

Mary and Martha—February 2021, Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Jesus loves me and wants to spend time with me.

Mary and Martha • *Luke 10:38-42*

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

INTRO ACTIVITY:

Freeze Dance

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: Music player and the monthly song, "Whole Lotta Bit"

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cue the music on the music player.

During the Activity: Dance when the music plays and freeze when the music stops. Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity: Talk about how we'll hear a story about some people who Jesus wanted to stop and spend time with Him.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come spread out over here with me. Let's play freeze dance."

During the Activity: "Listen for the music and dance! (*Play the music.*) Remember, when the music stops, you stop and be very still. (*Pause the music.*) Wow! You did a great job being still. (*Repeat as long as desired.*) Now sit down where you are."

After the Activity: "In our story today, we'll hear how Jesus wants us to stop and spend time with Him."

VIDEO: Mary and Martha: Watch today's Bible Story Video with Pastor Robin!

REVIEW ACTIVITY No Supplies Needed!

How Long?

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Stand together in an open area in the room.

During the Activity: Ask children to do different movements for a long time. (Jump, dance, clap, etc.)

Repeat as long as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me. *(Pause.)* I have a game for us to play today.”

During the Activity: “Ready? Show me how you jump. *(Pause.)* How long can you jump up and down? *(Pause.)* Wow! You jumped for a long time. Now, show me how you dance. *(Pause.)* How long can you dance? *(Pause.)* Show me how you clap. *(Pause.)* How long can you clap? *(Repeat as long as desired.)* You did all those movements for so long, but Jesus wants us to spend even more time with Him.”

After the Activity: “In our story about Mary and Martha, we learned that Jesus just wants us to spend time with Him. We can talk to Him, dance and sing songs to Him, or take walks and thank Him for all the things He’s made. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**”

MEMORY VERSE

SAY: “Our Bible story was about how Jesus wants to spend time with us. Jesus loves us, and He likes it when we talk to Him, read our Bibles, sing songs to Him, and even dance with joy! Spending time with Jesus is one way we can show Him that we love Him. And like the Bible verse we are learning says . . .

“‘A friend loves at all times.’ Proverbs 17:17.

“That’s why Jesus wants to spend time with us all of the time! Let’s stand up and say that verse together with the motions.”

“**A friend** *(hook your pointer fingers together)*
loves *(hug yourself)*
at all times,’ *(stretch your arms out and turn in a circle)*
Proverbs 17:17.” *(Open hands like a book.)*

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SAY: “Jesus is the best friend ever because He loves us, SO much! **Who loves you?**”

“Jesus loves me!”

“Say it in a whisper this time! **Who loves you?**”

“Jesus loves me!”

(cheering in a normal voice) “Yay! **Jesus loves me!**”

JOURNAL AND PRAYER

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paper/Prayer Journal, and A Marker or Fun Pen

SAY: “Okay, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“Mary spent time with Jesus in her house. I like to spend time with Jesus outside. We can spend time with Jesus anywhere, because He always wants to spend time with us. Let’s make a list of our favorite places to spend time with Jesus. It can be your bedroom, your yard, a park, your car . . . ANYWHERE!

“When I say your name, tell me your favorite place to spend time with Jesus, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

“This is a wonderful list! Let’s use this list when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer

“Dear God, it is an amazing feeling knowing that Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us. Jesus really is the best friend we could ever have. Thank You that we can spend time with Jesus anywhere, like . . . *(read the list the children made)*. I pray we will remember that wherever we are, we can stop and spend time with Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”