

Year C - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.



The Lord and his disciples were travelling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her."



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Martha worked but Mary listened



Introduction

- Have you ever noticed that when you have special guest come to your house your parents will do a big clean up. They might tidy the living room, or get the garden cleaned up.
- Why do you think that is?
- It's a way we can welcome people into our homes and show them that they are welcome there. It can also be about making a good impression.

You may want to include the activity for this week into your message.



Message

- Can you imagine how much they might clean up if Jesus was coming to their house?!
- That's what Martha was doing, she was working so hard to make Jesus feel welcome and make a good impression. But Martha wasn't helping, instead she was listening to Jesus.
- How do you think Martha felt?
- So when Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her, Jesus showed her that what Mary was choosing was better.
- It is kind and considerate to clean up for others, but Jesus was teaching them all how to care and love one another and love God. Jesus wanted Martha to be with him in that moment. That was what was more important.

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Discussion

- Have you ever had to do chores while someone else didn't? How did you feel?
- How do you think Martha felt?
- How do you think Jesus felt?
- What do you think was more important, cleaning up or being with Jesus?