

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Mary and Martha

from Luke 10:38-42.

#### We have busy serving times and quiet learning times.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Martha
- Jesus
- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Learning

This Mary and Martha story is found only in the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel contains more stories about women than the other Gospels. Since women were not particularly valued in Jesus' culture, this is significant. Jesus loved everyone — women, too!

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 366-371

*Spark Bible* page 1146

#### Family Prayer

Say this prayer around a broom or other cleaning supply.

**Thank you, God, for time we can serve you by helping others and times when we can study and learn. Help us to find a balance between those two things. AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 When are you like Mary? When are you like Martha?
- 2 What do you do when you find yourself or your family too busy? How do you slow down?
- 3 How do you learn best from Jesus?
- 4 When you're going someplace in your car, take turns listing things you've learned from Jesus and things you like to do to help other people. Every time you turn, the next person shares their favorite things to learn or do.



#### Eye Spark

When you see cleaning tools or cooking things, think of Martha. When you see a Bible, think of Mary.



#### Ear Spark

When you hear someone ask for help housecleaning, remember Martha's frustration with Mary. Then see if you can help so everyone has time to sit and learn!

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Make a Job Jar filled with slips of paper listing jobs that need to be done. On the back of the slips, list a Bible story. When the job is done, take time to read the Bible story, or when the Bible story is done, go do the job!

### For younger kids

Help your parent with a job and then ask to read you a Bible story.

### For older kids

Trade with your parent — volunteer to do a housecleaning job for them so they can have a little surprise time to read or pray. Then reverse it — ask them to do one of your chores while YOU study!