



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 did Mary do when Jesus came to her home? (Sat at His feet and listened.) **What distracted 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?**

Martha was busy getting ready for the guests. Each sister had to choose between finishing the work and spending time with Jesus. Which of the sisters did Jesus say made the better choice? (Mary.)

Why was Martha upset with Mary? (Mary was not helping.) **Have you ever been upset with your brother, sister, or friend for not helping?** **What did Martha say to Jesus about Mary?** ("Tell Mary to help me.") **Did Jesus tell Mary to help Martha?** (No. He said Mary's choice was the better one and it would not be taken from her.) **Just like Martha, sometimes we get so busy with work, activities, or playing, we forget to spend time with Jesus.**

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

CHRIST CONNECTION:

When Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him speak, she was seeking time with Him. One thousand years earlier, King David explained the Lord is looking for anyone who will seek Him. Let's read what King David said about this.

Reveal Psalm 14:2. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

To seek the Lord is to spend time with Him. Imagine the Lord looking down from heaven to see if anyone is seeking Him. How can you spend time alone with Jesus? How can you join others in spending time together with Jesus?

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Jesus rock" (A rock symbolizing time with Jesus.)
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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