

Mary and Martha

LUKE 10:38-42

This week's theme is **DISTRACTIONS**. Jesus visited Mary and Martha's house! Mary was excited to listen to and learn from Jesus! Martha got everything ready for Jesus! Jesus reminded Martha that distractions can get in the way of spending time with God.

Which Sister Is It?

List ways you can be busy like Martha, like cleaning your room, talking on the phone, or playing a game. Then list ways you can be still like Mary, like reading a Bible story, taking a quiet walk, or praying. Cut ideas apart and mix together. Take turns acting out ideas one at a time and guessing which sister you see.

Getting to Know You

Invite two or three church members to dinner. Get ready for your visitors like Martha and Mary did. Clean your home, make a menu, and prepare the meal together. Think of questions you could ask your guests and a Bible story you can read together after dinner.

Time with God

Brainstorm different ways your family can spend time with God. Read and act out a Bible story. Sing a hymn or worship song. Pray. Take a walk and enjoy God's creation. Pick one way to spend time with God together this week.

Welcome Everywhere

Mary and Martha welcome Jesus and the disciples in their home. You can welcome people in your home and also at your church. Brainstorm a list of ways to help visitors feel welcome at church. Try one the next time you're there!

A Special Visitor

Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus into their home. Jesus visited lots of different people! Read Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 8:14-17, and Mark 2:13-17 to find out more about these special visits.

This week our family is praying for...

Distracti-what?

Pair up with a friend or family member to have a staring contest. Ask another friend to try and distract you by talking, making noises, or moving around the room. How did the distractions affect the game? How did the distractions affect Martha's ability to learn from Jesus?

Mary and Martha Live

Glue googly eyes to two large craft sticks and use markers to make faces. Add yarn for hair and pieces of felt or wrapping paper for clothes. Pick which stick puppet is Mary and which is Martha. Use your puppets to act out the Bible story for friends.