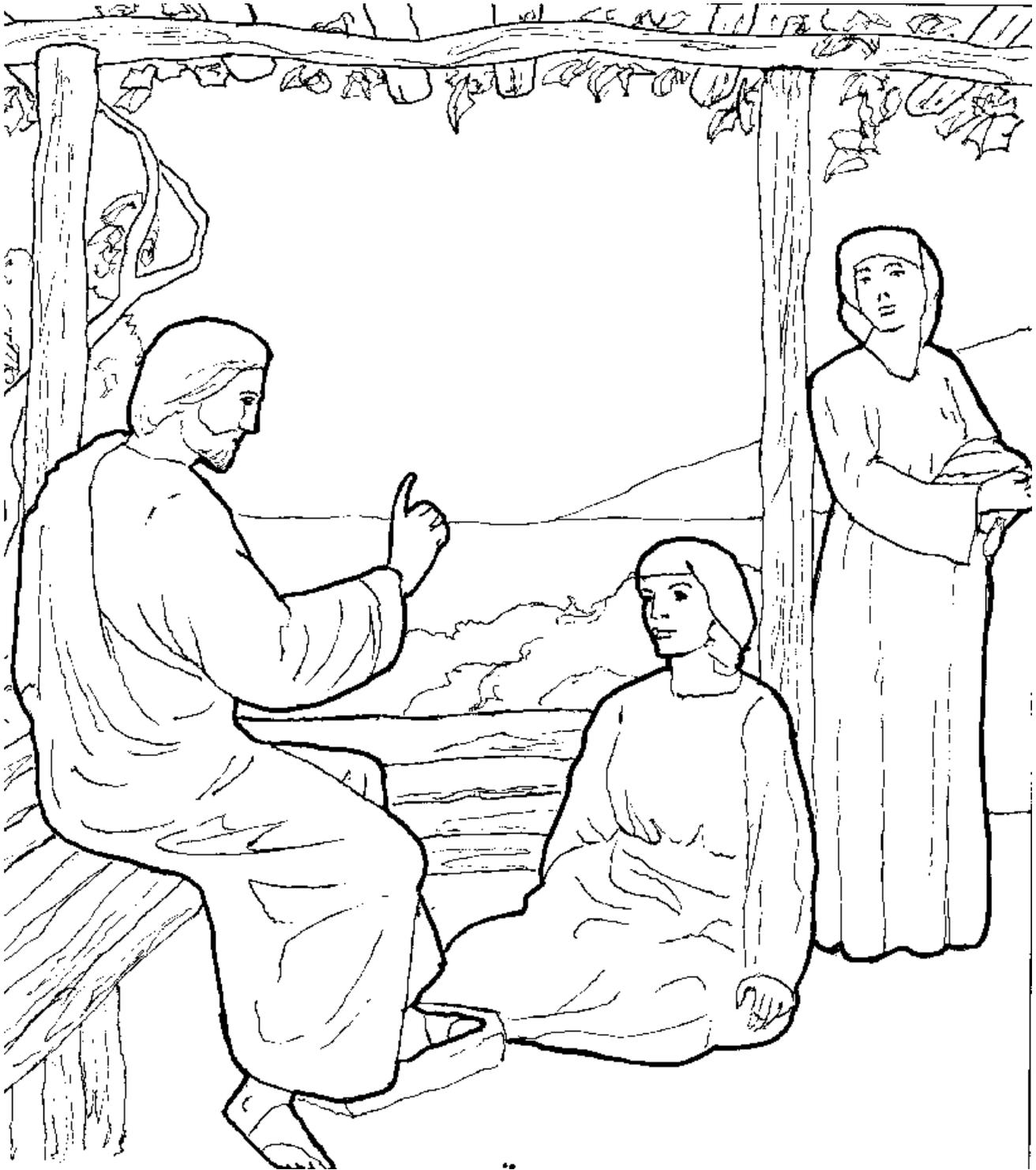


Mary & Martha

Luke 10



Hearing God's Word was the most important thing for Mary.



The Story

Not far from Jerusalem, there was a little village called Bethany. Jesus had special friends who lived there. They were sisters, named Mary and Martha. Their brother, Lazarus, also lived with them.

One day when Jesus came to Bethany, Martha invited Him to come to their house for a meal.

Martha was very busy preparing the meal for Jesus. She wanted to show her love for Him by cooking a good meal.

While Martha was working, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to every word He said. He was teaching her the Word of God.

Martha thought that Mary should be helping her with the meal. There was a lot of work to be done. Martha thought that cooking a good meal was more important than just sitting and listening to Jesus.

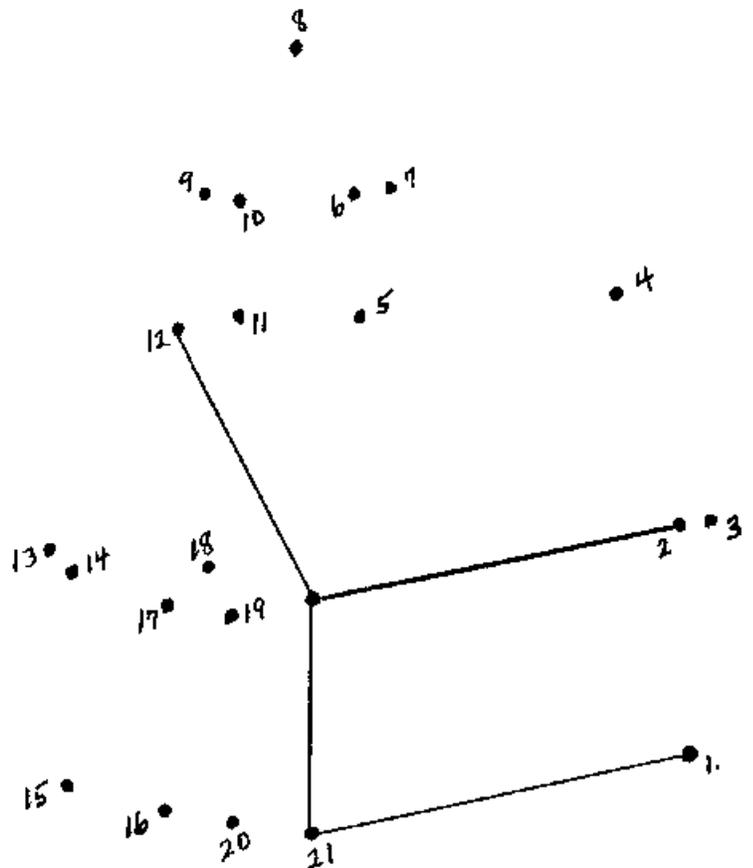
Finally, Martha came to Jesus and said, "Don't You care that my sister is just sitting there while I'm doing all the work by myself? Please tell her to come and help me."

But Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried about

many things, but Mary is doing the most important thing. She is listening to the Word of God, and she will always remember what she has learned. No one can ever take that away from her."

Hearing the Word of God is more important than anything else that we do in this life. We need to try to be more like Mary, and always hear and learn God's Word whenever we can.

Activity One - Connect the dots to see one of the places where we can sit at Jesus' feet and hear His Word. Color the picture.



Activity Two - Listen to the following sentences. If the sentence is true, color the happy face. If it is not true, color the sad face.



1. Mary and Martha were sisters.



2. Martha wanted to serve Jesus by preparing a meal.



3. Mary should have helped Martha with the meal.



4. It was all right for Martha to get angry at Mary.



5. Mary chose the best thing to do.



6. We should be more like Mary.



7. It's all right to stay home from church and cook a meal for the pastor.



8. God's Word is the most important thing in our life.

Activity Three - There are many places where we can hear and learn the Word of God. Find these and circle them.



Hearing God's Word is the most important thing for us.

Passages

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Hymn

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How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
Help us to be more like Mary and always be happy to hear and learn Your Word whenever we have a chance. We know that You will bless us through the hearing of Your Word. We need to put You first in our lives, because You are the way to eternal life. Amen