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## Mary and Martha

**Reference:** Luke 10:38-42

**Main Point:** Mary and Martha were friends of Jesus. Jesus was pleased that Mary listened to him. She chose the best thing! Friends of Jesus listen to him.

### Activities to do together:

- **Guess the Sound** - Download the following free APP "[Sounds for Toddlers FREE](#)". Tap on pictures to make sounds. Children listen and guess the sounds that are played. Talk to children about how in today's Bible lesson we are going to hear about someone who was good at listening. Talk about how it is good to be a good listener. When do they think it is important to listen?
- **Home Corner/ Kitchen** - Set up a 'Kitchen Corner' for the children to enjoy some imaginative play cooking and serving food. As they play, talk to them about how in today's story we are going to hear about a time when Jesus came to visit some friends, Mary and Martha. Have the children suggest what sorts of things they might have done to get ready for Jesus' visit. What happens in their house when people come to visit?
- **Activity [Bookmark Craft](#)** Make a bookmark like the ones pictured in the link for children to use in their children's Bible. Children can decorate their bookmarks with stickers. On each bookmark write 'Jesus wants his friends to listen to him'. As they decorate their bookmarks, talk about how we can hear Jesus' words when we read the Bible.
- **Outside Game** - Choose three actions that Mary and Martha might have done.
  - Sweep the floor - move arms side to side pretending to sweep the floor
  - Stir the dinner - Pretend to stir a pot of food.
  - Listen to Jesus - Stop and drop to the floor and open your hands like you are reading the Bible.

Say the three phrases in random order. Children have to listen to you and perform the correct actions. After playing a few rounds get faster and see if the children can keep up. Today we are going to hear a true story from the Bible about Jesus' friends listening.

**Bible:** Read the story of Mary and Martha from your children's bible.

**Discussion:** Talk about the Bible story you have just read using the following questions:

**Who are Mary and Martha?** *Mary and Martha are sisters and they are friends with Jesus.*

**What did Mary do when Jesus came to visit?** *Mary wanted to sit and spend time listening to Jesus.*

**What did Martha do when Jesus came to visit?** *Martha got very busy doing things for Jesus. Martha thought that her jobs were more important than listening to Jesus.*



**Who chose the best thing?** *Jesus was pleased that Mary listened to him. He wanted Martha to stop and listen to him too. Jesus said that Mary made the best choice.*

**If we are friends of Jesus, what do you think Jesus wants us to do?** *Listen to him.*

**How do we listen to Jesus? We can't see him, how does he talk to us?** *In his word the Bible. It's good for us to read Jesus' words in the Bible everyday. We can listen to Jesus every week at Church and EV Kids too!*

### **Pray together:**

Dear God,

Thank you that Mary listened to Jesus. Please help us to listen to the Bible so that we can hear what Jesus says to his friends too.

Amen

**Memory verse:** 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.'- John 14:6

### **Ideas for sermon time:**

- Watch this week's video for under 5's
- Activity [Listening Ears](#) Print copies of the ear template in the link provided. Cut out. Have the children colour in their ears and glue to either side of the cardboard strip. Join the ends of the cardboard strip (like a crown). Stick or write the following caption on your headband- 'Listening to Jesus is the best thing to do.'
- Print this [Colouring Page](#) or this [Colouring Page](#).