



March 14, 2021 Mary and Martha

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READ this week's story: [The Story Bible page 345](#) or in your Bible: Luke 10: 28-36

After you read the story or watch the video bible study, let's dive deeper into this story. The link for the video can be found at gsholmen.org and the bible reference and Story Bible page numbers are at the top of this page.

Both Mary and Martha loved Jesus. While he was a guest in their home, Martha was busy being a good hostess. As her sister sat listening to Jesus' words, Martha complained to him that Mary wasn't helping her. Jesus lovingly reminded Martha that Mary had chosen the one thing needed-hearing God's Word.

If I were to ask a class of children what is most important to them, I would probably get a variety of answers. School, sports, family, video games, being healthy, being happy....etc. In today's lesson two of Jesus's friends, Mary and Martha, had different ideas about what was most important. While Jesus was there Mary chose to listen to Jesus. Martha chose to work around the house to try to make Jesus comfortable and to prepare a meal. We don't have the privilege of having Jesus in our homes, or do we? Do you have a Bible in your home? Then you DO have Jesus in your home!

How often do we get busy with school and friends and sports and hobbies that we do not take the time to sit down and listen to what God has to tell us in the Bible. If we already believe in Jesus as our Savior, why is it good for us to keep listening to and studying God's word? No matter how often we hear and study God's Word, there is always more to learn. The Holy Spirit strengthens our faith as we continue to hear and study God's Word. Through the Bible, God teaches us that he is always with us and always taking care of us. The Bible reminds us of the wonderful promise of heaven that God has given us. In His Word, God tells us how he wants us to live. For example, he wants us to obey our parents and forgive others when they sin against us.

It is not wrong to want to work for Jesus. In fact Jesus tells us to work for him and his kingdom. There are times when it is good to work for Jesus, but there are other times when the most important thing for us to do is to listen to God's word. We should never let anything- not even working for Jesus-become more important than hearing God's Word.

"Choose What's Necessary" Worksheet Answers:

Part One: 1. Mary, 2. Martha, 3. Jesus, 4. Many things, 5. Only one, 6. God's Word, 7. Our Savior. The symbol should be a cross.

Part Two: Numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 and 12 should be marked.

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