

CITY LG – February 19th, 2023

Today's Bible Story: I Will Be Here (Mary and Martha) • *Luke 10:38-42*

Today's Bottom Line: Take time to show others they are important.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Do to others as you want them to do to you.* Luke 6:31 (NIRV)

Worship:

Chasing Me

Believe It

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, friends! I'm so excited to be here with you today. I just want to tell you that I think each of you is SO important and special. In fact, I want to SHOW you how important you are . . . like this!

Give a big thumbs-up and move your thumb around like you're giving a thumbs-up to everyone in the room.

I want you to circle up in your small groups and discuss the answers to a question together. **The question is: When is a time when someone made you feel like you were important?** I want you to talk about this as a group.

Give the groups about a minute to discuss. Walk around and help them with some of the suggestions above if they are struggling with answer.

"Ok, what is one thing someone has done to make you feel like you are important? (*call on groups to tell you one of their answers*)

SLIDE: Virtue

"Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do.

SLIDE: Theme

"This is a big deal because each of us is so very important to God. Each person is made in God's image. So, it makes sense that we should show respect to each other with the way we live each day.

I've got an amazing story today from the life of Jesus, which is written in the Bible (*hold up Bible*) in the book of Luke!

"At Christmas, we talked about how Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem. When Jesus grew up, He started traveling around, teaching people God's ways, and healing people who were sick. Crowds of people followed Jesus around because they wanted to hear what He had to say. People who were sick hoped that Jesus might heal them. Everyone could tell that Jesus was very special!"

"One day, Jesus and His disciples arrived at a town called Bethany. Jesus had friends who lived in Bethany: Martha, her sister Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Martha welcomed Jesus and the disciples into her home."

Let's hear about what happens next with Mary and Martha in the Story Lab...

Lesson Video

“We can learn a lot from this story of Mary and Martha’s time with Jesus. Martha was working to do things that needed to be done . . . and it’s not that her work wasn’t important. But Mary took time to do what was MOST important. She took time to listen and pay attention to what Jesus said. She showed how important Jesus is by spending time with Him.

“Like Mary did for Jesus, we can spend time with the people in our lives and show them how valuable they are. When we take time to be with people, we can make them feel loved and show them how much they matter to us. So, I want to encourage all of us this week to do this. Check this out...

Bottom Line Video

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Take time to show others they are important.

“You never know how much that will mean to someone! Let’s pray.”

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

“Dear God, we love You! We are so thankful that we get to spend time with You when we pray. You are awesome, and You are worth every bit of time and attention we can give You. Help us slow down and not get distracted or worried by things that are not as important as being with You. Give us Your love for the people in our lives and help us make time for them, too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“If you think about it, it’s pretty amazing that we can spend time with Jesus today. I mean, it’s not like Jesus is coming over to our house like He did for Mary and Martha. But we can choose to spend time with Jesus by reading the Bible and finding out what Jesus did and said. We can spend time with Jesus by praying. We can even listen to worship music that reminds us that Jesus is always with us.

“We can also spend time with other people to show that they’re important to us.

“It always means a lot when someone chooses to take time for us. So, if we spend time with other people, that’s a great way that we treat them the way you would want to be treated.

“That’s how Jesus told us we should live, as we find in our memory verse, Luke 6:31.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Do to others as you want them to do to you. (Luke 6:31, NIV)”

“Now, before we go to small groups, let’s have our offering time.

OFFERING TIME:

All this month, we have been bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you to have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...

SLIDE: Eli and Mandy

They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!

CG: Vida Nueva Ministries Video (Runtime: 2:00)