

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

MARCH 22ND, WEEK 4

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

GAME 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

APPLICATION 1 12 MIN

APPLICATION 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line

Make time for Jesus first.

Memory Verse

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3 NIV

Please make sure that children who were not here last week receive a memory verse card to take home so they can practice and memorize it throughout the week.

Please go over the memory verse with the class every Sunday.

PRE-SERVICE Activity & Coloring Pages

What you need:

- “Spot the Difference”
Activity Page,
- “Make Time for Jesus”
Watch
 - Markers
 - Velcro Fasteners
- K-2
 - “Mary and Martha”
Coloring Page
- 3-5
 - “The Color of
Humility” Coloring
Page
 - “My Week” Activity
Page
 - “Mary & Martha”
Word Search
- Coloring Supplies
- 3-5 Colored Pencils

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Have tables set up with activities before the kids arrive. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish.

Clock Activity

Spot the difference Activity Page

K-2 Coloring Page

Mary and Martha Coloring Page

3-5 Mary & Martha Word Search

The Color of Humility Coloring Page

This is like an “adult” coloring page, with more intricate designs and done with colored pencils. They can take their time to color it. If possible, play some quiet worship music in the background. This activity is meant to be calm and reflective, giving them space to think about the words of the verse.

My Week Activity Page

Tell kids to fill in their typical weekly schedule. Encourage them to write down things like school, sports practice, homework, chores, and screen time. Once the kids have their busy week filled in, invite them to look for the empty spaces. Challenge them to find specific times this week where they can intentionally “make time for Jesus.” Instruct them to write “Time with Jesus” in some of the empty slots on their calendar and color and decorate it as they wish.

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Reverse Charades”

What You Need:

- No Supplies Needed

HOST: “Hey, everyone! Welcome back to another week of our theme for this month—‘Upside Down!’ How’s everybody doing today? “Awesome! This month, we’ve been learning what it means to live upside down, to treat others the way Jesus treats us, even when that looks totally different from the way the world does things. “Today, we’re talking about something really important—something that can actually flip the way we live every single day. It’s all about making time for Jesus first. But before we dive in, we’ve got a crazy game to get us thinking about focus and paying attention. It’s called ‘Reverse Charades’! Is everyone ready to play?”

SLIDE: Reverse Charades Title

“Here’s how it works! I’m going to pick two volunteers to come up here. You’ll be standing side by side, facing the audience. Behind you on the screen, there’s going to be a picture. You can’t see it, but everyone in the audience can! The picture has two things on it that are totally random and out of the box.”

“The audience’s job is to act out what’s on the screen without saying the words. You two will have to guess what the picture is based on what the audience does. Each round, we’ll get two new volunteers to come up and try! Got it?”

“Okay, first I need two volunteers who want to do some guessing! If you want to guess, raise your hand!”

Choose two volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to come on stage.

“Okay, now that everyone is settled, let’s play our first round. If you’re in the audience, do your best to act out this picture for our volunteers!”

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 1 (Toaster on clouds)

Audience acts out the charades image, and the two volunteers try to guess what it is.

“Nice! Let’s give our two volunteers a hand! You guys crushed it! You can return to your seats!”

“Let’s do another round! I need two more volunteers! Raise your hand if you’d like to volunteer!”

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

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OPENER GAME (CONT.)

Choose two volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to come on stage.

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 2 (Basketball player dunking a donut)

“Okay, if you’re in the audience, do your best to act out this picture for our volunteers! Volunteers, you two try to guess what they’re acting out!”

Audience acts out the charades image, and the two volunteers try to guess what it is.

“Awesome job! Let’s give a big hand for our volunteers! You guys can return to your seats!” If time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for two new volunteers at the beginning of each round. The other rounds are listed next.

Optional Additional Rounds:

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 3 (Cat astronaut)

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 4 (Pizza skateboard)

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 5 (Upside down house)

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 6 (Elephant rollerskating)

SLIDE: Reverse Charades 7 (Flying dinosaur superhero)

“Great job, everyone! You can all be seated. Now, that game might’ve felt a little crazy with people acting all around you while you were trying to figure out what was going on. It’s kind of like life, right? There’s always something fighting for your attention. But if you’re not careful, you might miss what really matters.

“Today’s Bottom Line reminds us of what’s most important.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“When we [Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first, everything else in our lives starts to fall into place. Let’s say our Bottom Line together!”

HOST AND KIDS: [Bottom Line] *“Make time for Jesus first!”*

“Great job, everyone!”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 1

“Ball Sweep”

What You Need

- Broom
- Crumbled Paper Ball
- Floor Tape

What You Do

Read Luke 10:38-42 to the group.

- Use the floor tape to create two starting lines on one side of the room.
- Divide the group into two teams and instruct them to line up on one side of the room, behind a starting line.
- Give the first kid in each line a broom and a paper ball.
- Explain that they will have a relay race. One at a time, they are to use the broom to sweep their paper ball across the room and back.
- Then once the kid reaches their team, after sweeping the crumpled paper ball across the room and back, the next kid in line is to use the broom to do the same thing.
- The twist: When you call out, “Make time for Jesus first!,” the kids are to freeze right where they are. They can only start again when you say, “Go!”
- Start the race. Shout the freeze command randomly.
- After a moment, say “Go!” and let them continue.
- Continue giving the command at random points.
- The first team to have all the kids on their team finish wins.

What You Say

“Great job in that race! It was hard to stop when you were in the middle of working hard, wasn’t it? You really wanted to keep going so you could get to the finish line! That’s kind of how Martha felt in our story. She was busy, busy, busy. She was busy trying to make the visit for Jesus and His friends wonderful. She was so busy that she got frustrated and upset. While it was good to try to make the visit special, Jesus taught Martha that there was something else that was more important— spending time with Him. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to everything Jesus had to say. She didn’t want to miss time with Jesus. It’s most important for all of us to [Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first.”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Quiet Game”

What You Need

- Bibles

What You Do

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Philippians 2:3.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Tell the kids you have a challenge for them. They have to line up in different ways, but they have to do it without talking! They can only use hand signals and gestures.
- Give them the first challenge: “Line up from shortest to tallest, without talking!” Give them the next challenge: “Line up in alphabetical order by your first name, without talking!”
- Give them one more: “Line up in order of your birthdays, from January to December, without talking!” (You may need to help with this one.)
- Once they are in their final line, open a Bible and read the verse, Philippians 2:3, to the group.
- Say the Memory Verse together as a group

What You Say

“Wow, you had to work together and put others first to get in the right order. Our Memory Verse is all about that! It’s so important to take time to learn verses from the Bible. That way wherever we are, we can remember God’s Word. The Bible is the truth that God has told us! When we choose to be humble and put others first, including Jesus, it helps us remember that really only one thing is needed: to **[Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first.**”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

No Supplies Needed

What To Do

- Tell the kids that you're going to pray in an "upside down" way.
- Invite them to find a safe space to lie on their backs.
- Lead them in a simple prayer while they look up at the ceiling.

What You Say

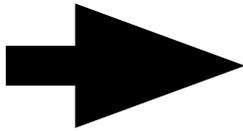
"We can pray anytime, anywhere, and in any position—even upside down! God always hears us. Let's pray and ask God to help us remember to spend time with Him this week, just like Mary did."

Prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You for wanting to spend time with us every single day. It's easy to get worried and upset about many things, but please help us to remember to **[Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first**. We want to go through life knowing You are with us, so our hearts can rest in You no matter how busy things get. Help us to be like Mary and choose what is better, spending time with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

GETTING READY

What You Need



PRE-SERVICE

- K-2 “Spot the Difference” Activity Page, “Mary and Martha” Coloring Page
- “Make Time for Jesus” Clock
- 3-5 “the Color of Humility” Coloring Page, “My Week” Activity Page, “Mary & Martha” Word Search
- Coloring Supplies
- 3-5 Colored Pencils

OPENER GAME

- No Supplies Needed

SALVATION MOMENT

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- Salvation sheet

APPLICATION 1

- Broom
- Crumbled Paper Ball

APPLICATION 2

- Bibles

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