

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42



Jesus visited two sisters, Mary and Martha. Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his teaching, but Martha was distracted by all the housework she needed to do. When she told Jesus to have Mary help her, Jesus told Martha that Mary was right to sit and listen. Listening to Jesus is so important that we don't want to let other things distract us.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Martha acted as head of the house because she was the one who welcomed Jesus. She became frustrated when Mary didn't help with the housework.

Mary "sat at the Lord's feet," which meant Jesus was treating her like a disciple.



Jesus accepted Mary and told Martha she didn't need to work so hard to impress him.



About the Video

Jesus was coming to dinner. Martha raced off to make sure everything was special for him. Mary just wanted to be next to Jesus, so she didn't help at all. That made Martha angry, but Jesus told her that she didn't need to work so hard to impress him. She could sit and listen and learn, too.

- What are the things that Martha does to try to impress Jesus?
- What does your family do when you have guests coming to visit?
- How do you make choices about what is important?

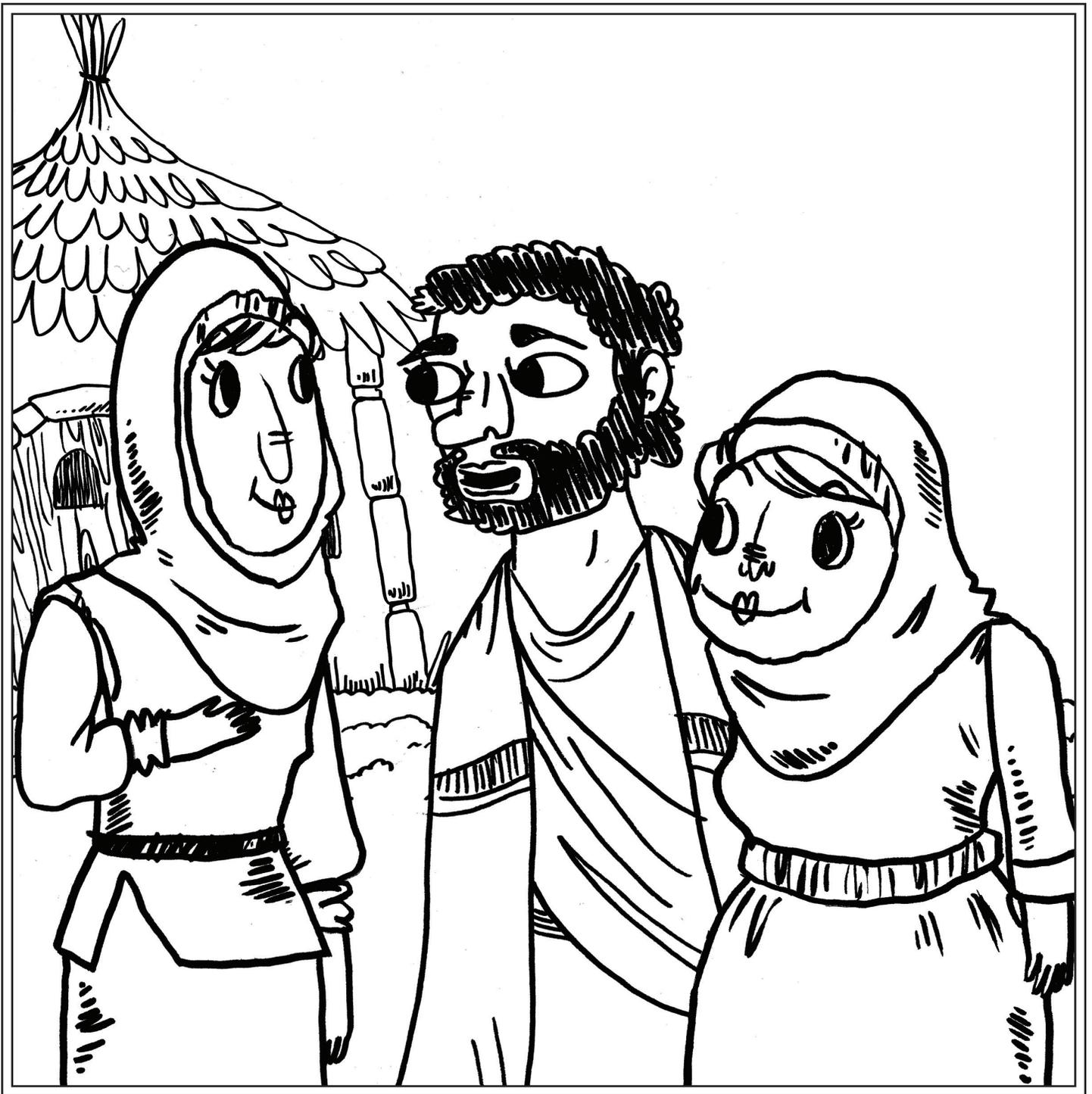
Try This!

