

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 30

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

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Younger Verse

*Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants.
Matthew 6:33*

Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

“Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!” Mary probably shouted as she came running into the house where Martha was working. Mary and Martha were sisters who lived in the town of Bethany with their brother Lazarus. They had many friends, but Jesus was a very special friend.

Mary and Martha loved each other and shared the work of keeping their home clean. But now Mary was so happy she could hardly wait. It had been a long time since she had seen Jesus. He had been teaching and preaching in many places. Mary knew she would sit up late listening to Jesus talk about God.

Finally, Jesus and His disciples arrived, and Mary and Martha went to the door to welcome Him. Mary was so interested that she stopped her work when Jesus came. She sat close and listened to Jesus so she wouldn't miss a single word He said. Jesus told many wonderful stories.

While Mary was listening to Jesus, Martha was worrying about getting dinner ready. She wanted everything to be “just right” for the meal they would serve Jesus and the other guests. She wanted everything to look and taste good!

Martha got tired of doing all the work by herself, so she complained to Jesus, “Lord, it isn't fair that I am doing all the work while Martha just sits there! Tell her to come and help me.”

Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha, you worry about too many things. What Mary is hearing is more important to her than serving or eating. She has chosen the right thing and it will not be taken away from her.”

Wow! Jesus spoke up for Mary, even though Martha thought she was being lazy. But Mary knew what was really important—spending time with Jesus and listening to His teaching. She knew it was a special opportunity to be near Jesus, and she didn't want to miss anything!

Lesson Goals

Learn that it is important to spend time with Jesus
See that we need to put Jesus first in our lives

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What about us? Do we give God our full attention? God knows that how we spend our time is important. We can work and play all day, but the most important thing we need to do is spend time with Jesus. We do that by praying, reading the Bible, and worshipping God at church. We have to stay connected to Jesus so we will know what He wants us to do.

To “connect” with Jesus, we have to know Him personally. He died on the cross so that we can have direct access to God. Have you accepted God’s free gift of eternal life? He can come into your life and forgive your sins. Then His Holy Spirit will be with you always. He will help you make wise choices.

Review Questions

1. **Whose house did Jesus and the disciples visit?** (Mary and Martha’s)
2. **What did Mary do when Jesus arrived?** (She sat near Him and listened to everything He said.)
3. **Why did Martha get upset with Mary?** (She had to do all the work by herself.)
4. **How did Jesus answer Martha’s request to send Mary in to help her?** (Jesus said that Mary had chosen the right thing to do.)

Life Application

Remember last week’s story about the Good Samaritan? The priest and the Levite were in a hurry to get things done. They did not stop and help the hurt man. The Samaritan knew that God wanted him to stop and help the man, even if his plans got changed.

Sometimes we only think about ourselves and what we want to do. But we need to seek God’s will for our lives. If we don’t stop and spend time with God, we might miss out on something He wants to show us. He might be trying to teach us something, but we are so “busy” we don’t stop to listen to Him! He might be telling us to go help someone. We have to be willing to listen to God by praying and reading His Word daily.

Planning for Lesson 31
Jesus Teaches about Prayer
Luke 11:1-13

**Preschool Lesson
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**Hands-on Activities
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Sing the song “Seek Ye First.”

Make a clock craft and talk about times in the kids’ day that they can plan to spend with Jesus.

For preschoolers, sing this song to the tune of “London Bridge.”

*Jesus came to see His friends,
See His friends, see His friends.
Jesus came to see His friends,
They were happy.*

*Martha baked a loaf of bread,
Loaf of bread, loaf of bread.
Martha baked a loaf of bread
Just for Jesus.*

*Mary listened carefully
Carefully, carefully.
Mary listened carefully
Just to Jesus.*

