



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle C - XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Genesis 18, 1-10a; Psalm 14 Colossians 1, 24-28; Luke 10, 38-42*

### Martha and Mary

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

### Reflection

Jesus went to visit His good friends, Lazaro, Martha, and Mary. What was Martha doing during His visit? (Housework for Jesus' visit.) What was Mary doing? (She sat to listen to Jesus.) How did Martha feel? (It was not fair that she was doing all the work.) Have you ever felt that way? Share. How did Mary feel? (She was happy listening to Jesus' words.) Have you ever felt that way? Share. When Martha complained, what did Jesus tell her? (...There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.) Why is what Mary chose more important? (Listening to Jesus in the bible or in our hearts when we pray gives us peace, happiness, love, wisdom...all we need to love and be happy in this life and the next. Jesus wants to be our best friend and that will only happen if we listen and talk to Him every day. This is prayer.) Do you find time to listen to Jesus every day? How and when? Share.



### Activity

On the following page, color each picture, then write below it what you would like to say to Jesus. On the last page play the Martha-Mary game either in teams or individually.

### Prayer

Jesus, I want to hear your voice in my heart. Help me to always listen to you in the scriptures, during mass, and in prayer. Help me to listen with love to the persons around me so they may feel loved. Amen.

**Song:** Jesus is my Best Friend (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/tER4jx6LyZk> (3-6 yrs.)

Jesus is Alive, Lifetree Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/lpZl-39IT1k>

**PPT:** <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vqVNLPHuGKle5qNFGn3SFhCSMOM03f2U/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtoref=true&sd=true>



WE CAN LISTEN AND SPEAK TO JESUS ALL DAY LONG.





**GAME MARTHA AND MARY**

Divide children into 2 teams. Take turns reading a card to one child on each team. They must say "Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things!", or "Mary has chosen the better part," depending if the card reflects Martha or Mary. If they answer correctly, they earn a point. The team with the most points wins.

I had so much homework that I went to sleep without talking to God. (Martha)	When I wake up, I give thanks to God for another day to love Him. (Mary)	I wanted to eat quickly to watch my favorite t.v. show so I didn't say grace before my meal. (Martha)	Before each meal, I remember that my food is a gift from God, and I give Him thanks. (Mary)	My grandmother came to visit but I didn't talk to her because I was busy playing video games. (Martha)
Before starting a test, I ask God to help me think clearly. (Mary)	During Mass, I was busy thinking about my Friends and my activities, so I didn't talk to Jesus. (Martha)	During Mass, I told Jesus I loved Him very much and needed His help. (Mary)	I woke up late and didn't tell Jesus, "Thank you for a new day; I love you." (Martha)	Whenever I pass the Adoration Chapel, I enter and say hello to Jesus. (Mary)
I passed the Adoration Chapel in a hurry, so I didn't enter to say hello to Jesus. (Martha)	My Grandmother wanted to know how I was, so I left my video game to talk to her. (Mary)	The new person in school wanted to talk, but my friends were waiting for me, so I left. (Martha)	Before I go to sleep, I give thanks for the day's blessings and pray for those in need. (Mary)	I had so much homework, I did not go to Mass on Sunday. (Martha)
I help my little brother put his shoes on in the morning. (Mary)	I love Jesus, but I don't have time to pray. (Martha)	I invited the new girl in school to sit with me and my Friends at lunch. (Mary)	My brother needed help getting dressed, but I wanted to clean my room. (Martha)	When I pray with my friends, I thank God in my heart for them. (Mary)