Invite a pastor, teacher, or friend over for dinner. Prepare a nice meal, but remember, while he or she is there, to focus on listening to and learning from your guest!

Prayer

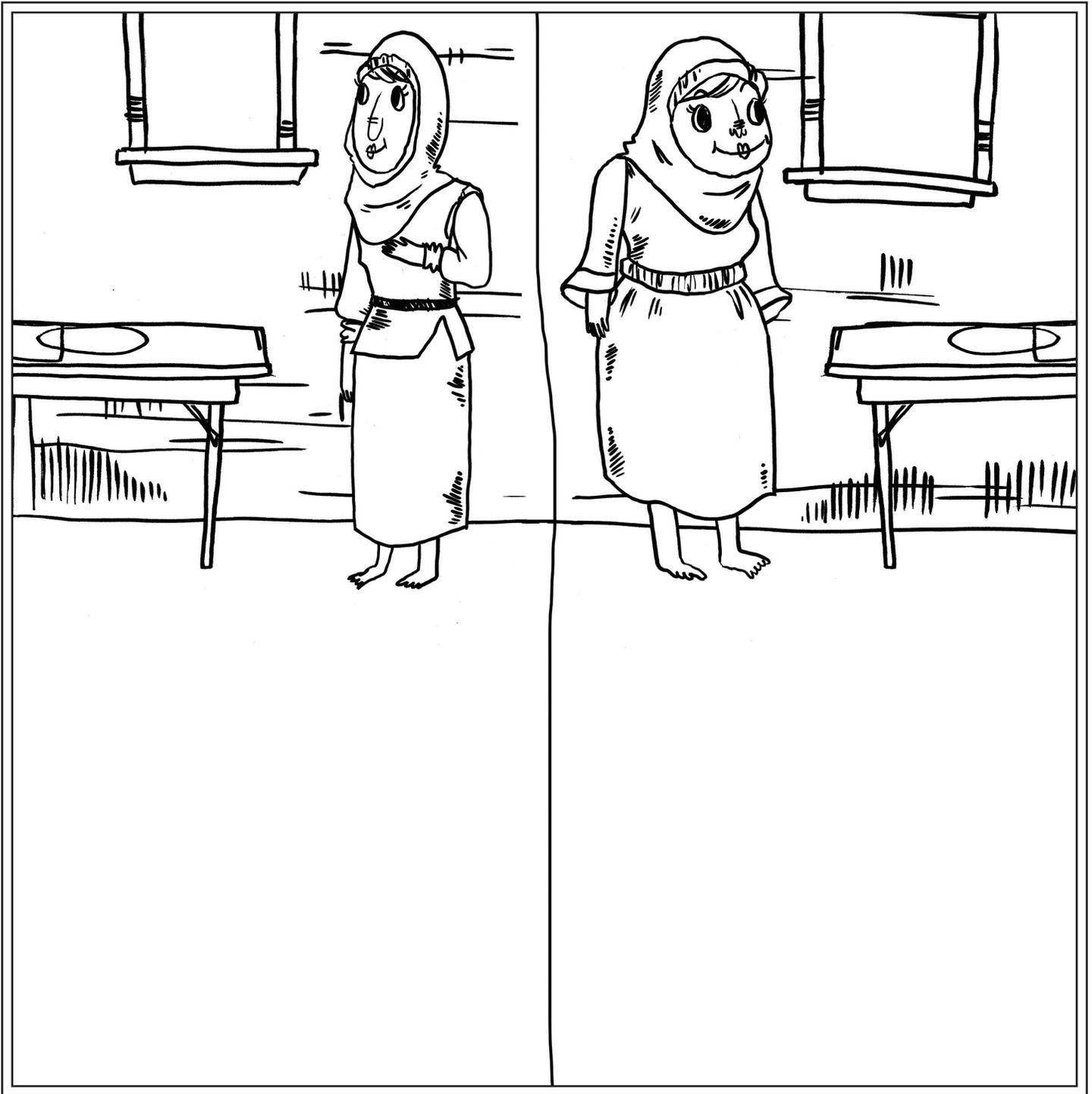
Balancing God, your love keeps us steady when we feel like problems are tipping us over. Help us keep you at the center every day to balance our work and our play. Amen!

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Jesus liked to visit with his friends Mary and her sister, Martha.

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What did Mary do when Jesus had dinner at her house? What did Martha do?
Write or draw your answers under each woman.