

A FRUITFUL LIFE

LESSON 1: RIGHT PRIORITIES

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After completing this lesson, the children will discover that special priority should be given to Jesus every day of our life.

TOPICS

Fruitfulness, Priorities,

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 minutes)

Praise and worship are an important part of a believer's life and children often learn best by watching and repeating what they see. So please, praise and worship together.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Suppose you could pick out what kind of personality your best friend would have. For example, would you want your best friend to be very neat and organized or sloppy? How about his or her mood? Someone who changes moods easily, or someone who is always calm and easygoing? How about someone who is always fussy about things, or someone who doesn't care how things turn out? Our story today is about a time when Jesus visited the home of two sisters. In many ways, these two sisters had opposite personalities, and so they acted very different during Jesus' visit.

Read **Luke 10:38-42** (At the Home of Mary and Martha)

Discussion Questions:

1. After Martha welcomed Jesus into her home, what did she do? (*Continued to fuss around the house.*)
2. What did her sister Mary do during Jesus' visit? (*Sat and listened to Jesus*)
3. How do we know Martha was unhappy about her sister? (*She asked Jesus to tell her sister to help.*)
4. What did Jesus say about how Martha was acting? (*He said Martha was upset about many things.*)
5. Who chose the right thing to do at the time? Why? (*Mary, she knew what was needed to do at the time.*)
6. When might Martha's actions be appropriate? (*Perhaps after Jesus was gone, or before He arrived.*)
7. What does this story teach us about priorities? (*Jesus should always come first.*)

CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)

Priorities (video)

Parent/Child Activity

Penny Pick Up Game (see vide)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

Mary chose the right thing. She gave Jesus the right priority for the moment. That is not to say that hard work, doing chores and taking care of others is not important. It is! But even though they are important, Jesus is more important. We need to make sure we give Him the highest priority in our life. Mary knew that Jesus would not be with them forever, so she wanted to spend every precious moment with him. Martha could have waited to do the chores. Perhaps, after Jesus left, Mary and Martha could even do the work together.

What are some things we can do to make sure we give Jesus the right priority? (*Listen to the Sunday school teacher or preacher instead of thinking about other things, not staying up so late so you have time to pray, sharing Jesus with your friends, giving some of your allowance back to God instead of spending it all, etc.*)

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes)