



3rd - 5th

February 24-25, 2018

DATE

Obsessed Journey: Mary and Martha

LESSON TITLE

Luke 10:38-42

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants all our attention.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

At the end of the hour, don't be afraid to keep kids in Small Group, even if they've finished the activity! Check out the "Extra Time" options at the end of the Small Group time for ideas about how to keep kids engaged if the service runs extra long. It's always a win if parents see their kids actively participating in Small Group when they pick them up!

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them what they used invisible ink for today!

large group heads up

Mary and Martha had a dinner to prepare, but Jesus was more important than even the most urgent task! Mary set an example for us by putting Jesus first, even in the middle of her busy-ness. She gave him all her attention, and so can we.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away, while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SHARK ATTACK

**Play this as a whole group.*

- Secretly choose one kid to be the shark; everybody else is a fish (it's one vs. all)
- Everybody stands up and mingles around the room. They have to keep their mouths closed.
- The shark's goal is to show their teeth to a fish without anyone noticing
- If a person sees teeth, he/she must "swim" to a designated area in the room (outside of the game area). The shark continues to bare teeth at as many fish as possible.
- If a fish thinks they figured out who the shark is, they can raise their hand and say, "Shark attack!" Then point out who they think the shark is.
- Another person must "second" their agreement. (If nobody agrees, continue playing.)
- Once a guess has been "seconded," the kid must say if they're the shark or not
- If correct, the shark has been caught and the fish win!
- If incorrect, the fish have one strike. Three strikes and the shark wins! Or if there's only one fish left, the shark wins (there's nobody to second the fish's guess)
- Optional rule: no talking (with the exception of guesses)

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.

special notes

Check out this brand new video about John 3:16 and roller coasters!

KC Challenge / John 3:16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdXDFyRWwhU&t=1s>

presenter tips

Here's a link today's God's Story video:

God's Story / Mary and Martha:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQGKLA4AfXs>

script

CONNECT TIME REVIEW

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and actively worship.

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here! In our Connect Time game, who got to be a shark? (Let a kid or two raise their hands.) And what were you guys thinking about during the game? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, how to show your teeth to people secretly, and to get everybody out!
- **Say:** That's just a game, but we've all got things that are on our minds a lot, right? What kinds of things do you guys think about a lot? (Let a few kids respond.) Yeah, maybe we think about things we have to do, or things we're worried about. Maybe it's something that we want to happen. One thing I think about a lot is _____ (share a personal example of something that gets a lot of your attention).
- **Say:** Are you ever supposed to be paying attention to something, and then you get distracted?! (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it happens all the time! Say: Let's watch a clip about a dog who's trying to pay attention to something, but gets distracted by something...
- **Video: Up / Meet Doug**
- **Say:** Do you ever feel like Doug? I do! But even though there are so many things to distract us, there's one person we should be trying to give all our attention to: Jesus.

ONLY ONE THING IS NEEDED

- **Say:** It's pretty easy to say that we need to give our attention to Jesus....but how often do we really do it? A couple times a day? Or maybe when we come to church? I know it's hard for me to focus on Jesus when ____ (give a personal example).
- **Say:** The thing is, Jesus deserves ALL our attention. He deserves our time and focus more than anything else! To help us understand this, we're going to look at the story of two women named Mary and Martha. Each was focused on something different when their friend came over for dinner. Anybody want to guess who the friend was? (Let kids respond.) Yep, Jesus! As you watch, pay attention to how Mary and Martha each respond differently.
- **Video: God's Story / Mary and Martha (4 min.)**
- **Ask:** Who can tell me the difference between how Mary acted, and how Martha acted? (Let kids respond.) Yep, Mary spent time with Jesus, even though there was other important stuff to do. And Martha decided those other things, like cleaning and cooking, were more important than spending time with Jesus!

SEEK JESUS FIRST

- **Ask:** Now, is it wrong to EVER be focused on other things? (Let kids respond.) No, of course not! There are lots of times when we need to give attention to other things or other people. But none of those things are as important as Jesus. He should come before everything else.
- **Say:** So how exactly do we put Jesus first? We have to follow him...right now! He doesn't want us to wait until we're grown up. Or until we finish our homework. Or until we stop getting into trouble. He wants us to follow him and give all our attention to him, NOW.
- **Say:** Let's read a verse that helps explain WHY (call on a kid to read the verse out loud).
- **Slide: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.**
- **Say:** Let's talk about this for a second. Seek the Kingdom of God. What does that mean? (Let kids respond.) It means to look for ways to act like you're a part of God's kingdom. That means acting like Jesus, spending time with him, worshipping him, doing the things he would do, and sharing him with others.

