8 Stay Close to Jesus

Grow in the Gospel



Jesus wants to be in relationship with us. Spend time with Him every day.

Have you ever been so busy that you missed the most important thing you were supposed to do? I was very busy delivering gift boxes to children just like you all over the world. But my engine was leaking oil, and one wing was scratched and dented. I was having trouble landing because the compass that helped guide me was not working. I was too busy to stop and make sure everything was okay. One day everything stopped working.

I could not go anywhere.

I was in trouble.

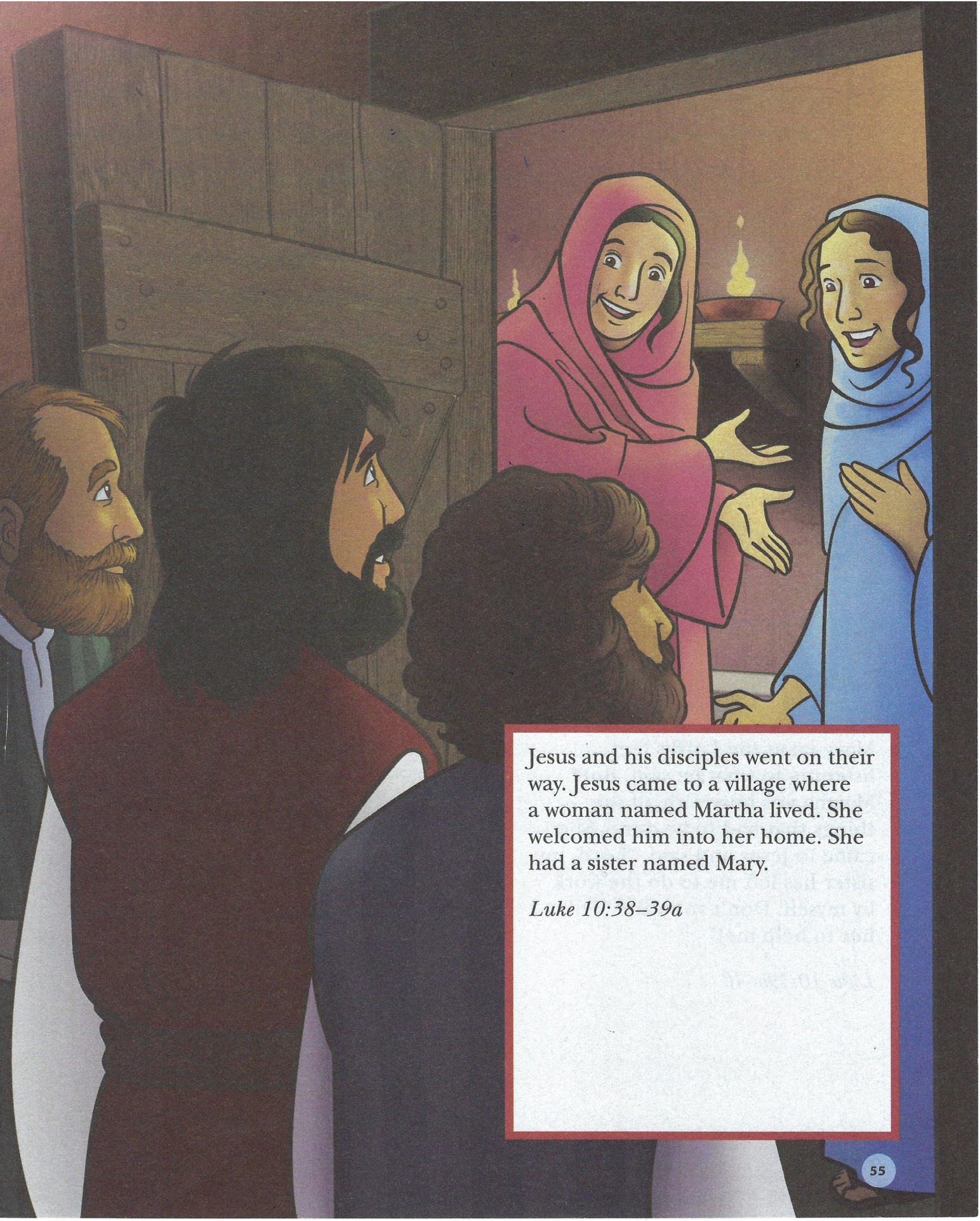
So my mechanic came to help me. He fixed me because he knew how I worked. He knew everything about me! He even said he likes to spend time with me. So I invited him to travel with me wherever I go.

Sometimes things still go wrong, but he is always with me to take care of me.

