

help me! She is just sitting there and listening when there is so much work to do!”

So Martha went to Jesus and said, “Lord, don’t you care that Mary has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me!”

But Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha,

you are letting so many things upset you! But there is only one thing that is really important and needed. Mary has chosen that one good thing. She has chosen to listen to God’s Word. And that will not be taken away from her.”



Today’s lesson focused upon the importance of hearing God’s Word. Mary listened to Jesus when he came to visit, but Martha

busied herself with many other activities that she thought were important. Does your life at times resemble Martha’s? There are so many things that we need to do for our children, our homes, and our jobs! Our schedules keep us so busy that sometimes we neglect to take time for God’s Word. How dangerous this is for our family life if we allow this to continue! Nothing is more vital for our spiritual health, and that of our children, than the Word of God.

If you have not been reading devotions or Bible stories with your children, begin today to find some appropriate materials. Your pastor or your children’s teachers would be happy to help you. Some good materials you might consider using include *Lutheran Parent’s Wellspring* (a devotional periodical published bimonthly by Northwestern Publishing House), *Little Visits With God* (Concordia Publishing House), and *Reaching Tender Hearts* (Northwestern Publishing House).

Prayer

Dear Savior, come and visit me
So I can hear your gentle voice.
Help me listen to your words,
That I may know you and rejoice. Amen.



* Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

* Luke 11:28

Blessed . . . are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

* The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.