MARY CHOOSES THE GOOD PART

Luke 10: 38-42

38Jesus was traveling with his disciples – and they came to a town. Martha lived in the town. And Martha invited Jesus to come to her house.

39Martha had a sister. Her sister's name was Mary. Mary sat at Jesus' feet – she was listening to what Jesus said.

40But Martha was distracted – she was not listening to Jesus. Martha was busy cooking for Jesus and his disciples – so she was thinking about many things.

Martha came to Jesus. She said, "Don't you care? Mary left me – she stopped helping me. I am doing all the work by myself. Tell Mary to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," Jesus answered, "you are worried and upset about many things. 42But only one thing is necessary.

"Mary chose the good part. She will not lose it."

CONTENT QUESTIONS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who did Martha invite to her house? (verse 38)
- What was Martha's sister's name? (verse 39)
- What did Mary do? (verse 39)
- What was Martha doing? (verse 40)
- But, how did Martha feel about what she was doing? (verse 40)
- What did Martha feel about what Mary was doing? (verse 40)
- What did Martha say to Jesus? (verse 40)
 - What did Martha doubt about Jesus? (verse 40)

Do you think that Jesus cared about Martha?

• What did Martha want Mary to do? (verse 40)

What did Martha think was the most important thing?

• What did Jesus say to Martha? (verse 41)

Did Martha enjoy being with Jesus, or was Martha worried and upset about many things?

• How many things did Jesus say were necessary? (verse 42)

What (do you think) is the most important thing?

• What did Jesus say about Mary? (verse 42)

Why do you think that Mary will not lose the good part?

Is Jesus saying that making dinner is bad?

What is Jesus really saying? What does Jesus mean?

[Later, in Bible Story #13, Martha has great faith in Jesus!]