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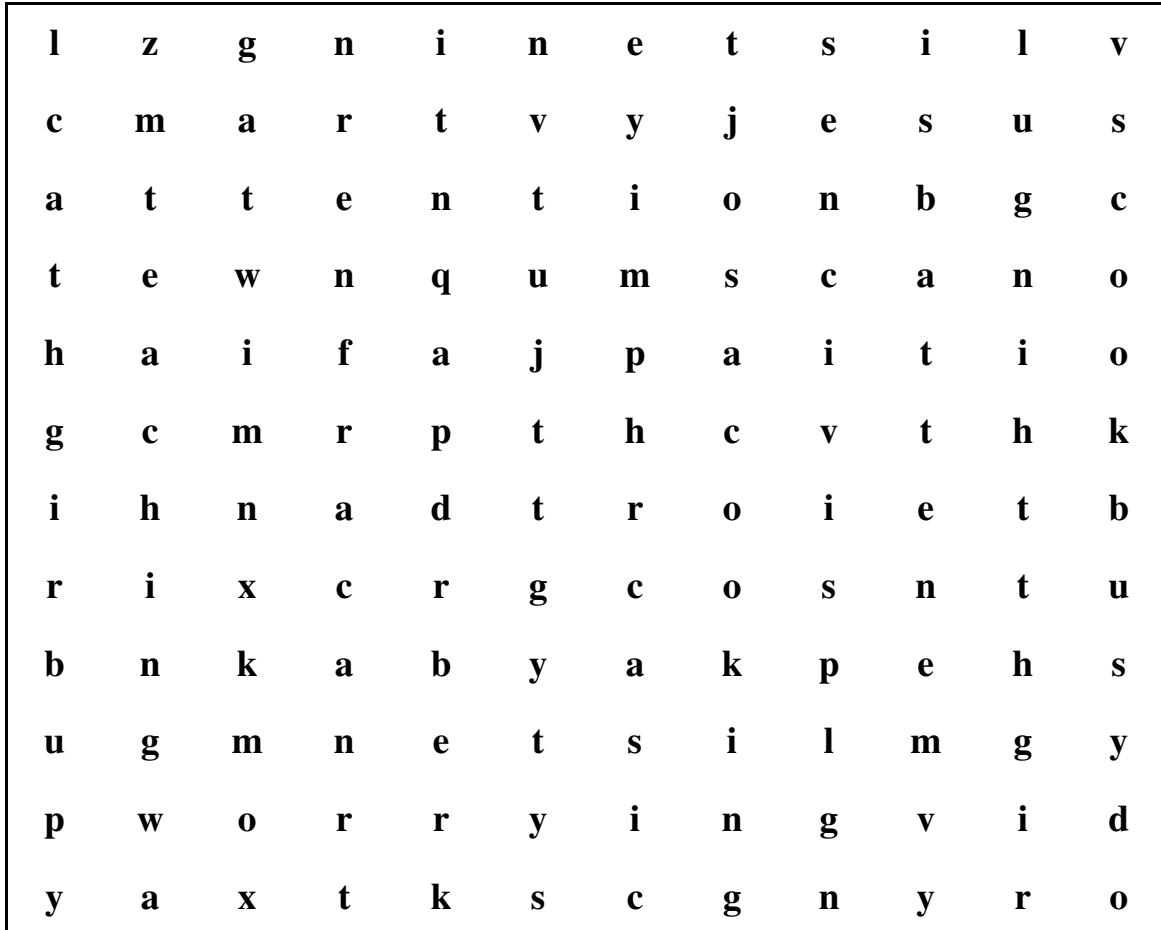
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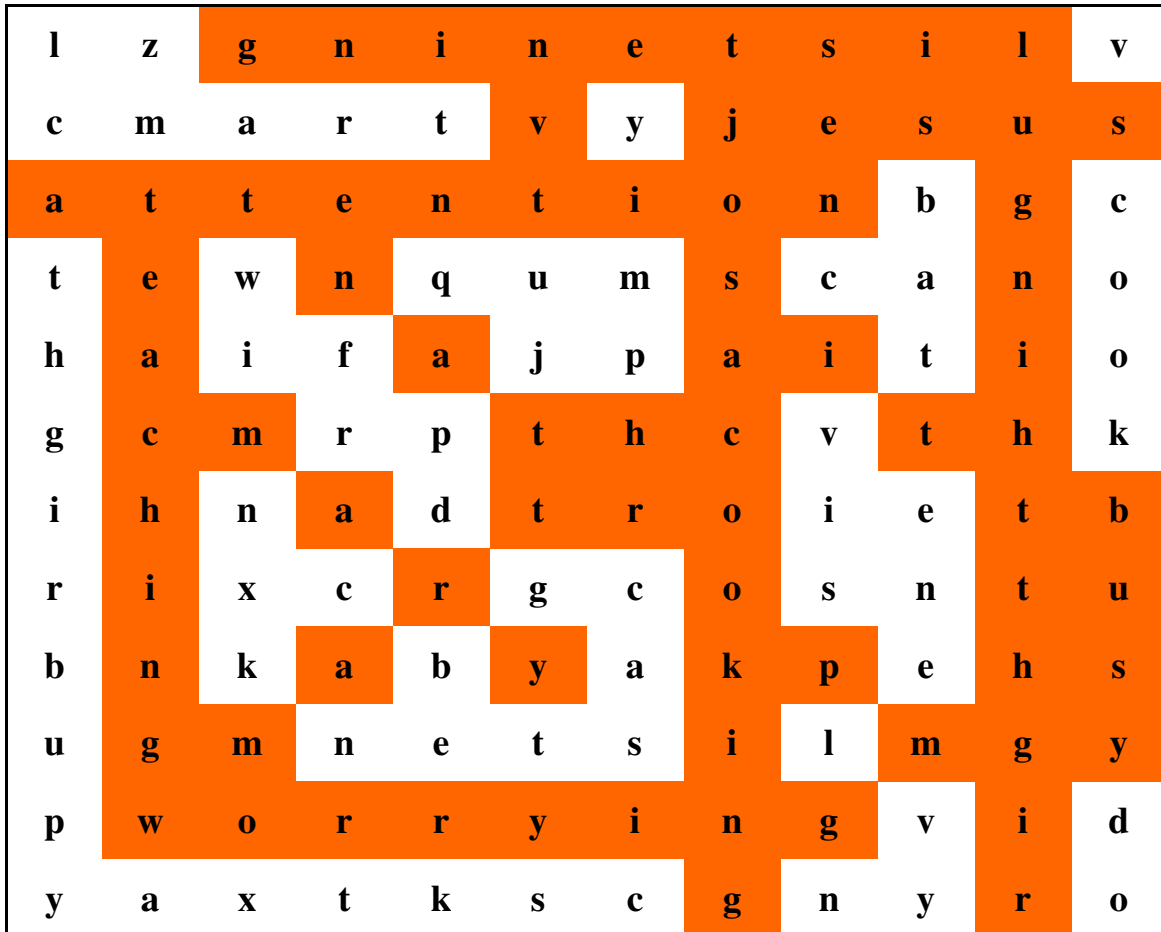
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