

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The week of JULY 28/29

The Better Choice

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

"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 10:38-42

Are you a good listener? What sounds do you hear right now? Take a moment to be perfectly quiet and listen to all of the sounds around you. How many sounds are you able to hear? Do you always listen that carefully? Do you always hear your Mom or Dad when they tell you to do something?

Mary and Martha were two sisters. In our Bible reading Jesus comes to visit them. Martha quickly got busy with all sorts of things, while Mary sat down at Jesus' feet to listen to what He had to say. Who do you think did the best thing? Mary wanted to hear everything Jesus said. Martha was busy with other things.

Do you think it is important to hear Jesus when He talks to you? He can talk to you anytime, anywhere. It only takes one thing. A book--The Bible. When we read from it, we should stop everything else and just listen. Try that when you read the Bible. It will be like Jesus has come to your house.

Pray: Jesus, speak to me through the Bible and help me to listen to what You have to say. Amen.