



## PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### February 21, 2021 – Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

#### Prepare to Wonder

#### Faith Word: Guide

As Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem, he stopped at the home of Martha and her sister Mary. Martha went about preparing the meal they would serve to Jesus. It was expected that when you welcomed a visitor to your home, you fed them. Martha knew Jesus was special, and she was probably trying to prepare a special meal. Mary, however, chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to his teaching. Martha may have been upset at Mary because she wasn't helping. She may have also worried about Mary learning from Jesus. A woman sitting at the feet of a man to learn was not socially acceptable at the time.

Martha was irritated, thinking her sister should be more concerned with helping her prepare the meal, especially since their guest was someone as special as Jesus. Martha complained to Jesus, asking him to tell Mary to help her. Instead, Jesus tells Martha that she is worried and distracted by things that are not important. Mary has chosen what is important, to be close to Jesus and to learn about God.

This passage is about two women, one of whom Jesus has given approval to sit at his feet and learn. It is also about discipleship in general. Jesus is saying there are many important choices to make in life. As disciples, we need to make the choice that is important at the time. For Mary, it was being guided by Jesus and his words. Maybe for Martha, it was honoring Jesus with a special meal. Neither choice was wrong. We spend our lives making choices. Jesus wants us to remember that the choice to learn about God and grow closer to Jesus is an important one.

### Wonder with Me

#### READ the Bible Story

- Calling the Disciples, from Luke 10:38-42 (*Read from your Bible, see the verses listed below, or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> 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!"

<sup>41</sup>“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

## **WATCH the Bible Story**

- <https://youtu.be/ZvIWSHz-Z4g>

## **SHARE the Faith Guide**

Faith Word: Guide – means showing the way, like the light of Christ.

In our Bible story today we will hear how Jesus guides Mary and Martha in leaning about the different making choices they made.

## **WONDER Together:**

1. How would you welcome Jesus? Like Mary or like Martha?
2. Which way was the best way?
3. Were they both showing honor to Jesus?
4. How do we show our honor to God?

## **Spiritual Practice**

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 26 & 27). On page 27 you will find the suggested Spiritual Practice activity for the week.

**Find a cozy place. Sit together and read a story from a Bible storybook or a children’s Bible. Let family members take turns reading or telling the story. Locate a variety of art or photographs that relate to the Bible story to look at and talk about. Then use your favorite art medium to create your own artwork.**

**Remember to balance work with learning more about God. Give others hope by practicing this spiritual practice: Practice saying, “May God bless you and keep you.”**

**Greet your family and others this week with that blessing.**

## **Go in Peace**

**Blessing:** Touch your child and say: **“May you always be guided by God.”**

**Prayer:** **Dear God, help guide me to make good choices that honor You. Amen.**

## **Additional Activity for each age group**

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)

