jesus' feet, listening to Him
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

DEMONSTRATION: Filling Your Day SNACK: Can't Stop Movin' Gelatin GAME: Busy Charades CRAFT: Time with Jesus Doorknob Hanger DISCUSSION: Focus on Following Jesus BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Come, Follow Me; The Wave BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW