

# Mary & Martha

Luke 10:38-42



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 a meal for Jesus. She wanted to show her love for Jesus by cooking a good meal for Him.

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. She 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."

Then 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** - Read the following sentences. If the sentence is true, write 'Yes' on the line. If the sentence is not true, write 'No' on the line.

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.

9. \_\_\_\_ We don't have many chances to hear God's Word.

**Activity Two** - The following are sets of activities. Put a 1 by the more important activity and a 2 by the less important.

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| ____ eating   | ____ watching TV       | ____ cleaning your room               |
| ____ devotion | ____ going to VBS      | ____ going to church                  |
| ____ praying  | ____ reading the Bible | ____ talking to friends about clothes |
| ____ playing  | ____ reading a book    | ____ talking to friends about Jesus   |

**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 - TLH #285 v. 1, 4

Discuss the words: *Book Divine, inspiration, doctrines, tedious night of life, eternal day*

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

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

## 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