**Mary and Martha**

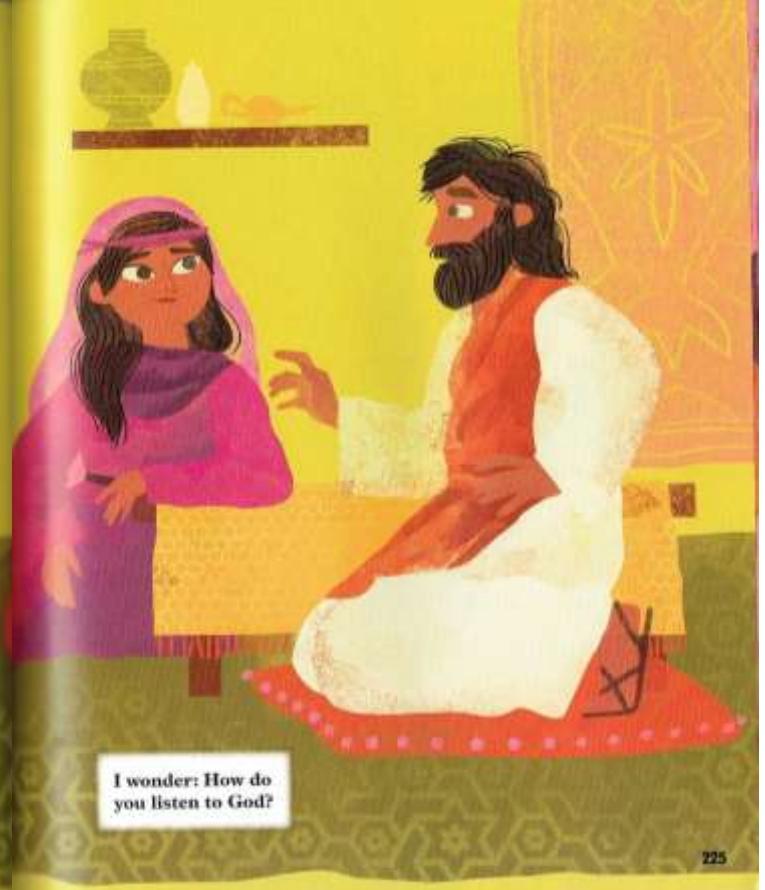
**Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus and his followers were traveling, and they needed a place to rest. Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha, invited Jesus to stay with them. When Jesus arrived, Mary sat at his feet to listen to him, and Martha served everyone.

Martha was tired. She was doing all of the work, while Mary was just sitting and enjoying Jesus' company. Martha thought this was unfair.

"Jesus, it's not fair that Mary is not helping. Tell her to help me!" said Martha.

"Martha, what Mary is doing is important," Jesus said. "Mary has chosen to listen closely to me and to learn about God. Sometimes it is better to sit and be with me."



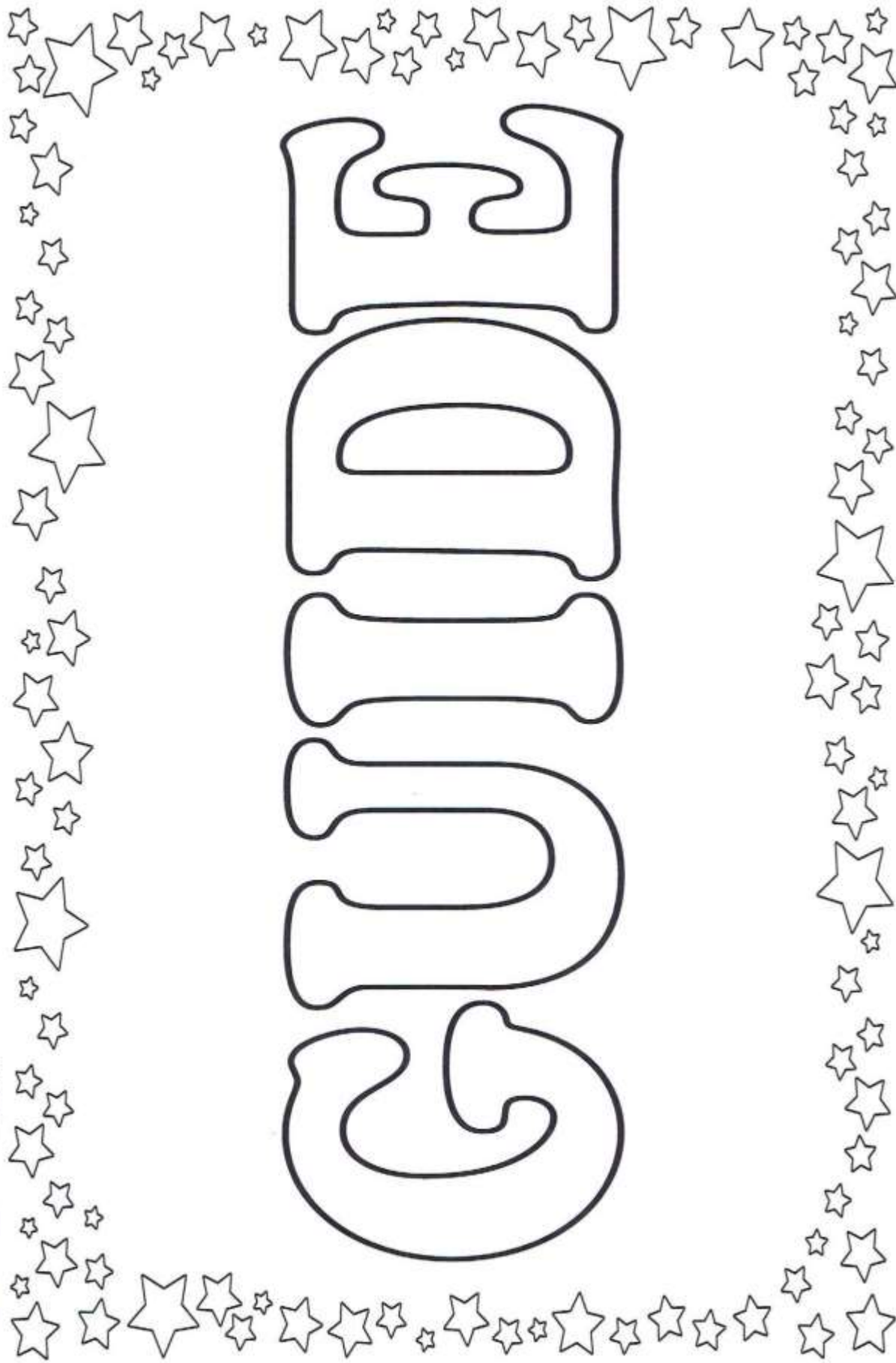
I wonder: How do you listen to God?

Color Sheet for all



Faith Word—Unit 3

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# Preschool Activity

## Retell the Story (With Puppets)

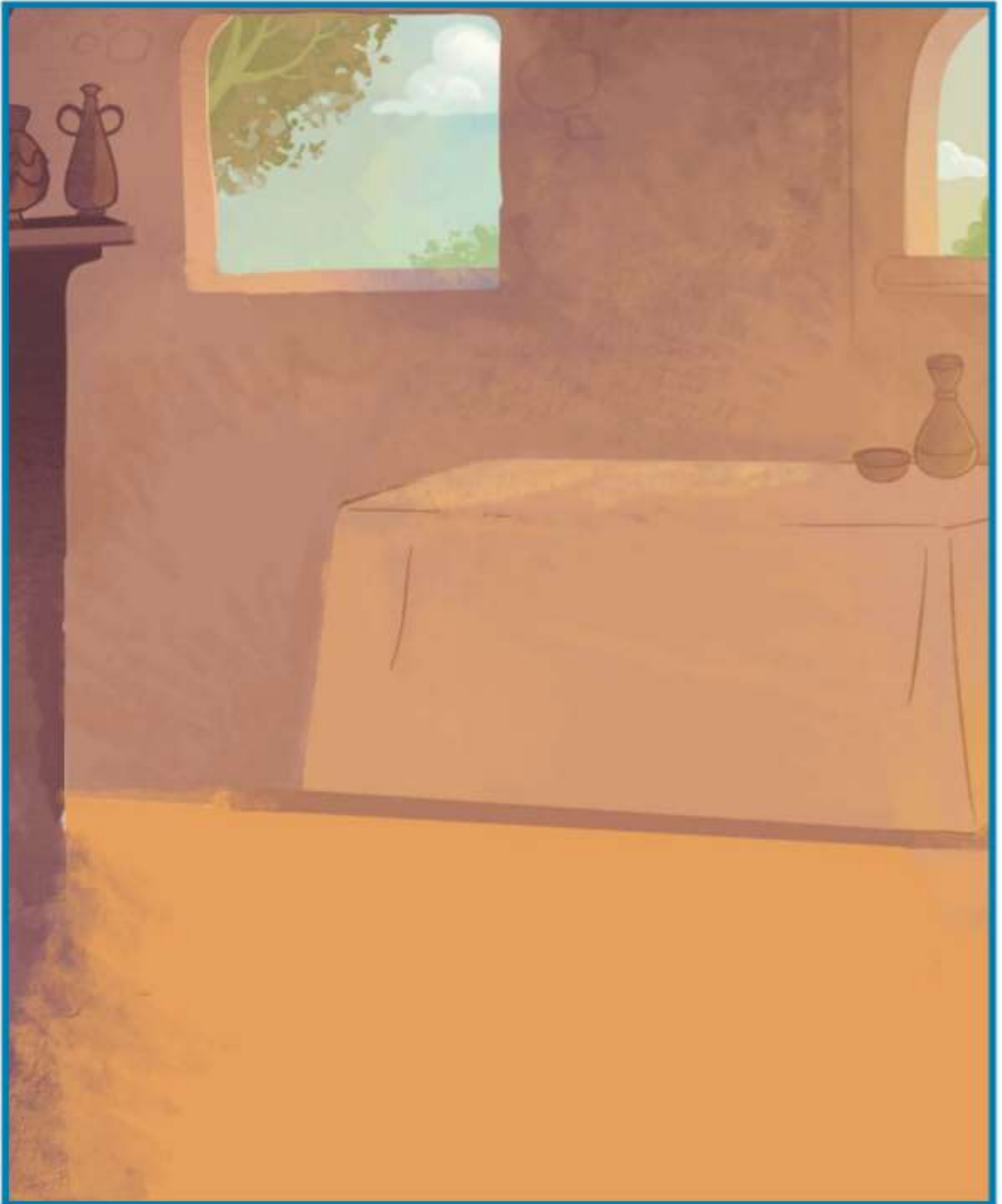
**Supplies:** printed copy of the following two Pre-School activity sheets, scissors, tape, and some pencils or craft sticks

