

# 3-5s | W3

## Small Group (15 minutes)

**Social: Providing time for fun interaction**

Broom It  
Tic-Tac-Toe with Martha and Mary  
Time to Explore

## Large Group (20 minutes)

**Worship: Inviting people to respond to God**

**Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways**

Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer

## Small Group (25 minutes)

**Groups: Creating a safe place to connect**

Lacing Heart  
A Visit to Martha's  
Not Too Busy for Jesus  
Pause to Pray  
Jesus Loves  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)  
Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org



### Bible Story

Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42  
Jesus wants to spend time with me.

### Key Question

Who loves you?

### Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

### Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •  
Matthew 19:14 NLT

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!"

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God loves us."

*SONG: "His Banner Over Me Is Love" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

"Great job, friends! Did you know that God loves you! Let's sing a song about that!"

*SONG: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!"

*SONG: "Jesus Loves Me Remix" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together."

*SONG: "Whole Lotta Bit" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

*Jesus said,*

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

-  Table 1
-  Mixing bowl and spoon 1
-  Chef's hat or apron 1
-  Clipboard with a long list of paper 1

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things host needs: table, mixing bowl and spoon, chef's hat or apron, clipboard with a long list on paper.

**HOST:** "Okay, hello, friends! I'm [your name]. I'm so excited! I'm throwing a big 'Sweet Treats Party' for all of my friends! But there is SO much to do to get ready!"

Host looks at the clipboard.

"Okay, my list says I need to mix the cookie dough. (*Host goes to the table and pretends to mix very fast.*) And I need to blow up balloons! (*Host pretends to blow up a balloon.*) And I have to hang the streamers! (*Host pretends to hang streamers.*) And I need to choose the PERFECT music! Oh, this has to be the best party ever for my friends! It has to be perfect because I love them so much.

Host stops and looks exhausted.

"Whew! Being the perfect host is a lot of work! I hope I can get it all done before my friends get here. I have to go check on the oven. See you in a bit!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits. A chair is on stage. Storyteller carries a Bible. Storyteller also carries dust rag, plastic bowl, and spoon.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.  
Hold up the Bible.

"Today's story is about two sisters who were getting ready for a very special visitor. Their names were Mary and Martha. Can my helpers please come up?"

**What You Need**

 Bible	1
 Chair	1
 Dust rag	1
 Plastic bowl	1
 Spoon	1
 Option: Cardstock	1

Pause as preselected volunteers join you.

"Thank you for helping! (*Give one the name Mary and the other Martha.*) One day, Mary and Martha found out their friend Jesus was coming to their house! They were so excited.

Slide: Story Image W3 01 (Jesus and disciples arrive at Mary and Martha's home)

"As soon as Jesus arrived, Mary sat right down at his feet to listen to him. Let's pretend this chair is where Jesus is sitting. (*To one volunteer*) Mary, why don't you sit right here on the floor?

Have "Mary" sit on the floor next to the chair.

Slide: Story Image W3 02 (Mary sitting on floor, listening to Jesus)

"Mary didn't want to miss a single word Jesus said. She just wanted to BE with him.

"But Martha... well, Martha had things to do!

Hand the other volunteer ("Martha") the bowl, spoon, and dust rag.

"Martha was busy cooking. (*To the volunteer*) Go ahead, Martha, start stirring! She wanted to make the perfect food for her guest.

"And she was also busy cleaning! (*To the volunteer*) Can you dust this chair for me?

"Martha was working so hard to make everything perfect because she loved Jesus so much! But finally, she got upset and said, 'Jesus, tell my sister to help me! I'm doing all the work!'

Slide: Story Image W3 03 (Martha telling Jesus she's upset)

"But Jesus was so kind. He looked at Martha and said that spending time with Him was the most important thing.

Take the bowl, spoon, and dust rag from the volunteer and lead her to sit on the floor on the other side of the chair with Mary.

"Martha didn't need to worry about the cooking and cleaning. Jesus just wanted to spend time with her.

"That's the kind of friend Jesus is. He doesn't need everything to be perfect. He just loves us and wants to spend time with us! He wants to spend time with you, and you, and all of you! (*Point to the volunteers and the children.*)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## Outro Sketch

### What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's give a big hand for our awesome helpers! Thanks so much, friends."

Send volunteers back to their seats.

"Jesus loves you and wants to spend time with you! Tell me, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes! And because Jesus loves you, He wants to be with you! Let's spend time with Jesus by talking to Him right now. Let's close our eyes."

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus, thank You for loving us and for wanting to spend time with us. Help us remember that being with You is the best thing of all. You're an awesome friend! Amen."

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

**HOST:** "Wow! What a great story. Martha was SO busy trying to make everything perfect for Jesus, but Mary knew the most important thing was just to spend time with Jesus."

"You know what? That reminds me of my party problem! I was so busy, busy, busy trying to make the party perfect FOR my friends, that I was forgetting to get excited about just BEING with my friends!"

"The snacks and decorations are nice, but the best part of the Sweet Treats Party will be spending time together. I'm so glad the Bible story reminded me of that!"

"Jesus loves us and just wants to be with us. **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** Tell me, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and HOST: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me!"**

**HOST:** "Yes, He does! See you guys next time. Bye-bye!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

**LEADER:** "Today's true story happened at a house where two sisters lived. Their names were Mary and Martha. Can you say their names?"

**CHILDREN:** "Mary and Martha."

Slide: Story Image W3 01 (Jesus and disciples arrive at Mary and Martha's home)

**LEADER:** "Mary and Martha were friends with Jesus. One day, Jesus came to visit their home. How exciting!"

Slide: Story Image W3 02 (Mary sitting on floor, listening to Jesus)

**LEADER:** "As soon as Jesus came in, Mary sat right down near Jesus to listen. Let's listen like Mary. Show me your listening ears."

Cup hands behind ears together for a beat

**LEADER:** "Mary didn't want to miss a single word. Martha loved Jesus too, and she wanted everything to be perfect for Him. She was busy, busy, busy getting the house ready."

"Let's pretend to stir a bowl... stir ... good. Now wipe the table ... and fluff a pillow."

**LEADER:** "Martha worked hard because she loved Jesus and she wanted Him to feel comfortable and welcome."

Slide: Story Image W3 03 (Martha telling Jesus she's upset)

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "But Martha felt upset because Mary wasn't helping. She told Jesus all about it."

**LEADER:** "Jesus was kind. He told Martha that all her work was good, but the best thing is to spend time with Him."

Place hands over heart. "Being with Jesus is the best thing."

**LEADER:** "Let's practice that for a moment. Sit still like Mary, big breath in ... and out."

*(Pause briefly.)* "Good job listening."

**LEADER:** "Jesus didn't need a perfect snack or a perfect house. Jesus wanted to be with His friends, Mary and Martha. Can you say, Jesus loves me?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me!"

**LEADER:** "Great Job! Let's say our Bible words together one time."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus wants to spend time with you."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

**LEADER:** "Because Jesus loves you, He wants to spend time with you! Let's talk to Him right now. Let's close our eyes."

**LEADER:** "Jesus, thank You for loving us and for wanting to spend time with us. Help us to remember that just being with You is the most important thing. You are the best friend ever. Amen."