Memory Verse

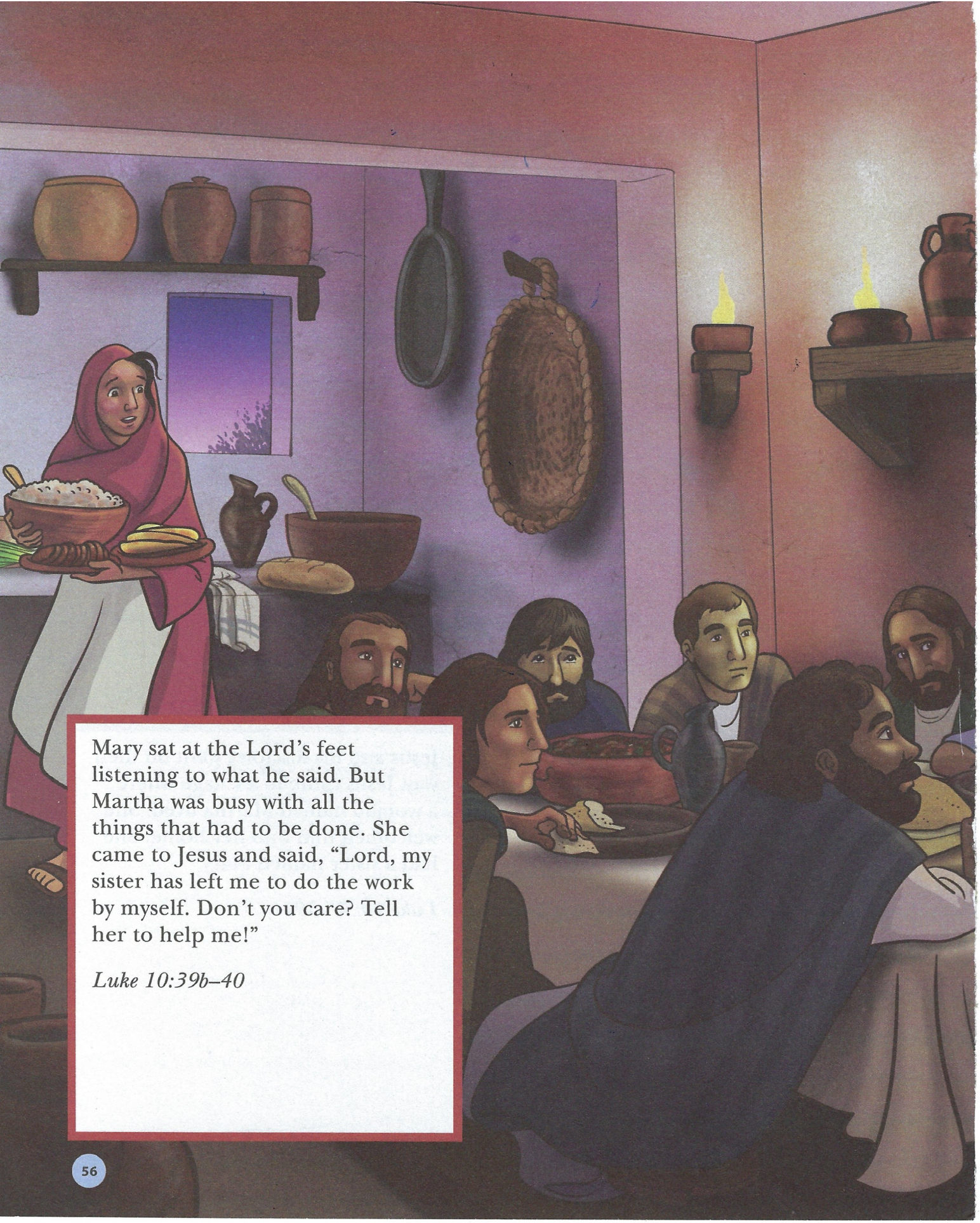
Jesus spoke to His followers about staying close and connected to Him. **[Jesus said] "I am the vine. You are the branches. If anyone remains joined to me, and I to him, he will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me." John 15:5**