GOD WILL GIVE US WHAT WE NEED

- **Say:** The rest of the verse says God will give us what we need. Now this doesn't mean that God will give us everything we want, just because we want it. But he will give us what we need to keep following him, even when it gets hard. Even when we would rather give our attention to other things. He'll help us, and give us strength. He'll keep us going, even when we can't do it on our own.
- **Say:** Remembering to seek means that we're thinking about Jesus no matter what else is going on. Kind of like how the "sharks" thought about showing their teeth to people constantly during Connect Time's game!
- **Ask:** And WHY is it so important to seek God's Kingdom first? (Let kids respond.) That's right! It's what Jesus said is the MOST important thing.

KC CHALLENGE: JOHN 3:16

- **Say:** Now we've talked about a lot of ways we can get distracted from focusing on Jesus...but what if you tried to give your attention to him while on a roller coaster?! We're going to watch a video and see someone try to focus on Jesus while being shot up hundreds of feet into the air!
- **Video: KC Challenge and John 3:16**
- **Say:** So while that video was pretty crazy and hilarious, there's a really important truth they talked about. Jesus is God's son. He's our rescuer and savior, and he literally died for every person in this room, so that we could live with him forever! If you think that's a good reason to give him your attention, and seek him first before anything else, give someone a high five! (Let kids respond.)

RESPONSE TIME AND WORSHIP

- **Say:** Right now, let's think of things that distract us. Maybe we're distracted by school, or our family, or our friends. Martha was distracted by the dinner she had to make. So think about that now for a second. (Let kids think for a few seconds.) Okay, now let's pray and ask God to move those things aside, and help us focus on our Rescuer first.
- **Pray: (Ask God to help kids think about him and follow him RIGHT NOW, and all the time.)**
- **Say:** Now is the perfect time to seek Jesus first and give all our attention to him: through worship! You can stay seated, stand, or move apart and find another spot in the room. As you do, we'll sing about how Jesus is good father to us.
- **Music Video: Good Good Father**



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) Retell the story of Mary and Martha (2) Understand the importance of spending time with Jesus and (3) Identify how to give their time to Jesus in their own lives.

Why? Jesus wants to be close to us, and that means we need to spend quality time with him. Sometimes we can get caught up in the trivial things though, like Martha.

Tip: Describe to kids how you personally spend time with Jesus. Do you like to write in a journal? Pray? Sing to him? Make it relatable for them, so they can understand how they can do it too.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Tell me about Mary and Martha. What did each of them focus on? (Martha: making dinner; Mary: Jesus)
2. What's the most important thing we can do? (spend time with Jesus; seek him)
3. Look up Matthew 6:33 in the Bible, and show kids how to find it (book, chapter, verse, etc). Then have a kid read it out loud, and discuss:
 - a. What does this verse mean? (Answers will vary but can say something like: When we seek God first and follow him, we don't have to worry about anything else. He takes care of it!) You can also see if kids can remember the verse without looking!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- What distracts us from Jesus? (let kids share)
- How can we seek God's kingdom? (tell kids to think, but not answer out loud yet)
- Put a **large, tear-off sheet of paper** in the center of the group
- Ask kids to write ways they want to seek God's kingdom using the **invisible pens**. Take turns with the invisible pens if needed.
- Then use the black light button on the pens to look for (seek) what they wrote! Remind kids we might have to look extra hard to find ways to follow God, but it's worth it!
- Then walk around the room and see what other groups came up with. When you're done, play Shark Attack again as a small group.

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LESSON needs

3rd-5th

February 25/26, 2018



connect questions

Tell me about Mary and Martha.
How can we give all our attention to Jesus?

lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
No Supplies Needed			

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Markers	1 set per small group, reused		site
Adventure Bible	1 per small group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site
Invisible ink pens	1 per kid, reused	dhgate.com	KC National
Large Sheet of Tear Off Paper	1 per group		site

A/V needs

3rd-5th



1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Up / Meet Doug (0:00-0:33, fade out;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxoWHeoYU3g&list=RDSSUXxzN26zg&index=6>)
3. Video: God's Story / Mary and Martha
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQGKLA4AfXs>)
4. Slide: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
5. Video: KC Challenge: John 3:16 (0:00-3:38;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdXDFyRWwhU>)
6. Music Video: Good Good Father (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_I-Klp2Uk)