



Kindergarten-2nd

March 14-15, 2015

DATE

Mary and Martha

LESSON TITLE

Luke 10:38-42
Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1212)

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

Ask kids about how they're going to spend time with Jesus this week; take a look at their placemat and what they've drawn on it!

large group heads up

This week is extra special—it's Beans and Rice week at Crossroads! During large group, we'll be talking about how Jesus wants us to be first in our lives through the story of Mary and Martha. Beans and Rice week is just one of many ways we 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 **plastic token (kids do not get to keep tokens)**.
- 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 token in the circle.
- For example, say "Donuts and broccoli. If you think donuts are more important, put your token in the circle. Okay, now if you think broccoli is more important, put your token in the circle."
- **List each set of item on this list and let kids decide what they think is more important:**
 - Donuts or broccoli
 - Rocks or bouncy balls
 - Breakfast or dinner
 - Summer or winter
 - Halloween or Christmas
 - Math or art
 - Water or juice
 - Friends or stuffed animals
 - School or playing
- Once you've finished, gather all the tokens, put them away, and ask kids what the best, or worst, parts of their week were.

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 they can 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? 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. Why did Jesus tell Martha to stop worrying about food and cleaning?
5. Why does Jesus want to spend time with you?

BEANS AND RICE PLACEMAT

- Hand out a **circle cutout** to each kid.
- Tell them to think of one way they can spend time with Jesus. Then **draw** a picture of it in the circle.
- Next, hand out **glue sticks, a piece of construction paper, and 5 star stickers.**
- Tell kids to glue the circle on the construction paper with a glue stick.
- 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!
- Pass out **1 Beans and Rice Sticker** to each kid to put on their place mat.

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

Give each kid a coloring page. Still have extra time? Add more pictures, designs or words to the placemats to remind us of Jesus.

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special notes

You'll be using these props during the lesson today: **Paper bag, plate, fork, knife, napkin, cup.**

presenter tips

Today's God's story video:
God's Story: Mary and Martha
<http://vimeo.com/75409317>

Today's song videos:
All That You Need
<http://vimeo.com/106958575>
Savior Comin'
<http://vimeo.com/109156876>

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!

Today we're going to talk about one of the most important things of all, spending time with Jesus. Give me a thumbs up if you think that's an important thing to do? Yep, me too!

INTRO: MARY AND MARTHA

Our story starts with two women, Mary and Martha. They were friends with Jesus. Now what do you do when you hang out with friends? (Call on a few kids to answer.) Cool! When I hang out with friends, I like to eat food, or watch a movie, or play games, or just talk!

Well, when Jesus came to visit Mary and Martha one day, he was so excited to spend time with them. He wanted to talk about their lives! We're going to watch a video now about what happened when he came over. As we watch, I want you to pay special attention to what Jesus really wants from Mary and Martha when he's at their house.



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VIDEO: God's Story: Mary and Martha

Who can tell me what Jesus wanted while he was with Mary and Martha? (Let 1-2 kids respond.) That's right, he just wanted to spend time with them! But that was hard for Martha to do. She was so focused on making sure everything was perfect—that the food was just right, that everything was clean, that everything looked good—it made her all stressed out and worried! So worried, that she forgot **the most important thing**.

JESUS WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH US

Before we talk more about Mary and Martha, I have something I need to do. Sometimes, I get really hungry during church. So hungry that I can't even focus on anything else, so I decided to bring some spaghetti. Let me get a few supplies out. (Set out the **bag**, sit down and talk about each of the items as you set them on stage.) I remembered to bring a **plate** to put my spaghetti on. And I need a **fork** and a **knife**. I also need a **napkin**, so I don't get spaghetti sauce all over me. And I need a **cup** for something to drink. Now I'm ready to eat my spaghetti! (Shake the bag so it's clear there's nothing left.) Wait a minute, I forgot something! What did I forget? (Let kids respond.) Oh no! You're right! I forgot all about the most important thing! The spaghetti!

Guys, this is how it was with Martha. She was so busy trying to worry about all the little things, she forgot what Jesus really wanted. He just wanted to spend time with her. Guess what? It's the same with us! Jesus wants to spend time with us more than anything else. Let's play a game that shows this! I'm going to show you a picture, and if you think Jesus wants to spend time with us more than what the picture shows, yell, "Yes!" and throw your fist in the air (demonstrate). If you think he doesn't us to spend time with him, give a thumbs down.

Does Jesus want to spend time with us more than... **(click to show a new slide for each)**

- Cleaning our room?
- Playing sports?
- Dancing?
- Washing the dishes?
- Hanging out with our friends?
- Playing video games?

WE CAN GIVE OUR TIME IN DIFFERENT WAYS

There are a lot of ways we can give our time to Jesus. Sometimes, it means we just talk to him. Sometimes, it means reading our Bible and hearing what he has to say to us. Sometimes, it means giving something up so we can spend more time with him. This week is pretty special here at church. It's Beans and Rice week! Here's a quick video to help show what that means:

VIDEO: Rice and Beans

That means we're all giving up a lot of the yummy food we normally eat, and instead, we're just eating beans and rice. Now what does this have to do with Jesus? Well, when we give up the food we normally eat, we can save money and give it to others. We can also focus on Jesus more, because he's the reason we're eating that way!



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We're going to play a song, and while we do, I want you to bow your head and close your eyes. This is a time for you and God to be alone and spend time together. I want you to talk to him. Tell him about your day. Tell him about how you're feeling right now. Tell him what makes you happy, or sad, or even angry. Ask him questions. He wants to know all these things!

