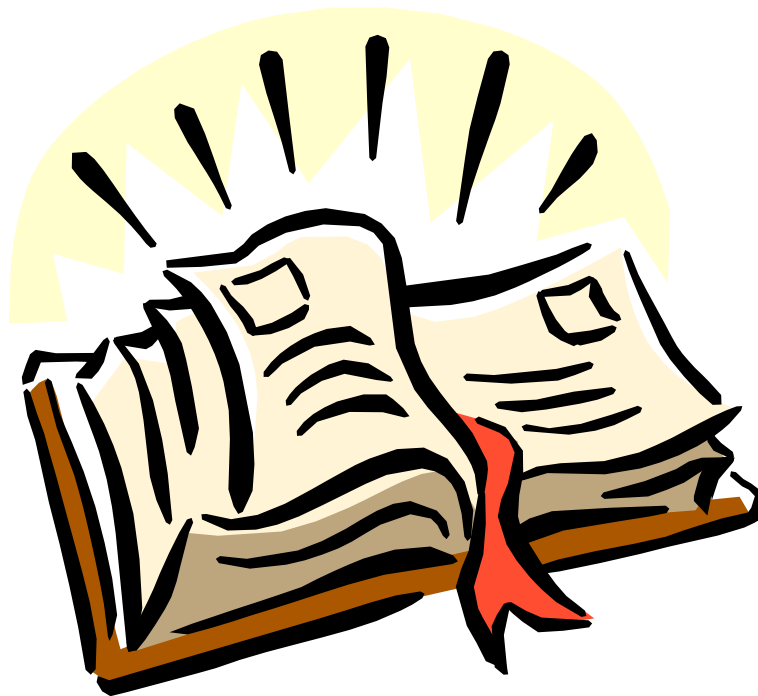


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

LESSON TITLE: Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

THEME: Jesus wants us to spend time with Him.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study **God's Word** together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when Jesus visited two sisters: Mary and Martha. Our theme was **Jesus is all we need**. Sometimes our lives can get so complicated and busy that we forget the most important things. Because we are all so busy, even children can be too busy to stop to spend time with the Lord.

What Jesus taught Martha is a valuable lesson for all of us. How we need to be more like Mary and spend time sitting at the feet of Jesus. God's presence is a gift that we can enjoy. What greater gift to our families than to spend time in the presence of Jesus.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 10:38-42**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

Choosing the "Good Part"

Text: Luke 10:42 – "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Also read Luke 10:38-42

Brenda and Jamie were sisters and they spent a lot of time together. In many ways they were very different from each other even though they grew up in the same family. Brenda was quiet and she liked to read books in her room while her sister Jamie liked to play with the other children in the neighborhood. Jamie loved her sister a lot, but she always thought Brenda was too quiet. Even in church Jamie was active. She helped set up the chairs, she cleaned the chalkboard and was always finding something to do.

Brenda just liked to spend a little extra time doing her Bible lesson. She would read more than what the lesson required, often writing her questions down to ask her Sunday school teacher or Mom or Dad. It really bothered Jamie that Brenda didn't help out with the chairs and clean up. It was the only thing Jamie really didn't like about her sister; so, one day she told her Dad about it. Jamie said she really wasn't trying to tattletale, but Brenda didn't help out very much. Jamie thought her Dad should do something about it since Jamie was the only one who ever got anything done.

Jamie's dad was quiet for a few minutes after Jamie finished talking. He asked Jamie to pray with him about the situation. Then he took out his Bible. He asked Jamie to read a section of God's word with him. They read the story of Martha and Mary during Jesus' visit to their home. Jamie was so amazed at how similar the scripture was to her situation with Brenda. Jamie's dad laughed when she told him how close she felt to Martha. He told her he felt like Martha sometimes too. Then he said that Brenda was so close to Jesus because she spent time with Him. Jamie had to admit Brenda had a special relationship with the Lord. Then dad asked Jamie to pray about spending quiet time with Brenda each day to grow closer to the Lord. Jamie ran to find her sister, knowing she was probably in her room spending time with Jesus.

- Why did Jamie think that Brenda had a special relationship with Jesus?
- Do you ever spend quiet time with Jesus?
- How can we talk to Jesus?

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"The Good Part": That special relationship that Mary chose when she sat at Jesus' feet.

The Bread of Life

Text: John 6:35 – “And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’”

Also read John 6:22-59

Jesus always encouraged His followers to trust in and obey Him. When He says that we can trust Him, that means in everything. He was always very loving and kind to the people who needed Him. He is still very loving and kind to us today. The Bible teaches us that Jesus was always helping people, especially His followers. He healed them, prayed for them, and taught them about the Bible and their Heavenly Father. He even fed them on many occasions. One time there were thousands of people who followed Him and who had not eaten in a long time. He fed every person there and still had many baskets left over.

But Jesus doesn't just take care of the kind of hunger that we get in our bodies. He also takes care of the hunger and thirst that we get in our hearts. All of us have done wrong things and are separated from God. Because of this we have a spiritual hunger in our hearts. Jesus came so that we could have that hunger filled and have a wonderful relationship with Him.

He promises that if we believe in Him we will not die, but have eternal life; and we will be with Him forever. We have both a body and a spirit and Jesus takes care of the hunger in our spirit. Jesus tells us that He is the bread of life. If we give our bodies food, shouldn't we feed our spirit? Jesus teaches us that He is all we need. If we come to Him by our own desire to be with Him, then He promises that we will never be hungry or thirsty again in our hearts. He is all we need for our spiritual life and He will also take care of our body as well. He knows exactly what we need. This is a wonderful thing. Our savior promises we will be with Him eternally if we receive Him as our savior.

