

February Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

A Visit to Mary & Martha

SUPPLIES: Story page, Martha card, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and a Martha card. Set out the crayons and encourage the children to color their pages.**
 - *“I’m so happy to see you today, friends, come sit with me and let’s make some story art to help us remember today’s true story from the Bible.”*

- ⇒ **As the children color, review the story. Encourage the children to stick the Martha card into the slit in the picture.**
 - *“Look, on your paper is a picture of Mary sitting with Jesus in the house she lives in with her sister, Martha. But where is Martha? (Pick up the paper strip with Martha on it.) Here she is. Color your big picture and the picture of Martha. (Pause.) Nice job. Let’s review with your pictures. Our story begins with Martha. Point to Martha. (Pause.) She and Jesus were friends. One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, came to Martha’s house. Martha was so excited! She cleaned and cooked and was busy the whole time but her sister, Mary, sat next to Jesus and listened to everything He said. Let’s attach the paper strip with Martha on it to your paper. (Slide the strip through the slits on each child’s paper.) Pull the strip back and forth to make Martha busy. (Pause.) Martha thought her sister Mary should help her instead of sitting with Jesus and that made her upset. But Jesus said that Mary was doing the best thing. Jesus told Martha that spending time WITH Him was the most important thing. Being with Jesus is more important than doing things for Him.”*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Jesus loved Martha and wanted her to spend time with Him. Jesus wants us to spend time with Him too, because Jesus loves you and **Jesus loves me.***
 - **“Who loves you?”**
 - **“Jesus loves me!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Pause to Pray

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Encourage the children to spread out.**

- *“Friends, in our Bible Story today, Martha got so busy doing things for Jesus’ visit that she didn’t spend time with Him. We’re going to pretend we are busy doing chores. But every time I say, FREEZE!’ we will stop what we’re doing and spend time with Jesus by praying.”*

⇒ **Encourage the children to pretend to do different chores. Have them freeze and pause to pray. Repeat using different chores.**

- *“Let’s get busy! Let’s start by pretending to wipe the table. FREEZE! (Pause.) It’s time to pray! (Pause for children to get into a prayer position.) Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Okay, let’s all get back to our chores! This time let’s pretend to sweep. (Repeat several rounds using different chores like dusting, cleaning windows, putting things away, etc.) You all did such a great job stopping what you were doing to spend time with Jesus!*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“In our Bible Story, when Martha got upset that Mary wasn’t helping, Jesus told Martha that spending time WITH Him was more important than doing things for Him. Jesus loved Martha and wanted her to spend time with Him. Jesus wants us to spend time with Him too, because Jesus loves you, and **Jesus loves me!***
- **Who loves you?**
- **Jesus loves me!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Make a Face

SUPPLIES: Foam cube with emotions cards in sleeves

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite children to gather to get ready to play the game.**
 - *“Friends, come sit on the floor in a circle with me. There are six different faces on this cube: (turn to each face when you name it) happy face, sad face, surprised face, excited face, angry face, and a laughing face. We’re going to pass it around and take turns rolling it. I want you to look at the face it stops on, then lead our friends to make the same face.”*
- ⇒ **Invite children to roll the cube and do the action on the card. After they’ve done the action, ask them the big question.**
 - *“Ready? [Child’s name], You can roll it first! (Roll the cube.) Make the same face you see. (Pause.) Whoa! That’s a [emotion] face! Everybody make the same face that [child’s name] is making. (Pause.) Great job! Does Jesus love us when we are [emotion]? (Pause.) Yes! Now tell me: **Who loves you? Jesus loves me!** Let’s let someone else roll it this time. (Repeat as desired, reviewing the bottom line after each roll.) Jesus loves you no matter what you’re feeling!”*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!*
 - **“Who loves you?”**
 - **“Jesus loves me!”**

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Heart stress balls, Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**
 - *“This month, we’ve been learning a new memory verse. Let’s practice it together. ‘**Jesus said** (tap finger to middle of each palm) “**Let the children** (point to children) **come to me,**” (move hands toward self) **Matthew 19:14.**” (Open hands like a book.) Great job!”*

- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
 - *“Now, everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
 - *“I have some balls here that look like hearts. Hearts remind us of love and Jesus loves you and **Jesus loves me!**”*

- ⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**
 - *“Let’s shake our arms and pop the hearts up into the air! Go!”*

- ⇒ **When all the balls have popped out of the parachute...**
 - *“Let’s do our memory verse again! ‘**Jesus said** (tap finger to middle of each palm) “**Let the children** (point to children) **come to me,**” (move hands toward self) **Matthew 19:14.**” (Open hands like a book.)*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who loves you?***
 - ***Jesus loves me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY FEBRUARY WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 385 "Mary and Martha"

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who loves you?***
- ***Jesus loves me!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Matthew 19:14**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Mary spent time with Jesus in the home she lived in with her sister, Martha. I like to spend time with Jesus outside. We can spend time with Jesus anywhere, because He always wants to spend time with us. Let's make a list of our favorite places to spend time with Jesus. It can be your bedroom, your yard, a park, your car . . .

ANYWHERE! When I say your name, tell me **one place you can spend time with God.**

- *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere, like ... (read the list the children made). I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."*