SONG: All That You Need

Okay everybody, now let's stand up and worship God together! Worship is another awesome way to spend time with God! He loves when we use our voices to sing to him.

VIDEO: Jesus Loves Me

Great job guys! I think Jesus is really happy that we're spending so much time with him today. Let's pray together, and then we'll go to our small groups.

Prayer

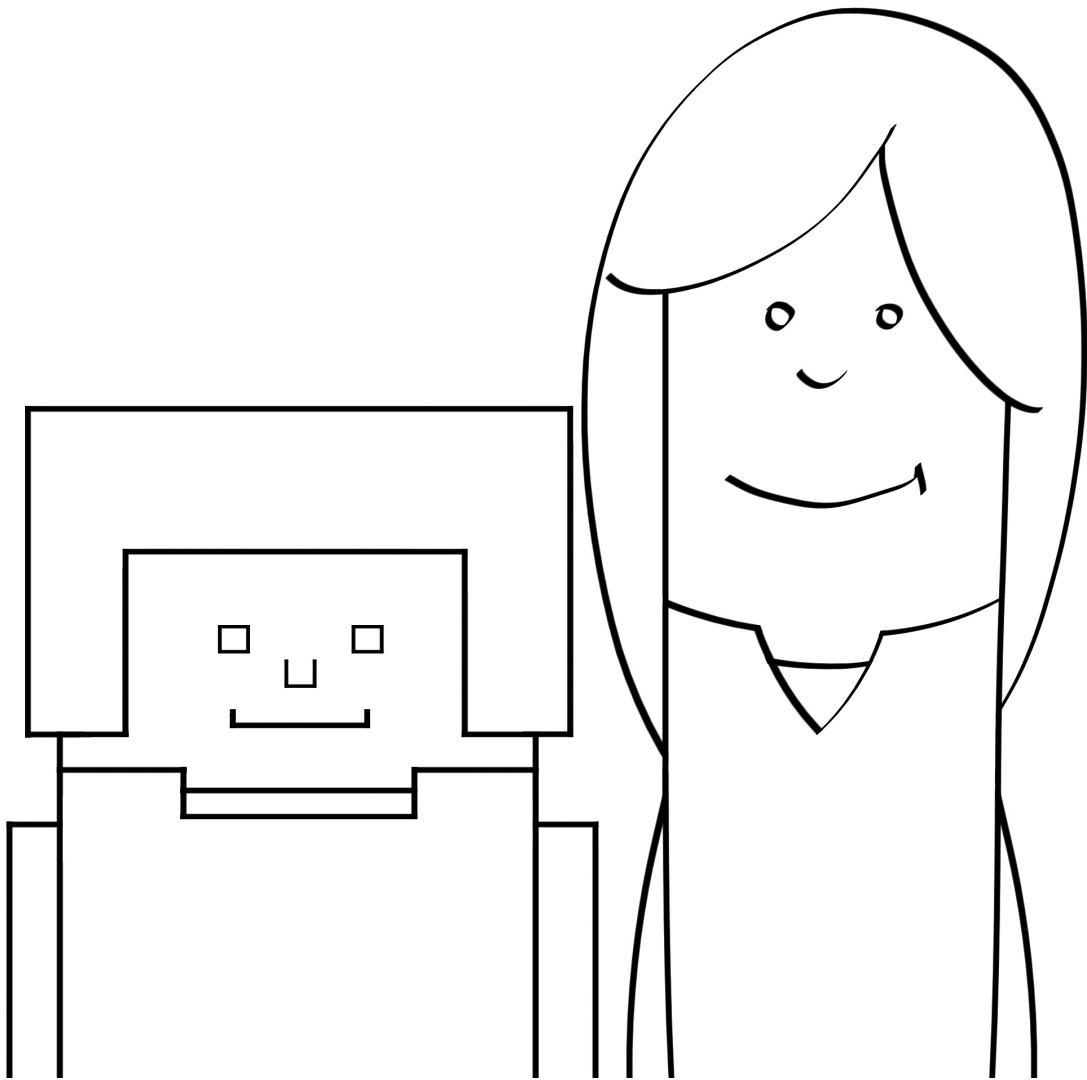
Jesus, thank you so much for wanting to spend time with us. We are so glad that you want to talk to us. We love you, amen!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid

1 plastic token (not to keep)

Per group

Large tear off sheet of paper
Markers

small group supplies

Per kid

1 circle cutout (<http://www.amazon.com/Color-Construction-Die-Cut-Circles-diameter/dp/B007QW6IWE>)
1 piece of colored construction paper
5 star stickers (OR: IN-12/1975)
1 beans and rice sticker (printed on Avery 5294 labels)

Coloring page: People

Per group

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1212)
Beanbag
Glue sticks
Markers

large group supplies

Props: Paper grocery bag, plate, fork, knife, napkin, cup (these can all be disposable plastic)

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
5. Slide: Cleaning room
6. Slide: sports
7. Slide: dancing
8. Slide: dishes
9. Slide: friends
10. Slide: video games
11. Video: Rice and Beans <http://vimeo.com/89430175>
12. Song: All That You Need <http://vimeo.com/106958575> (start at 1:13, cover with KC logo)
13. Video: Jesus Loves Me

connect questions

Who are Mary and Martha?
Can we talk to Jesus?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate doc.