



## STORY

Mary and Martha - Luke 10, 38-42

## TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, grant that the door to my heart may always be open to welcome You to dwell there. Open my lips to make You known in all Your graciousness to the children in my care so that You may come and dwell in their hearts. Amen.

## VOCABULARY

### OUTER AIM

Jesus welcomed into the home of Martha and Mary

### INNER AIM

**BACKGROUND** *Rupprecht Bible History References, Vol. 2, pp. 236 ff.*

Jesus and His disciples were on the way from Perea (land east of the Jordan river) to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Temple. This festival had its beginnings some 160 years before the birth of Christ. It was also called the Festival of Lights. It is still observed by the Jews today. It is called Hanukkah. As they journeyed, the disciples, and perhaps Lazarus, with them went on to Jerusalem; Jesus stayed behind in Bethany at the home of Martha and Mary. This was a home that the Lord entered often and to which He enjoyed going.

. 38 received him - welcomed him not as a stranger, but as one highly regarded

. 39 Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening intently to all He said. One can well imagine that He opened the Old Testament Scriptures to her to see in Him their fulfillment. (cf. The Emaus Disciples)

. 40 Martha was concerned about feeding the Lord. He was true man as well as true God; He did need food and drink. The two sisters saw in Jesus two different sides of his nature. Mary saw the Lord Who could teach. Martha saw the Lord Who needed to be served. Martha was frustrated and expected Mary to help her.

. 41 The Savior chides: "Martha, Martha"

. 42 Mary's choice of being served was very much in place. There is a time to be served, but there is also a time to serve.

### STUDENT PRAYER TLH #286, v. 1 and 6

How precious is the Book Divine, By inspiration given;  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heaven.

This lamp through all the tedious night, Of life shall guide our way  
Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day.

## **PRESENTATION**

Briefly review previous story as time allows. Make links to the new story when possible. Tell the story: Teachers, be encouraged to tell the story in your own words while remaining faithful to the scriptural account. When scripture records the story in more than one place, you may want to harmonize the accounts (including extra details found in each account). Let the students know where they can find the additional details in the Bible.

Discuss the story: While reviewing the major events of the story, discuss the possible applications to the students' lives. Ask questions that make them think about the story and show that they understand the story.

## **APPLICATION**

As Jesus blessed the family in Bethany, so you will want Him to:

- .bless your heart and home with His presence
- .bless your heart and home with His instruction
- .bless your heart and home with His correction

## **PASSAGES**

**These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.**

### Lower

Luke 11:28 - “.blessed are those who hear the Word of God, and keep it.”

Samuel 3:9 - “.Speak, Lord; for Your servant hears.”

### Middle

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Luke 19:5 - “.today I must stay at your house.”

### Upper

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Samuel 3:9 - “.Speak, Lord; for Your servant hears.”

Luke 19:5 - “.today I must stay at your house.”

Luke 24:29 - “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to stay with them.”

## **HYMN CHOICES**

The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare - TLH 368, vs. 1-4

The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear - TLH 281, vs. 1-5