

BIBLE STORY DRAMA / PANTOMIME: “JESUS VISITS MARY AND MARTHA”

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SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42

PRESENTATION:

1. Be true to the Bible story.
As you tell the story in your own words, be true to the story in the Bible. Do not embellish the story. The Bible story you tell, will be the oral Bible the listeners hear and learn.
2. Options in telling the Bible story as you take your listeners on a storytelling journey:
Option 1: Just tell the Bible story.
Option 2: Tell the Bible story using pantomime.
Option 3: Tell the Bible story using drama.
3. Visualize the scenes in the story.
Before telling the Bible story, mentally visualize where the scenes will be at the locality where the story will be told. As the story is being told, the storyteller either looks that direction, raises his arm and gestures towards that direction, or walks over to that place. If a drama, the characters portray their parts and gestures.
Example:
 - Where is the person who is telling the story standing? If it is a drama, where are the narrator(s) standing?
 - Where is the door to the house?
 - After Jesus enters, where will Jesus be sitting? Suggestion: Place a chair there.
 - Where is Mary? What is she doing?
 - Where is Martha? What is she doing?
4. Explain words, phrases or customs that are in the Bible story.
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BACKGROUND OF STORY (Initial Situation):

Some very good friends of Jesus were Mary, her sister Martha and their brother Lazarus. They lived in Bethany, a town about two miles from Jerusalem. One day Jesus visited their home.

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PERSON SPEAKING <small>Option: one or two narrators</small>	BIBLE STORY (Dialogue)	ACTION <small>(Option)</small>
NARRATOR 1:	One day Jesus went to the home of Mary and Martha.	<i>Mary and Martha greet Jesus at the door. The sisters take Jesus to a chair where he sits down.</i>
NARRATOR 2:	Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to His teachings.	<i>Mary sits at the feet of Jesus.</i>
NARRATOR 1:	What was Martha doing?	
NARRATOR 2:	Martha was very busy doing all the work in the house.	<i>Martha is busy dusting, then acting as if she is cooking a meal.</i>
NARRATOR 1:	She was preparing for Jesus’ visit.	
NARRATOR 2:	Martha became upset, because her sister Mary did not help her.	<i>Martha puts her hands on her hips and acts like she is mad.</i>
NARRATOR 1:	So Martha went to Jesus and asked,	<i>Martha walks over to Jesus looking upset.</i>
MARTHA:	“Are you not concerned that my sister has left all the work with me? Tell my sister to come and help me!”	<i>Looking at Jesus, she talks to him.</i>
NARRATOR 2:	Jesus replied,	<i>Jesus is looking up at Martha.</i>
JESUS:	“Oh Martha, Martha. You are very worried about many things, all the work and preparations in the house. Look.	<i>Jesus nods his head back and forth and then raises his hand up to Martha and talks to her.</i>
	Mary has chosen the best thing to do. She has chosen to be sitting at my feet and listening to my teachings.”	<i>Jesus then reaches out and touches Mary’s shoulder as he continues to talk to Martha.</i>
NARRATOR 1:	Jesus explained to Martha that He would not always be with them. <i>(Jesus knew that soon he would be crucified, risen and taken to heaven.)</i>	

CONCLUSION:

(Choose one or more options.)

Option 1: **Stop**

- After dramatizing or pantomiming the Bible story, stop.

Option 2: **Prayer**

- After dramatizing or pantomiming the Bible story, pray.
- Example: Say, "Dear God, may we stop each day to listen to you through prayer, reading the Bible and worshipping you."

Option 3: **Devotional Thought**

- After dramatizing or pantomiming the Bible story, state the Devotional Thought. It is a Life Lesson (Bible truth) taken from the story that applies to the lives of the listeners.
- Example: Say, "May we be like Mary and stop our activities to listen to Jesus through prayer, reading God's Word (Bible) and worshipping our Lord in church."

Option 4: **Discussion Questions**

- After dramatizing or pantomiming the Bible story, ask one or more questions, depending upon the time available. Allow the listeners to answer the questions.

Example:

- What did you learn from the story?
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Suggestion: Pray, mentioning some of their comments in the prayer.

Example:

- What did Mary do when Jesus came to visit?
- What did Martha do when Jesus came to visit?
- What are some ways we can make time to be with Jesus?
- Suggestion: Say: "Let us pray. Dear Jesus, help us to stop and take time to be with you through praying to you, reading our Bible and worshipping you."

Example:

- What was Martha doing when Jesus came to visit them?
- What was her sister Mary doing when Jesus was visiting them?
- Why was Martha upset at her sister Mary?
- Who did Martha turn to when she was upset?
- Did Jesus listen to her? What did he say?
- Will God listen to us when you are upset? Why?
- Suggestion: Say, "Let us have silent prayer and pray to God about your concerns or about things that are upsetting you." Then take a few moments to pray silently.

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