Help your child(ren) cut out and assemble the puppets and then have them use the puppets to act out the Bible story.

## Mary and Martha Puppets

Cut out the puppets on the blue lines, and attach pencils to the backs with tape.  
Use the background on the next page to perform this story.





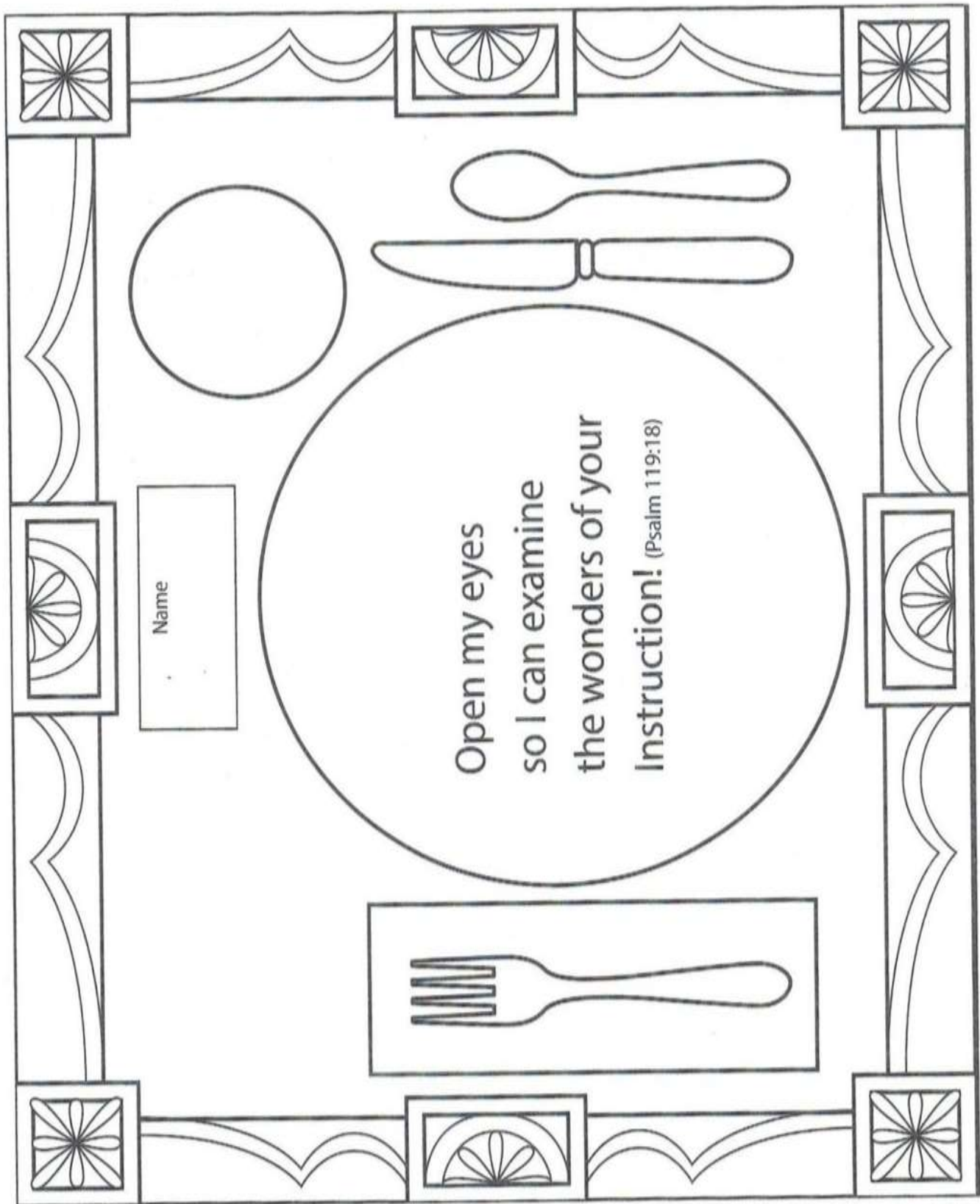
