



Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 10

Jesus with Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Theophilus is the Keeper of the King's Gardens. He is a wise, old sage with the wisdom of the ages and great knowledge of God's Word. Squire Goofus, the Gallant, is a young man who wants desperately to be a noble knight in the King's guard. He is very naïve and a bit clumsy. Rufus is a dragon puppet that thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

Plot: Theophilus finds Gus sleeping and tells him about when Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha. We learn that the Lord wants us all to focus on Him and not to worry.

Costumes: Robe, tunics, white wig and beard, sandals, boots, chain mail.

Props: Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, Bible.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
3. Scripture Slide: Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ...but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41a and 42
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover: (VFX: Video intro)

In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures!

Theophilus (enters to find Gus sleeping)
Hello Children, it is I, your friend Theophilus. I stopped by to check on the progress of our student, Squire Goofus the Gallant! Have you seen him? (Response) Ah, there he is. He looks more like Squire Goofus, the Sleepy. Oh, Gus. Gus, wake up...GUS!!

Gus (jumps to his feet and pulls sword)
Halt! Who goes there?! State your name and business!

Theophilus
Gus? It's me, Theophilus.

Gus
Oh, are you sure?

Theophilus
Last time I checked I was me. Gus, are you all right?

Gus
I'm fine, I was just studying God's Word and I guess I dozed off.

Theophilus
You are becoming quite a devoted student of God's Word.

Gus
I have to be. I have so many questions about God that I can hardly keep up!

Theophilus
Ah yes, being a new disciple is a lot of work but there is also great reward.

Gus
Disciple? I'm not a disciple!

Theophilus
You're not? What is a disciple?

Gus
A disciple is someone who has decided to follow Jesus. New disciples need someone to teach them about the Bible and help them grow closer to Jesus! Holy Guacamole! I am a disciple!

Theophilus
It looks that way.

Gus
But, I can't...I mean, I don't...I can't...I don't have time to be a disciple! I can barely find enough to keep up with my training. I've got archery lessons and sword play and jousting lessons and guard duty and...

Theophilus
Oh, Gus, Gus, Gus, you are worried about so many things. You remind me of Martha.

Gus
Martha! Who's Martha?

Theophilus
You don't know the story of Martha and Mary? It's in the Bible. Here, let me get His Word, right now! (Opens stained glass window with Bible and lighting) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") Ah, here we are. This report is about when Jesus and His disciples visited the home of Mary and Martha, two sisters that loved God.

Gus
Were they serving the King?

Theophilus

Actually, they were both serving the King but in different ways. Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to everything He said.

Gus

That's very nice.

Theophilus

And Martha was busy preparing the dinner and serving the guests.

Gus

Now, hold on there. Are you telling me that Mary was just sitting on the floor while her sister Martha was running all over the house doing all the work?

Theophilus

That's right.

Gus

Well, that's not fair! If I were Martha I would be very upset!

Theophilus

She was. She even went to Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Gus

That's telling 'em, Martha! So, what did Jesus say to that?

Theophilus (VFX: Scripture Slide) **Jesus said,** "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ...but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Gus

Wait just a minute; I thought Jesus was going to tell Mary to get to work!

Theophilus

So did Martha.

Gus

But I don't get it. Was Jesus telling Martha it was wrong to work hard?

Theophilus

No, there's nothing wrong with hard work. The problem was that Martha was so worried about so many things. I think Jesus was simply telling Martha that spending time with Him was more important than worrying about the dinner preparations.

Gus

I'm not sure I understand.

Theophilus

Let me put it this way, why do you think Martha was so upset?

Gus

Well...maybe she was nervous because she wanted everything to be just right for Jesus. Oh, I see! Jesus wasn't telling Martha not to be busy; He was simply telling her not to be so worried because, if we focus on Jesus, our worries will take care of themselves.

Theophilus

Very good, Gus. Now, why do you think Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus?

Gus

Because she loved Him and she wanted to hear what He had to say.

Theophilus

That's exactly right.

Gus (VFX: Scripture Slide)

And that's why Jesus said, "...but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Theophilus

So true! Jesus is all we need. Focusing on Him is a much better choice than worrying!

Gus

So, are you saying I shouldn't work hard and study my Bible and my fencing lessons and my jousting and...

Theophilus

Well, what did Jesus say? Did He tell Martha to stop working?

Gus

Um, no...He just told her to stop worrying. I think I get it! I've been worrying so much about studying God's Word and all of my other lessons because I want to be a perfect knight, but, what I really need to do is keep my mind on Jesus.

Theophilus

When you keep your focus on Jesus no matter what you are doing, you'll find you get closer to Him and His Word, the Bible gets deep down in your heart.

Gus

And then I won't have to worry so much that I'll say the wrong thing because I'll be so close to Jesus that I'll know what He would say!

Theophilus

Oh Gus, you grow wiser all the time.

Gus

I pray that it's true. I want to one day be as wise as you and use that wisdom to serve our King.

Theophilus

Well, as a wise man once said...

Both

Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing Slide) (SFX: Outro music)

Gus

Let's go spend time with Jesus!

Theophilus

Now, that is a wise choice! Very wise indeed! So long, kids! (They exit)