

LESSON 3

MARY AND MARTHA

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Invites Us to Listen

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10

GOD'S BIG STORY: Jesus and His disciples enter the home of two sisters. Martha busies herself with all the things to be done while Mary does what's most important—sitting at Jesus' feet and listening.

Activity: Build a Tower

Activity: Let's Listen

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Actions Game

Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Activity: Build a Tower

SUPPLIES: blocks

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! I'm so glad you are here at church today! Who likes to play with blocks? Let's see if we can build a tower out of blocks together! To build our tower, you need to use your listening ears. Where are your ears? Allow kids to respond. **Good job! Our ears help us listen! Listen carefully for your name and then listen for what I say to do.**

Allow the kids to help you build a tower out of blocks by giving them instructions one at a time, such as "Ellie, can you bring me a blue block?" If you find that colors are too hard for your group, just have the kids bring you any block!

You did a great job listening for my instructions and helping build a tower!

Activity: Let's Listen

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Listening Sound Effects

Ahead of time, prepare to play the Listening Sound Effects.

Let's use our listening ears and see if you can figure out which animals are making some sounds. Can you put your hands around your ears like this (demonstrate how to cup your ear like you are listening) **to help you listen? Good job! Let's listen carefully!**

Play Sound Clip 1: dog. **Which animal is making that sound?** Allow kids to respond. **It's a dog! Good job! Get ready to listen to our next one!**

Play Sound Clip 2: cat. **Which animal is making that sound?** Allow kids to respond. **It's a cat! You are good listeners. Here comes our next one.**

Play Sound Clip 3: cow. **Which animal makes that sound?** Allow kids to respond. **It's a cow! Wow! You are good. We have one more sound to listen to.**

Play Sound Clip 4: bird. **What did you hear?** Allow kids to respond. **It's a bird! Great job listening. Today we are going to hear about someone who listened to Jesus.**

Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS INVITES US TO LISTEN.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

JESUS—Point up.

INVITES US—Point at self.

TO LISTEN—Cup ear.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Walking with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today, we're learning that Jesus invites us to listen. Let's sing and praise Jesus to show Him we are listening for Him!

Play songs from the [Walking with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about two people named Mary and Martha. Encourage the kids to say, "Mary and Martha." Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Mary and Martha!

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video (optional), or read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.

Today we're going to hear about a time Jesus went to visit some sisters named Mary and Martha. When you hear me say, "Martha," stand up and pretend you are sweeping with a broom (demonstrate a sweeping action). Let's practice!

When you hear me say, "Mary," cup your ear like this (demonstrate cupping your ear like you are listening). Let's practice listening! Great! That's exactly what we can do right now—listen to our true story from the Bible.

When Jesus did God's work, He went many places. One place He went was to the house of two sisters named Martha (pause for kids to stand and sweep) and Mary (pause for kids to listen).

Martha (pause for kids to stand and sweep) had a lot to do because Jesus was there. There was so much to do! She got busy, busy, busy.

Her sister, Mary (pause for kids to cup their ears), sat at Jesus' feet while He talked. She listened to what Jesus said. She was sitting still.

Martha (pause for kids to stand and sweep) was not happy that Mary (pause for kids to cup their ears) was just sitting and listening to Jesus. But Jesus told her that Mary (pause for kids to cup their ears) made the best choice by listening to Jesus.

Listening to Jesus is the best thing we can do. It is even more important than doing nice things for Jesus. Jesus invites us to listen!

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God.

Dear Jesus, Thank You for inviting us to listen. Help us remember to listen to You every day. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May God show you this week just how much He loves you! Listen to Jesus and believe that He knows you and He cares for you.

Activity: Actions Game

Let's sing a song together to help us practice being good listeners. In this song, you will listen for different parts of your body to be called out. When you hear the name of a part of your body, point to it on your body!

Sing the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" with the kids as you all point to each part of the body that the song mentions. Invite the kids to sing along with you.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes.

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes; knees and toes.

Repeat as time allows.

Great listening! Remember, we can listen to Jesus like Mary did! He may not talk out loud to us, but we can hear from Him through the Bible, our church leaders or parents, worship, or prayer.