



3rd – 5th

March 14-15, 2015

DATE

Mary and Martha

LESSON TITLE

Luke 10:38-42
Adventure Bible (p. 1140)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants to be first in our lives

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Are you joining in on Beans and Rice this week? Be prepared to tell kids about how you're sacrificing your regular food and eating beans and rice instead. Explain WHY you're doing it, and how it brings you closer to Jesus.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to show their parents what they chose to give up for Jesus (what they drew on their placemat). They also have great new (and probably slightly messy) bracelets to remind them to be part of Beans and Rice Week—and to help each other put Jesus above what we want.

large group heads up

This week is Beans and Rice week at Crossroads! During large group, we'll be talking about how Jesus wants to be first in our lives through the story of Mary and Martha. Beans and Rice week is just one of many ways he show Jesus how important he is to us.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

MORE IMPORTANT, LESS IMPORTANT

**Break into small groups for this activity.*

- Lay out a **large piece of tear off paper** in the middle of your group.
- **Draw** a big circle on it, and write "MOST IMPORTANT" inside the circle.
- Hand each kid a **cotton ball**.
- Tell kids that you're going to list two things. The kids get to decide which they think is more important. As you list each set of things, kids decide which they think is most important by putting their cotton ball in the circle.
- For example, say "Donuts and broccoli. If you think donuts are more important, put your cotton ball in the circle. Okay, now if you think broccoli is more important, put your cotton ball in the circle."
- List each set of items on this list and let kids decide what they think is more important (they will re-use the cotton ball for each set):
 - Donuts or broccoli
 - Breakfast or dinner
 - Summer or winter
 - Thanksgiving or Christmas
 - Math or art
 - Water or soda
 - Friends or pets
 - School or video games
 - Minecraft or Instagram
 - M&Ms or Skittles
- Once you've finished, kids can throw away their cotton ball. Then ask them to share the best and worst parts of their week.

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will **(1)** Retell the story of Mary and Martha **(2)** Understand the importance of spending time with Jesus and **(3)** identify how to give their time to Jesus in their own lives.

Why? Jesus wants to be close to us, and that means we need to spend quality time with him. Sometimes we can get caught up in the trivial things though, like Martha.

Tip: Describe to kids how you personally spend time with Jesus. Do you like to write in a journal? Pray? Sing to him? Make it relatable for them, so they can understand how they can do it too.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did Jesus come to Mary and Martha's house?
2. What did Mary do?
3. What did Martha do?
4. What did Jesus want them to do?
5. Why does Jesus want to spend time with you?
6. What else could you give up to show Jesus he's the MOST important this week? (Let kids talk about eating beans and rice instead of other food or giving up things like video games, Facebook, etc.)

RICE AND BEANS BRACELET

- Give each kid a **long piece of masking tape (about 10-12")**.
- Have them **put it around their wrist, sticky side out**.
- Then let them put their hand into the **Ziploc bag**; they can **roll it around** to get beans and rice to stick. Have them **shake it a little** inside the bag to make sure all the loose or half-stuck pieces fall off in the bag.
- This bracelet is to remind them to help each other make Jesus important this week!

BEANS AND RICE PLACEMAT

- Hand out a **circle template** to each kid.
- Tell them to think of what they want to give up for Jesus. Then **draw** a picture of it in the circle.
- If they're willing, have kids share what they drew.
- Next, hand out **glue sticks, and a piece of construction paper to each kid**.
- Kids can glue the circle onto the construction paper with a glue stick.

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- This is going to be a placemat to use for Beans and Rice week! Tell kids they can set it under their plate as they eat, to remind them about how Jesus should be the most important thing in our lives, and that means we should spend time with him!
- Give kids a ***Beans and Rice sticker*** to remind them of the placemat's importance.

***Pray, asking God to help us remember why we're eating beans and rice this week.**

Still have extra time? Add more pictures, designs or words to the placemats to remind us of Jesus.

special notes

****Don't forget to find the additional part of the script in the Large Group bin. It'll have details on the Beans and Rice Week organizations (they were still in progress during the time this lesson was created).***

presenter tips

We're listening to a new song today. Watch it ahead of time and encourage kids to really talk to God while they listen to it. You can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHE9K1B7SAY&list=PLIW2sAmkqygSeMd81ii-alj70pk8OByeO&index=29>

script

****Click to play intro slide***

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! It's so good to have you here. Raise your hand if you think some things are more important than other things? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, me too. We just played a game about how some things are more important than others. Did you all agree on every single thing? (Let kids respond.) No way! You probably all thought differently!

Let's take these two things right here: **(click to show slide)** Cake or ice cream. Raise your hand if you think cake is more important! (Let kids respond.) Okay, how about ice cream? (Let kids respond.) All right, let's do one more: **(click to show slide)** Spending time with your family, or playing video games. Raise your hand if you think family is more important? Raise your hand if you think video games are more important? Okay, good job everybody!

INTRO: MARY AND MARTHA

Today, we're going to talk about a story where Jesus told two women what the MOST IMPORTANT thing is. Does anybody have a guess at what it is? (Let kids guess; don't give it away.) Hmmmm, let's see if you're right.

