

February 11, 2018

Morning Overview

Lesson: *The Two Sisters*

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God kept His greatest and best promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

Today our children learn about two sisters, Martha and Mary, and their response to Jesus' presence. We see a busy-body Martha, who for all good intentions, is going about things the wrong way. And we have Mary, who at some glance might come across as lazy or indifferent to the hospitality required in that time, sitting at the feet of Jesus attentive to his words. Before us we see, and Jesus affirms, that the most important posture towards the Lord is not that of the immaculate host, but of the listening disciple. Listening to our Lord should be affirmed regardless of the "other" ministry opportunities at hand. The listening disciple comes as one humble, desiring to learn and be attentive to the words of our Lord. Responding in this way to the Lord and His words is what it means to be His disciple.

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Story: Vos Child's Study Bible, Pages 303-304, The Beginner's Bible, Pages 400-405.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: Mary, Martha, and Jesus Finger Puppets

Supplies: Cut outs of Mary, Martha, and Jesus, tape

Instructions: Have children tape figures to fingers and re-enact the story.



Relay of the Day: Jesus May I ... ?

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

- **Cherub Church** for 3's (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Craft: Mary Listens to Jesus

Supplies: Head band, 2 ears, verse label, stapler, tape, crayons/markers

- Instructions:**
1. Glue or tape left and right ear to head band.
 2. Glue verse label to center of head band.
 3. Color head band if desired.
 4. Fit head band around child's head and secure with staples.



Relay of the Day: Jesus May I ... ?

Story: *The Two Sisters*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, do you have chores at home? (Allow kids to answer, or suggest some to prompt them). I'm sure when you do your chores it is very helpful to your parents. In our story today, we have Martha, and she was doing her "chores", but she forgot to do the most important thing...Let's find out what she forgot to do!
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus had been travelling, but decided to stop into a town to visit Martha and Mary.
- Mary and Martha were sisters. Martha was busy trying to host Jesus and others; Mary was concerned about listening to Jesus' teaching.
- Martha frustrated by her sister's inaction, petitions Jesus to help. Martha wants Jesus to tell Mary to help host.
- Jesus kindly rebukes Martha stating that Mary has done what is right: to attend and listen to Jesus' teaching.

Story

Transition

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The Two Sisters

Jesus travelled many places to tell others about God's kingdom and what it meant to love and know God. As Jesus travelled, his followers travelled with him too. One day, Jesus went into a town. In the town were two sisters: Mary and Martha. Martha invited Jesus to come to her house to rest and stay. Jesus came to Martha's house and continued to teach those near him. Martha's sister, Mary, immediately sat down at Jesus' feet. She wanted to hear everything Jesus had to say!

Mary paid close attention to every word Jesus said. Martha, however, was not listening to Jesus teach. Martha, the Bible tells us, "became angry because she had so much work to do." It may be that she was cooking, cleaning, welcoming guests, or serving Jesus and the disciples. Finally, Martha had had enough; she was very mad at Mary. Martha noticed that Mary was getting to enjoy Jesus' teaching, but she wasn't. Martha barged in to the room where Jesus was teaching and said to Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to do all the work? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus responded to Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are getting worried and upset about too many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will never be taken away from her." Martha was too concerned about hosting and doing chores around her house, that she forgot the most important thing: to listen to the words of Jesus! Jesus was there to tell all people about Him and God's kingdom, and Jesus wanted Martha to hear all about it!

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Who did Jesus visit?
- Who invited Jesus over to their home?
- Who sat at Jesus' feet?
- What was Mary doing?
- Who was busy doing chores around the house?
- What did Martha say to Jesus?
- What did Jesus say to Martha?
- What was the most important thing Mary did and Martha could have done?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Memory for February:

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 18:14)

Catechism Questions (1-20)

Hymn of the Month:

Jesus Loves Me This I Know