# Early Elementary Activity

## Place Mat Craft

**Supplies:** copy of the place mat, crayons and colored pencils.

**SAY:** Decorate the place mat and cut it out. Use the placemat when you eat a meal and remember the Bible story about Mary and Martha.



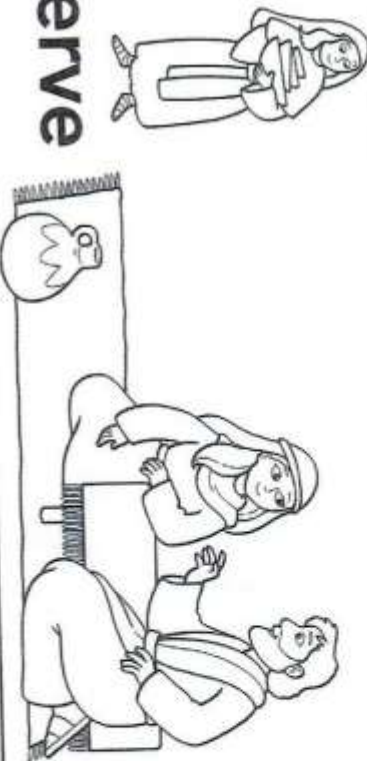
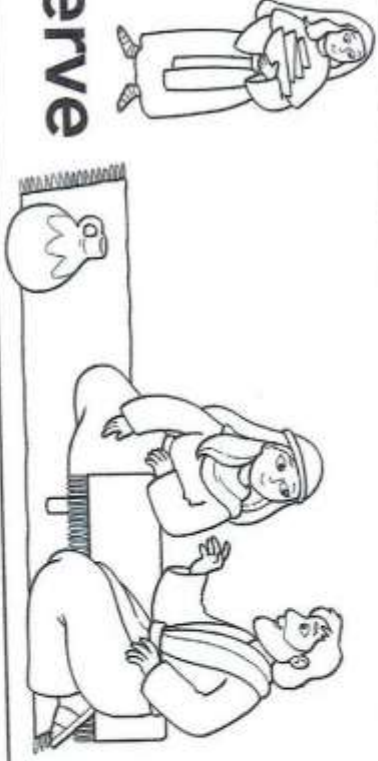
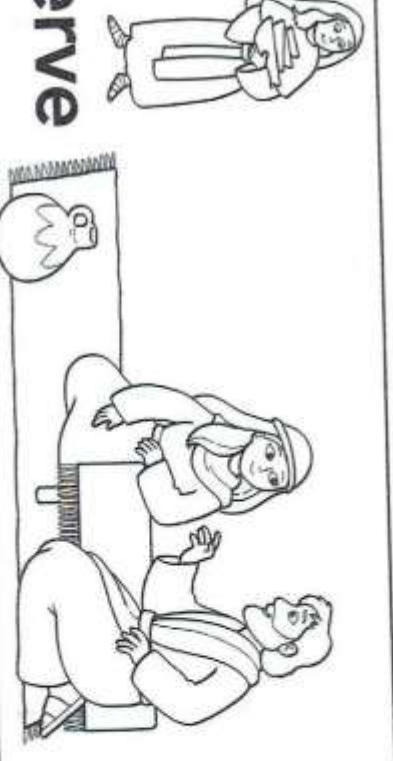