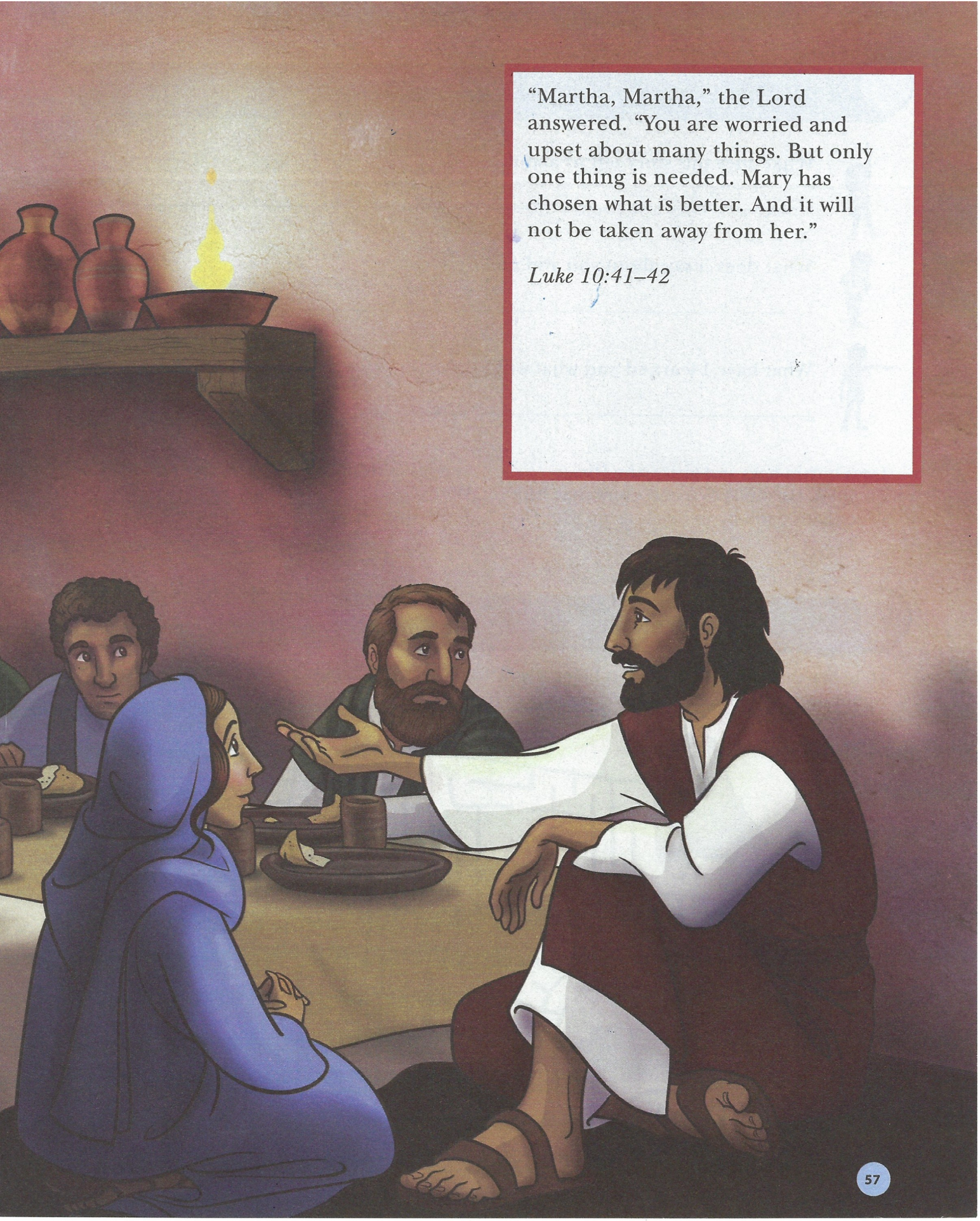
Jesus and his disciples went on their way. Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha lived. She welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary.

Luke 10:38–39a



Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was busy with all the things that had to be done. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my sister has left me to do the work by myself. Don't you care? Tell her to help me!"

Luke 10:39b–40



"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered. "You are worried and upset about many things. But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better. And it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41–42

Bible Discovery



What does this story tell us about Jesus?



What does it say about you and me?



What have I learned and what will I do?

Jesus invites boys and girls to be His disciples. He wants to spend more time with us so that we will be in relationship with Him and learn from Him. If we focus only on DOING FOR Jesus, and not BEING WITH Jesus, then we miss the "better thing."

Maze

Help Martha get to Jesus without being distracted. Be sure to avoid the pictures of things that would distract Martha from going directly to Jesus.



Plan the Day

This is a timeline of your day. Draw these symbols in the space below to show when you will do these things.

Eat Pray and worship God
School or home Play

Morning	Daytime	Evening



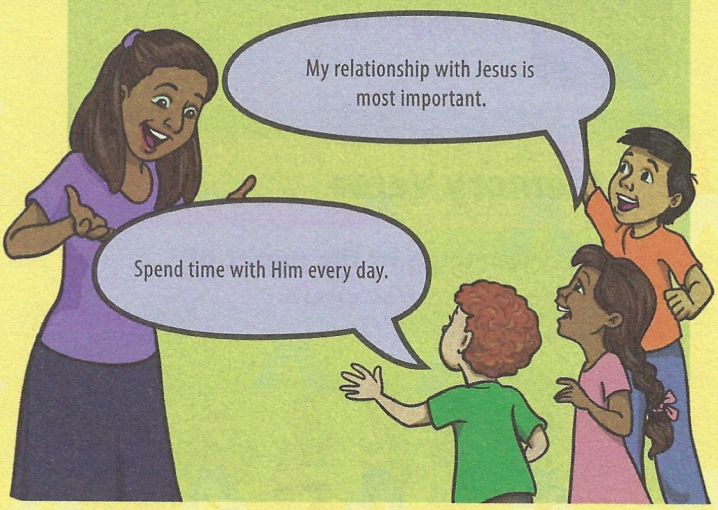
You can pause any time during the day to pray and worship—when you eat, drink, play, walk, or help at home.

Challenge



With whom will you share this story? Draw a picture or write the names here.

Remember



Talk with God

Move to each location while talking with God.

- **Praise** God for who He is.
- Say **sorry** for the times we have not lived His way.
- Ask God to **please** give us what we need.
- **Thank** God for what He is doing.

