

Adventures with GOD!

OTHER FRIENDS OF JESUS SERVED GOD(A.3.FALL.9)

Biblical Reference	Luke 10: 38-42, John 11: 1, 12: 2
Key Verse	Psalm 100: 2
Key Concept	I serve God with joy.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name the three best friends of Jesus. 2. Say how Martha and Mary served God. 3. Demonstrate how people reacted when Lazarus was resurrected.

LIFE APPLICATION

While Jesus was on earth, He had the opportunity to make good friends. Three siblings named Lazarus, Martha and Mary were the best friends of Jesus. They invited Jesus to stay at their home to enjoy their friendship and love. Father served God by serving Jesus. Children will learn to serve others in the name of Jesus and by doing this is to serve God. During week ask parents to allow children to help around the house and so on. This experience will bring happiness in serving God by helping others.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction		10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Illustration, bible	10 minutes
Activity	Puzzles, scissors, crayons	10 minutes
Song	Music	10 minutes
Prayer/snack		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Introduction: Welcome students with a hug and very affectionate greeting. You have to be an example of love, so say hello to everyone. Ask if they have family or friends visiting their homes occasionally. What happens to those friendships? Do you care? Do they treat you well? Does it help with your needs? Discuss what generally happens when you have visitors. Point out to them that it's nice to share those moments with family and friends.

Bible Exploration: Start by talking a little bit about what the bible means to us. We have the blessing of God's Word to read. Mention that there are many people in other parts of the world that would like to have a book like this, but are not allow them to have them. Today we are going to use it well. Do you know? This book tells a beautiful story of Jesus and his friends. Mary and Martha invited Jesus to their house. Jesus needed to have that time to share love and friendship with friends, and spend beautiful moments in fellowship. Yes, he also had those needs. We also need our friends' right?

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were good friends of Jesus. When serving Jesus, they were also serving God with joy. We can serve others in the name of Jesus. How? Let the children think of some ways that can help and serve the members in their homes.

Complete this part of the story by saying a prayer and asking each child to invite and allow Jesus to be their friend, so they can enjoy the love and companionship wherever they go. In prayer mention how God help us to share with others what we have and when we do, we do it with joy and gladness because this way we are serving God.

Activity: Attached there are puzzles with illustrations on how to help others. Emphasize the importance of helping and sharing with our relatives, friends, neighbors, and so on. You can form teams of three or four children to put together the puzzles. When finished, each team will explain how to help others by illustrating the puzzle. Glue the puzzle to cardboard paper to make them stronger. If you can make one for each, it would be a great craft.

Song: Speaking of friends and friendship "I have a friend who loves me." it is a very appropriate song. Or sing any other song about love.

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Prayer/Snack: If you have something ready to serve, do not forget to be thankful to God for the food God gives us and we must share with others. Have each child distributed snacks. When everyone has been served, a child can give thanks for the food. You can continue talking about it. Have them share experiences of having family or friends at home. If time permits, repeat today's verse. Remember it is important that they have the Word of God in their hearts and in their minds.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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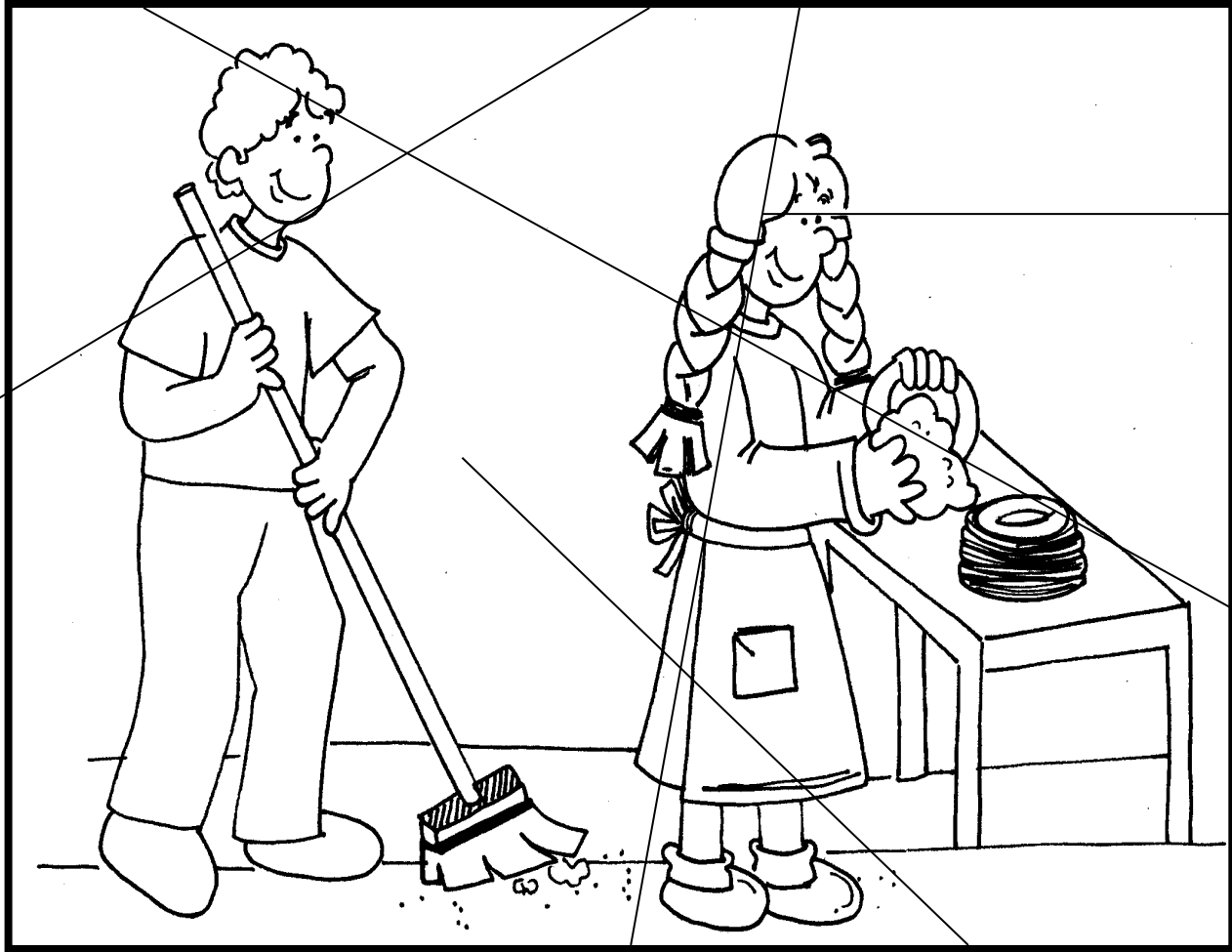
Illustration

Jesus at the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary



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Illustration
Puzzles



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