

Opposites, Mary and Martha ☺ ALL

The children will love acting out this delightful story of the two sisters during a prayer time.

☐ **You will need:**

- A child to play Mary
- A child to play Martha
- A child to play Jesus
- A child to play Lazarus
- Bible or story of Mary and Martha
- Bathrobes, scarves, dusting cloth, and broom

☐ **To do:**

Tell the children that Jesus often stayed with Lazarus and his two sisters.

Dress two children in front of the class, one as Lazarus and one as Jesus.

The sisters were Mary and Martha, Jesus loved them both very much.

Dress up the children playing Mary and Martha with bathrobes and scarves.

Step by step have the children act out the following as you tell this simple story. Keep the story simple or add as much action as you wish.

One day Jesus met Lazarus on the road. Lazarus invited him to his family's house.

When Jesus arrived, Martha began to clean and cook for Jesus, wanting everything to be just right.

Mary and Lazarus sat down by Jesus and listened to every word he had to say.

Finally Martha was angry that no one was helping her and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work myself?" Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things. But just one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing."

(Luke 10:40-42)

Ask the children what was the right thing. Continue the discussion by sharing what this story has to do with our lives today.

Opposites, the Mary and Martha Song ☺ PRE

Mary and Martha were opposites, and Jesus loved them both very much. This song will help the children understand what's most important.

☐ **To do:**

Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush."

This is the way Martha swept, Martha swept, Martha swept.

This is the way Martha swept when Jesus came to visit.

Replace swept with dust, cook, and bake.

Last verse:

This is the way Mary sat, Mary sat, Mary sat.

This is the way Mary sat when Jesus came to visit.

Replace sat with listened.

Be sure to add some fun actions.

