

Dear Parents,

Please use this packet with your child to review this week's Bible lesson. Included is a summary of the Bible Story, the Bible Verse, the prayer we learned in class, and activities to help your child apply the lesson.

Sign each day after the activity has been completed and return the signed packet for your child to earn their points!

Have fun with your child as we learn to have a rock solid life for God!

Lesson in a Word: Listen

What Should I See?

Jesus had two special friends. They were sisters. One of the sisters was named Martha, and the other sister was named Mary. One day, Jesus came to visit them. Martha was worried that the house wasn't clean enough. So she scrubbed and dusted and mopped and cleaned and worked very hard to make the house look nice for Jesus. "Where is Mary?" she thought. "Do I have to do all the work alone? Do I have to fix all the food by myself?" Martha went to find her sister, Mary. And guess where she found her? Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet! Mary was listening to Jesus teach. Martha couldn't believe it. Here she was being so busy, and her sister Mary was just *sitting* with Jesus! Martha looked at Jesus and said, "Don't you care that my sister is making me do *all* the work?" Jesus said, "Martha, don't worry about so many things. You're filling your time being busy, but your sister knows that only one thing is important. Mary chose the better way." (Source: Luke 10:38-42)

Memory Verse:

Always be willing to listen... James 1:19a NCV

What's The Key?

When Jesus came to visit, Mary and Martha each had a choice: either sit and listen to Jesus or keep busy by doing other things. Now, this doesn't mean that when our parents ask us to do chores we can tell them that we would rather stop and listen to Jesus. Nice try! We must always do as our parents ask. But in this story, one sister made a good choice and one sister didn't. It's interesting to note that we have been given two ears and one mouth. Some people have said that we should listen twice as much as we talk.

What's That To Me?

We need to make the time in our busy lives to listen to Jesus. That means learning about God and getting to know Him better. Our life can be filled with lots of activities—school, sports, music lessons, video games, and friends. When we are willing to stop what we are doing for a moment and listen to Jesus, we are making a wise choice.

How Should I Be?

We can listen to Jesus by going to church. The Bible teaches us what God wants us to hear so that we will make the right choices in our lives. When we pray, God hears us and then answers our prayers. If we are too busy, we won't hear His answer! By taking a "time out", we can hear what is important for us to do, and then do it!

Practice Point:

Make a choice
to hear His voice!

Week #1:

“Always be willing to listen...”
James 1:19a NCV

Listen Up!

Friday – Read the Bible story to your child:

Mary and Martha

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Saturday – Memorize Bible verse with your child:

“Always be willing to listen...” James 1:19a NCV

Sunday – Pray with your child:

It's hard to listen when we are distracted. When we pray, we close our eyes so we are not looking around. We fold our hands so we are not busy playing with toys.

Dear Jesus, Help me to learn to be quiet and listen so that I can learn more about You. Thank You for my parents and leaders who also teach me from the Bible how to live a good life. Amen.

Monday – Play “Listen Up” with your child:

Hide somewhere in your house. About every 10 seconds make a “beep – beep” sound. Your child has to find you by listening to the sound. Then trade places and let your child hide.

Tuesday – Be with your child:

God has given us two ears and only one mouth. We are to listen twice as often as we speak. Review this with your child by listening to a children's Christian CD together (such as Jana Alayra). As you listen to the words, what is one thing you learn about God?

Wed. – Practice memory verse with your child

TALK TO US! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

(We will remove and keep this form. No one will see this except for your Kids Rock teacher. **You must turn this in to receive all points for turning in your packet.** Answers may be as short as one sentence, but please write SOMETHING and be honest! You do not have to have a prayer request, comment, and question. Circle at least one each week though; even if you just circle 'comment' and write, 'I liked Tuesdays activity.' **Parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners:** You can help your child write their answers and / or give us your thoughts.)

Name (First and Last): _____

How has God spoken to you this week?

How have you responded to what He has said?

I HAVE A...
(circle all that apply)

Prayer Request

Comment

Question

Please write your prayer requests, questions and/or comments on the back.

**Thanks for coming to Kids Rock this week!
We had a great time. We hope you did too.
We will see you next time!**