# Older Elementary Activity

## Bookmark Craft

**Supplies:** copy of the bookmark, scissors, crayons, markers, ribbon, hand-held single-hole paper punch

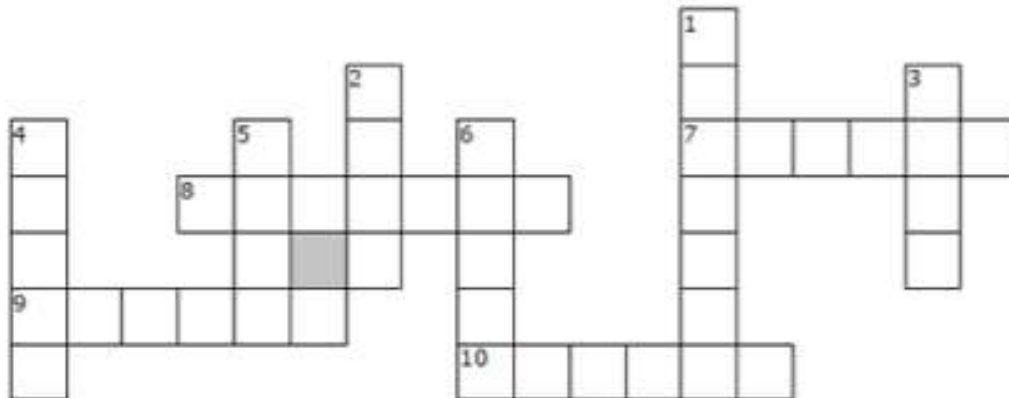
**SAY:** We are learning how important our Bibles are as guides for living out our faith. Although we can't sit at Jesus' feet, as Mary did, we can learn from Jesus by reading our Bibles. Let's make this bookmark to use as we ready our Bibles as a reminder to be like Mary. Color the bookmark, punch a hole in the top of the bookmark, thread a ribbon through the hole, and tie a knot in the ribbon.

<p><b>Listen and Serve</b></p> 	<p><b>Listen and Serve</b></p> 	<p><b>Listen and Serve</b></p> 
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# At the Home of Mary & Martha

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)



## ACROSS

7. To pay attention to what someone says
8. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
9. A spoken or written reply to a question
10. A female having the same parents as another person

## DOWN

1. A very small town
2. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
3. To give assistance to someone
4. An adult female human
5. The place where a family lives
6. The son of God

work

worried

Jesus

sister

village

answer

help

listen

woman

home