



Bible Character Study



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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Mary and Martha – loving and caring for one another.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to love and care for one another.



Lesson Takeaway:

God loves and cares for us. He wants us to love and care for one another too.



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Bible References:

Luke 10: 38–42;
John 11: 1 – 5; 12: 1 – 8.



Who were Mary and Martha?

Mary and Martha were sisters, and they lived in a village called Bethany. They had a brother named Lazarus who lived in Bethany too. These three siblings were friends of Jesus and Jesus loved them too.



What did Mary and Martha do?

Jesus travelled a lot, preaching, teaching and healing people. Whenever he got to Bethany, Mary and Martha would invite Jesus and His disciples into their house and give them food.

Martha especially loved to cook meals for Jesus. She would keep herself busy by making sure everything is in order – the food, the serving tables, cutlery, water jars, etc. Serving was one of the ways Martha showed her love and care for Jesus.

Mary, on the other hand, preferred to just sit and listen to what Jesus was saying. Jesus would tell stories, or parables, and teach about the kingdom of God and how to follow, love and obey God. Mary just loved to listen and learn from the wisdom of Jesus. Listening is one of the ways Mary showed she loved Jesus.



What did Mary and Martha do? - Continued

In John 12: 1 – 8, when Jesus arrived in Bethany, Martha again served food. But Mary poured an expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. This perfume was worth a year's pay, but she didn't care about the cost. She just cared about anointing Jesus.



What can we learn from Mary and Martha?

First, we see that Mary and Martha expressed their love for Jesus in different ways.

What are the different ways you can show you love your family, friend, or neighbour?

You might write them an encouraging letter, draw them a beautiful picture, pray for them, buy them a gift, make them a card with a lovely note, send them a bible verse to remind them that Jesus loves and cares for them, visit them at home, or arrange a play date. What else can you do to show you love someone?

Second, while Jesus appreciated Mary and Martha for showing their love for Him, He particularly praised Mary for choosing to sit and listen to Him, for spending time with Him (Luke 10:41, 42). We learn that while there are several ways we can show that we love God, He would really prefer us to spend time listening to Him and talking to Him. We can talk and listen to God when we pray and read the bible.



Memorize:

John 13:34 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.



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Scenario review:

On Monday morning, you arrived in class to see a new student, Jake, sitting at your desk. You said, "Hello" but he was just staring at you. During lunch break, he wanted to join a few students from your class to play football, but Raymond, one of your friends, kept telling him to stay away and that he was not welcome to play. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember:

God loves and cares for you. He wants you to love and care for others too.



Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much. Thank You for taking care of me always. Help me to show your love to those you bring my way – at school, church, shopping mall, on the playground, in my neighbourhood and anywhere I go. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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