We're going to watch a video now about what Jesus said. He talked about what was important when he visited the home of two sisters, two of his friends, Mary and Martha. As we watch, I want you to see if you can figure out what Jesus said is MOST important.

Video: God's Story: Mary and Martha

So what did Jesus tell Mary and Martha was the most important thing? (Let kids respond.) That's right, Jesus said HE was. And spending time with him is *the only thing* that's needed. So anything we compared to him would definitely be less important. Jesus would win our "most important" game...*every single time.*



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And in the video, Mary focused on Jesus and treated him like he's more important than anything else. But what did Martha treat as important? (Let kids respond.) Yes, she was busy getting things ready in the kitchen and was mad that Mary wouldn't come help her. She was mad Mary was just sitting with Jesus!

JESUS WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH US

You know, it's easy for us to do that, too. I'm going to show you a picture. If you do the thing on the first picture every week, then I want you to hold up one finger. If you do the thing on the second picture, hold up another finger...and so on. One finger per activity. You ready?

(Click to show the following pictures and model by holding up your own fingers where applicable. No need for much commentary, just read the heading out loud in case kids can't tell what the activity is from the photo, then continue):

- Eating food
- Playing video games
- Talking to friends
- Playing a sport
- Playing a musical instrument
- Writing/drawing
- Spending money
- Watching TV or movies
- Talking on the phone/texting
- Listening to music

Wow, look at all the fingers I have up! I see you guys do too. This is a lot of great stuff, but it can take up our time and maybe even distract us from the ONE (hold up only one finger) thing that is needed.

So one thing that we can do to remind ourselves that Jesus is the ONE thing we need is to purposely get rid of something. Sometimes, for example, people skip a meal and instead of eating, spend time praying. That's called fasting. You can also fast by giving up Instagram or video games for a week. Basically, you show Jesus that HE is more important to you than those other things.

BEANS AND RICE

You know, as followers of Jesus, we don't have to do this alone. We can help each other. And this week, all of Crossroads is doing something special to help each other focus on Jesus and make him the most important. Let's watch a video to find out what that is.

Video: Beans and Rice

Wow, so everybody is going to give up our normal food. And instead, we're just eating beans and rice. That way, we can save money on food and give it away to help others. And you know what? At the end of the week, we're going to give our money to help people who have a need. It'll help some people who need a home or need a job...or maybe need to be healed.



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Through Beans and Rice Week, we're showing Jesus with our actions that showing his love to people in need is MORE important to us than eating what we like or doing what we want to do. Nothing is as important as knowing Jesus and being like him and this is our chance to show him that we really believe that.

If you save up money, next week you can give it with one of these brand new boxes you see around Kids' Club (**click to show picture of the "Give box"**).

JESUS GAVE EVERYTHING FOR US

What's really neat is that Jesus asks us to make HIM the most important...but he also gave away everything he had for us. He left heaven to come to earth and live like us, suffer like us...and die like us, just so that he could be close to us. He gave his very life away for us, so let's think about giving him something this week.

We're going to listen to a song about how He gave up himself for us, so he can take everything we have. As you listen, just talk to Jesus in your head. Ask Him anything. Tell him how you feel. If you don't understand why He wants to be most important to us, ask him about it. If you don't feel like eating beans and rice for a week, tell him about it. Then sit and consider how much HE gave up...for YOU.

Song: Take it All

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHE9K1B7SAY&list=PLIW2sAmkqygSeMd81ii-alj70pk8OByeO&index=29>)

WORSHIP

Okay everybody, now let's stand up and worship God together! Worship is another awesome way we can show God he's important.

Music Video: All That You Need

PRAY

Jesus, thank you so much for wanting to spend time with us and wanting us to make you #1 in our lives. We are so glad that you love US so much that you gave up everything to be close to us. We love you, amen!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid

1 cotton ball

Per group

Large tear off sheet of paper

Markers

small group supplies

Per kid

1 circle template (Amazon.com; search "100 Color Construction Paper Die-Cut Circles 9.75 inch diameter")

1 piece of colored construction paper

1 Beans and Rice sticker (printed on an Avery 5294 template)

Per group

Adventure Bible (p. 1140)

Glue sticks

Scissors

Markers

Roll of masking tape

Gallon Ziploc bag filled with dry white rice and black beans

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (p. 1140)

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: Cake/ice cream (2 pictures on 1 slide)
3. Slide: Family/video games (2 pictures on 1 slide)
4. Video: God's Story: Mary and Martha (<https://vimeo.com/75409317>)
5. The following images (one per slide):
 - a. Eating food
 - b. Minecraft
 - c. Talking to friends
 - d. Playing a sport
 - e. Playing a musical instrument
 - f. Drawing or writing
 - g. Spending money
 - h. Watching TV or movies
 - i. Talking on the phone/texting
 - j. Listening to music
6. Video: Rice and Beans <http://vimeo.com/89430175>
7. Image: Give Box (to be photographed by Dave)
8. Song: Take it all
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHE9K1B7SAY&list=PLIW2sAmkqxgSeMd81ii-aj70pk8OByeO&index=29>
9. Song: All That You Need (use the dance moves video, not the acoustic version; will be on Vimeo by time of this lesson)

connect questions

Tell me about Mary and Martha.

How can we show Jesus he's important to us?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate doc.