- Have you asked the Lord Jesus to come into your heart?
- Would your body be able to live if you did not eat and drink?
- Do you think your spirit will be healthy if you don't receive the bread of life?

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Bread of Life: A name for Jesus showing that He takes care of our spiritual hunger.

Day Three

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Text: John 11:25 - "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'"

Also read John 11:19-31,39; Luke 10:38-42

How interesting it is that the Bible gives us so much information on the different people that Jesus had contact with while He was here. We learn about the details and a picture is painted in our minds by the word of God about these people. Two interesting people we meet are Mary and Martha; the sisters of Jesus' dear friend Lazarus. Remember Lazarus was the friend Jesus brought back to life as we studied a couple of weeks ago.

Mary and Martha were sisters, but each had very different personalities. Martha was always very busy, worried, and in a hurry. She loved Jesus, but she was so busy that she missed the quiet times with the Lord. When her brother died, Martha went to meet Jesus. But we see her sister Mary sitting still, waiting in the house. Mary waited and Martha ran. Jesus tells Martha that He can even solve this problem that looked impossible to Martha through His presence. In fact, Jesus says "whoever" believes in Him, even if their body dies will have eternal life.

But Martha does not keep still after Jesus tells her this. She goes again to the house, to tell her sister Jesus has come. Martha seems to want to make her sister leave the house and the stillness she has found there, so she tells Mary that Jesus is calling her. Just as in our Bible passage in Luke, Martha wants Mary to be more active. Mary's response is so beautiful. She does get up and go to Jesus, but we find her again at the feet of Jesus. She does not know that Jesus will make her brother live again, but she knows Jesus saves. Mary did not hear what Jesus said to Martha but she pours out her heart to her Lord, resting at His feet, just where she always is when He teaches. Mary knows Jesus is all she needs.

- Do you believe Jesus is all you need?
- Do you try to spend quiet time with Jesus when you are upset?
- Do you know you can have eternal life when you believe in Jesus?

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Resurrection: Coming back to life after dying.

Slow Down To Spend Time With Jesus!

Text: Psalm 27:8- "When You said, 'Seek My face,' My heart said to You, 'Your face, LORD, I will seek.'"

Also read Psalm 27

Jesus loves us all very much. He has loved us from the beginning of time. Before we were born, He knew us. Then when we asked Jesus to come into our life, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts. He is with us always. The only way we could ever be without Jesus is if we choose not to be with Him. He wants us to look for Him or seek Him everyday. He wants us to talk to Him every day by praying. He loves us and doesn't want us to be hurt by anything.

Sin causes us to hurt others and ourselves and that's why God hates sin so much. But when we spend time with Jesus everyday He will teach us how we can keep away from sin. He wants us to live for Him and will teach us how we can walk in His ways when we read our Bibles and pray to Him. He wants to spend so much time with us that He has made it possible for us to spend eternity with Him.

Sometimes we get in such a hurry we forget how much He loves us and wants to be with us. We need to remember He loves us so much that He sent His son Jesus to die for us, so we could be with Him forever. We can come into God's presence any time when we pray. The wonderful God who made all things - the sun, the moon, the stars, and you - wants to hear your prayers and teach you all things good through His Word. He protects, guides and gives all things good to His children.

It is nice just to stop for a while and enjoy God's presence and work in our lives. Everything goes so fast, even growing up will go by fast. It is such a blessing to just take some time to enjoy the Lord and His presence in our lives. Just like Mary, we should sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him.

- Are you God's child?
- Does God love you?
- How do you know that God loves you?

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Seek: To look for with great desire to find.

Day Five

Seek God's Kingdom First!

Text: Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Also read Matthew 6:19-34

John always went to his cousin Sam's house during the holidays. Sam's dad was John's Uncle Bob. John was very amazed at all of the toys Sam had. They were always the best money could buy and he had so many. John's dad didn't have the money to buy a lot of toys, but he always took John fishing or camping.

One day John asked Sam if he was glad that he had so many toys to play with. John was surprised when Sam said he was very unhappy. John asked his cousin why. Sam showed John his bow and arrow set. It was brand new. Sam told John his dad bought it for him two years ago and promised Sam he would teach him how to use it. Sam said his dad worked so much he never had time to teach Sam how to use the bow. So it sat in his closet, and looked nice, but wasn't very useful. Sam said his dad even worked many Sundays and often was not home for church. Sam said he would rather be like John and go camping with his dad than have a lot of toys and no time with his dad.

When John got home that night he thought about what Sam had said. John and his parents read devotions together that night and they prayed and sang praises together. Their tiny house was very comfortable and took care of all of their needs. John was very happy and so was his family. John remembered a Bible lesson his dad shared one night about being busy all the time and how it was better to seek the kingdom of God. John promised Jesus in his heart that he would pray for Sam and his uncle each evening to discover the joy of sitting and resting at the feet of Jesus by spending time with Him together.

- Why do you think Uncle Bob was so busy?
- What does the Lord want us to do first before anything?
- Why is John happier than Sam even though Sam has many toys?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week when you pray just take some extra time to sit at Jesus' feet to worship Him. Take some time out from being so busy with everything that you can spend some time in Jesus' presence. What a blessing it is to be able to spend time with Him.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Third Grade and Above

"Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Psalm 29:2