

Children and family talk for Sunday 17th July 2022.

Good morning!

Do you like visiting friends and having a meal with them? Or perhaps you prefer to have friends over to your house and entertain them? What do you do to get ready? Do you let your parents know what your friends like to eat or do? Today we going to look at a time when Jesus was visiting friends and some of the things that happened while he was there.

Let's try an experiment, as I read these few verses, see if you can draw a picture of you and your house with a friend over to stay. I'll explain why afterwards.

Let's read from Luke chapter 10, verses 38 to 42.

Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

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⁴¹ The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. ⁴² But there's only one thing you need. Mary has chosen what is better, and it is not to be taken away from her."

Talk: How did you get on with your picture? Now, were you able to concentrate on the story? How much did you listen?

Now I'm going to read it again, but this time, put your drawing and pens to one side and really listen...

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Did you find it easier to listen when you really concentrated? This is why Jesus said Mary had chosen what is better. Mary was able to listen properly to Jesus and learn from him. He was only going to be there a while, so they needed to take the time to be with him and really listen Instead of fussing and worrying about the dinner and the housework.

Perhaps you could take some time to be with Jesus and really listen? Let's do that now.

Father God, if we have had a busy week,
help us to stop and find rest with you;
if we have good news, help us to stop and thank you;
if we are feeling sad, help us to stop and trust in you.
However we come,
please give us this moment to stop and listen to you.
Amen.

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

Here's a link for the children's sheet: [activity-sheet-17-july-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-17-july-2022.pdf)

And here's a fun song to dance and sing along to, 'Stay awake, be wise and listen to the Lord':
<https://youtu.be/ZBXHTYkuLMs>