

Title: The Story of the Very Special Guest

Theme: Jesus can be my best friend

Objects:

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Welcome back:

Bible:

Luke 10:38-42

Intro:

We make a lot of choices in a day, so I want to play a choice game. I'm going to say two different things, and I want you to move to one side of the room to pick the one that you like better. Let's practice one! Move to this side of the screen if you like dogs more and move to this side of the screen if you like cats more. Dogs...cats...Oh, that's a tricky one, but I would choose cats! Now come back to the middle so we can do it again!

- Vanilla/Chocolate Ice cream
- Blue or Red
- Milk or water

Great job, you guys!! Now, let's sit back down again! In our story today, we're going to hear about two sisters that each made a choice. So, let's put on our listening ears and button/zip our lips so we can hear what choices they made!

Story:

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Closing:

Mary had chosen what was better because she was spending her time learning from Jesus. She wanted to keep her eyes on Him so she would know how to follow God, even when Jesus wasn't at her house. And, when we spend time with God by having our Bibles read to us, praying, singing, and going to church, we learn what it truly means to be God's friend forever.

Questions:

1. Which sister chose to sit at Jesus's feet and listen to Him? Mary
2. Who made the better choice, Mary or Martha? Mary because she chose to spend time with Jesus
3. What is one way we can spend time with Jesus? Bible, praying, singing, going to church.

Activity:

In our story today, we learned that Martha was distracted by all of the preparations that needed to be done. She became too angry to see that when Mary was spending time with Jesus, that her actions were better than hers! Well, today, I have a fun activity for us! Let's pretend that this cup is you, these cotton balls are your emotions, and the Bible is the time we spend with Jesus! (While filling cup up with cotton balls say) When I am playing with my friends, sometimes I'm happy, sometimes I'm sad, and sometimes I get angry. Let's look and see what happens when I don't invite God into my emotions! (Tipping cup over) Whoa! My emotions went on everywhere, and I probably hurt some of my friends! But...let's refill ourselves with all of our emotions again, and watch what happens when we add Jesus into our emotions. (tip cup over) No way, all of our emotions were in check! And we followed God in how we responded to others! You know, God wants to be our friend and go with us wherever we go, even if we're upset! Another way we can grow our friendship with God is when we tell others about Him. Let's go find out some ways we can tell others about God this week!

Craft:

Memory Verse: