

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 July 2022 - Year C

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

### Something to Think About

What happens in your family when someone comes over to visit? There's lots of preparing to do! Do you sometimes help to get things ready?

### The Story

Jesus visits his friends Mary and Martha who are sisters. Straight away, Martha sets about preparing a meal. Mary, on the other hand, sits at the feet of Jesus and listens to him. For her, it is more important to spend time with Jesus. Jesus agrees with Mary.

### The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

10:38-42

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Watch the video which retells the gospel story.

[Mary and Martha](#)



## Group Discussion

Sometimes it is hard to sit still – it can be good fun to run around and play!

At other times, we feel like being quiet and just listening. Listening to Jesus means that we have to be quiet in our hearts and minds. When might be a good time for you to be still and listen to Jesus? Maybe before bed time, or early in the morning, or at rest time in the afternoon.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray that our leaders will listen and respond to people's suffering. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray that we will listen to others and show our care for them. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray that we will make time to be still and spend time with Jesus. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray that we will have generous hearts to love others. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that there will be peace in all countries of the world. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
We know it is important to spend  
quiet time with you.  
Help us to make time in our busy  
days to be still and listen.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

### Retell the Story with Cardboard Puppets

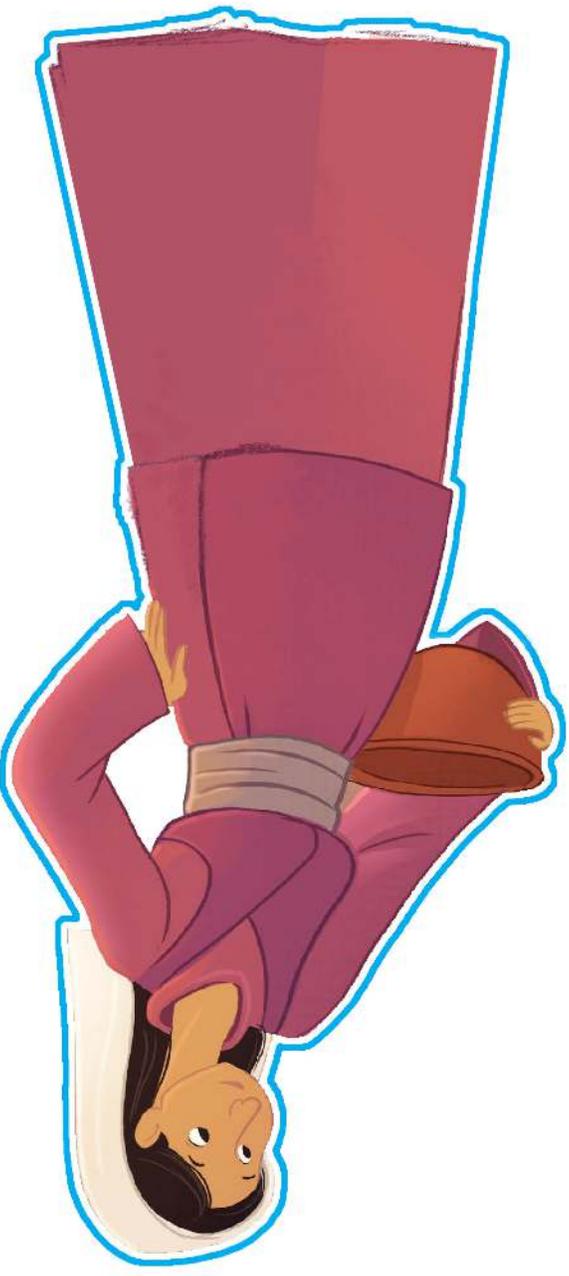
*For each child you will need: print-outs of the characters and the background as provided, sticky-tape, paddle-pop sticks, scissors.*

1. Cut out the figures of Jesus, Mary and Martha.
2. Use sticky-tape to attach a paddle-pop stick or a pencil to each one.
3. Retell the story using your puppets using the background provided on the second page of the activity.



# Mary and Martha Puppets

Cut out the puppets on the blue lines, and attach pencils to the backs with tape.  
Use the background on the next page to perform this story.







**A 'MARTHA' MOMENT**



**A 'MARY' MOMENT**

*What are your favourite 'Martha's' and 'Mary's' moments?*

**MARTHA: DOING THINGS FOR JESUS**



**MARY: STOPPING TO LISTEN TO JESUS**