

CITY LG – March 21st- 22nd, 2026

Bible Story: Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line: Make time for Jesus first.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* • Philippians 2:3 NlrV

WORSHIP

Live Differently

He Has Won

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everyone! Welcome, welcome! I'm so glad you're here. This whole month, we've been learning what it means to live upside down—our series is called 'Upside Down!' That means doing things the way Jesus does them, and sometimes, that looks totally different from what everyone else is doing.

Sometimes, following Jesus seems upside down or backwards because it looks totally different from what other people are doing. That's why it's so important to make time for Jesus so that we can learn how HE wants us to live!

Before we get into it today, I've got a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **How can you make time for Jesus?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.

That sounds a lot like our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Make time for Jesus first. That's what we're learning about today—how we can make Jesus first in our lives! Can you say that with me?

Make time for Jesus first!

Great job, everyone. Now, let's take a look at our Memory Verse for this month. It's Philippians 2:3! I'll read it, and then we'll all say it together!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. —Philippians 2:3 (NlrV)

This verse reminds us of the best way to treat people. When it says, 'Don't do anything only to get ahead,' it means we don't always have to be better than everyone else. It's not all about us winning at any cost, including hurting other people or doing it to make us feel more important than others. The

verse also says, *'Don't do it because you are proud.'* That means we don't need to brag or show off. Instead, we can be humble, which means we can share, take turns, and let others go first.

Today, we're going to look at a story from the Bible where Jesus showed that spending time with Him is the most important thing we can do! But before we get into that true story from the Bible today, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing all year long!

We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover!

Why are we doing that? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him! He wants to be our close, close friend. So as we go through the Bible this year, our hope is to learn more about God!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! (*Gesture to slide.*)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Today we're continuing our journey through the Bible. We're at the part of the Bible where Jesus was on Earth! So let's see what we can learn from something that happened in His life!

And we'll start with a question. Have you ever had a day where you were really, really busy? You had to get ready fast, hurry to school, clean your room, or finish a lot of things all at once? When we get that busy, it's easy to feel rushed and tired, right?

Well, today's story is about two sisters who had one of those super-busy days. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Bible Story

So what did we learn from our story today? Both Mary and Martha loved Jesus. Martha showed her love by working hard and serving. Mary showed her love by being with Jesus. Both sisters were doing good things, but Jesus wanted Martha to understand that the best thing we can do is be with Him.

Jesus said that Mary had chosen what was better. Mary made time to be with Jesus. She wasn't worried about being perfect. She just wanted to be close to Jesus. And being with Jesus calmed her heart and filled her with peace.

This week, you can make time for Jesus first by simply by turning your thoughts toward Him since He's always with you. You can pray a quick prayer, asking Him to remind you of His presence. You can pause at any moment in your day to thank Jesus or to ask Him to guide what you do and say.

This week, whenever you start to feel busy or hurried, remember what Mary did. She made being with Jesus the most important. You can do that too.

Let's talk to the God who wants to be friends with you!

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us remember to pause and make time for You first. Please fill our hearts with peace and joy when we take time to stop and listen and remember You are with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SLIDE: Theme

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Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that was taken from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi!