

# Mary & Martha

## Story Suggestions:

*Luke 10:38-42*

Mary and Martha were two sisters who lived with their brother, Lazarus, in the town of Bethany. Jesus loved this family and He visited them often. He even raised Lazarus after he had died! One time Jesus was teaching His followers at Mary and Martha's house. Martha was busy working and serving, but Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet, listening carefully to all His words. Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help with the work, but the Lord said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; but there is need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

## Game Ideas:

### *One Thing is Needed*

**Materials:** Any variety of items that are needed (such as healthy food, water, clothing, a house, a bible, a picture of Jesus and as many others as you choose). Any variety of items that are not needed (such as ice cream, toys, a dog, candy, potato chips etc...)

**Directions:** Have the variety of items a large bag or box next to you, where the children can't see what you are going to pull out next. Tell them that in this game you want to see if they can tell which items are needed and which ones are not needed. Use this game to talk about the difference between needs and wants, and to emphasis that Jesus is the one thing that is most needed by everybody.

### *What's Most Important?*

**Directions:** Tell kids that they are going to get to play another game. In this game you are going to say two different things and they have to guess which one is more important.

*Examples:*

"What's more important playing with the dog, or feeding him?"

"What's more important, getting what you want, or making your mommy smile?"

"What's more important eating ice cream, or eating a good dinner?"

Have fun with the kids while playing this game. If they answer the wrong way, say "Oh, is that what you think? Well, I think that \_\_\_\_\_ is more important, because \_\_\_\_\_." When kids get tired of the game, or when you run out of ideas, ask them again "But what's the most important thing of all?" If they say Jesus then they got it right!

## Snack Ideas:

A good snack for this lesson would be something healthy, like fruit, or cheese. Or serve a fruit tray with dips.

Another good snack for this lesson would be something not healthy, but good, like chocolate, candy, or potato chips. During snack time you can talk about what's more important for our bodies, the healthy foods, or the "junk foods."

## Art Center Ideas:

### *What's Important to Me Craft*

#### **Materials:**

Crayons  
Drawing paper or poster board

#### **Directions:**

Tell kids that you want them to think about what's important to them, and then draw pictures of those things. Let each child tell the group about what they drew when everyone is finished.

### *What's Important to Me Collages*

#### **Materials:**

Old magazines  
Glue  
Child safety scissors  
White paper or poster board

#### **Directions:**

Look through the magazines at different pictures and talk about what is important. Let kids make a collage using pictures cut from the magazines to show what's important to them. Let them tell about their pictures, and why they picked them, if time allows.



### **Suggested Prayer:**

"Dear God, thank You for letting me know what is important to you. I pray that I will follow you, too. Thank you for Jesus, so brave and so strong. Help Him keep me from doing any wrong. In Jesus' name, Amen."