

GOD IS OUR FRIEND

BEST FRIENDS

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story | Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

- Jesus was visiting His friend's house.
- Two sisters lived there named Mary and Martha.
- Martha was busy serving and taking care of the guests.
- Mary wanted to be with Jesus so she sat with Him.
- Martha got angry at Mary and asked Jesus to tell Mary that she needed to help.
- Jesus was glad that Mary wanted to spend time with Him and told Martha not to worry.
- When Jesus is our friend, He wants to spend time with us.

MINISTRY IDEA

Praying for Each Other

Have children get into groups of two or three and share with each other an area that they need to stop worrying about and/or something they need to start celebrating about. Children then pray for each other asking God to give their friends strength and joy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus want to visit Mary and Martha?
2. What do you do when you spend time with your friends?
3. What are some other ways Martha could have shown Jesus that He was her friend?
4. Why do you think Jesus wanted Martha to stop working?
5. How should we act to show that Jesus is our friend?

DRAMA SYNOPSIS #93

Missy is being a real busy body. Virginia and SpeezMaker can't get her to stop long enough to even talk to her. They finally get her attention and Missy learns that being friends means doing things together not just doing things for people.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Wants vs. Needs

The leader has a bag full of two types of objects: wants and needs. The leader will pull out one object at a time and ask the children if the object is a want or a need. For instance, the leader will pull out a small bottle of water to symbolize a need. Needs may include: food, water, air, house, family, Bible, clothes, sun, moon, etc. Wants may include: candy, toys, sports, bicycles, cell phones, etc.

Collage of Wants and Needs

The children can look through magazines and newspapers to cut out and paste specific wants and needs on a piece of paper. The paper can be split in half with the needs on one side and the wants on the other side. The children choose what objects they would like to put on each side. Then each child can share about his or her objects in the collage.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

Children will learn that God is our Friend and wants to spend time with us.

LIFE APPLICATION

Through learning that God is our Friend, children will see that they can spend any amount of time with Him.

MEMORY VERSE

But I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father.
John 15:15b