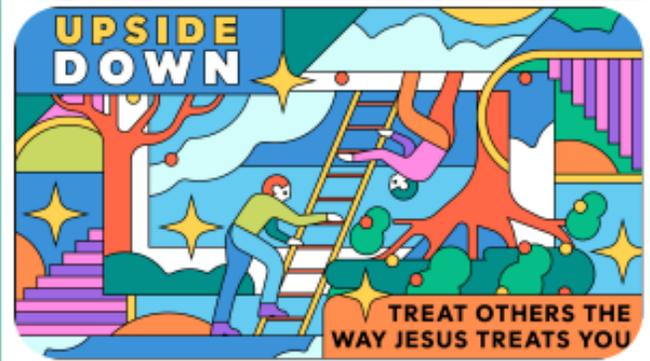




## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### WEEK 4- STARTER



### Activity Name: Spot the Difference

**What You Need:**  “Spot the Difference” activity pages  Coloring supplies

### What You Do:

- Divide the kids into pairs.
- Give each kid a “Spot the Difference” Activity Page and a coloring tool.
- Explain that there are two pictures that look almost the same, but some things are different.
- Challenge them to work with their partner to find and circle all the differences.
- Walk around and help pairs that get stuck, giving them clues to help them find the differences.

### What You Say:

Great job, detectives! You had to look very closely to find all the things that were different. Sometimes, two things can look similar, but one is just a little different than the other.

In our true story from the Bible today, two sisters, Mary and Martha, made two different choices about what was most important when Jesus came to visit their home. Let's go find out what they chose!

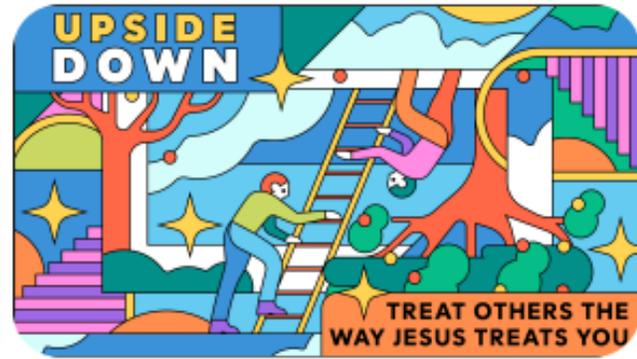
**Lead your group to the Large Group area**

## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### WEEK 4- SMALL GROUP

#### Discussion Questions:

- Martha was busy serving, and Mary chose to sit and listen to Jesus. Why do you think Jesus said that Mary had chosen “what is better”?
- It’s easy to get caught up in doing good things and Forget about God. What are some ways your day can get so busy that you forget to spend time with Jesus?
- How could making time for Jesus first actually help You do other things better?
- Mary didn’t have to do anything to earn Jesus’ attention—she just chose to be with Him. How does that show the way God wants us to connect with Him?
- Jesus is always with us, even when we are busy. What are some small ways you could acknowledge Jesus’ presence with you at school, at home, or with friends?



#### Bible Story

Mary and Martha • *Luke 10:38-42*

#### Conversation Starter

How can you make time for Jesus?

#### Bottom Line

Make time for Jesus first.

#### Monthly Memory Verse

*Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* • *Philippians 2:3 NIV*

## Activity Name: Jesus Above All

**What You Need:**  Game cards

### What You Do:

- Place the pictures from the “Jesus Above All” Activity Page on the floor, scattered in the center or group/small group space with the pictures of the “distractions” facing up, “Jesuses” facing down.
- Explain that you’re going to play a racing game.
- Choose 2-4 kids to play at a time.
- Challenge the kids to race to flip over the most distraction pictures so they are face down and Jesus is face up.

### What You Say:

Great job! In our Bible Story today, Jesus and His disciples stopped in the town of Bethany at the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha, and their brother, Lazarus. These siblings were close friends of Jesus and super-excited to welcome Him and His friends into their house. Martha was busy doing all of the things to make their visit wonderful. Martha may have been preparing a meal or getting the house ready for all those guests. Mary, on the other hand, took a seat right at Jesus’ feet as He spoke. She didn’t want to miss a single word. Martha got frustrated because Mary wasn’t helping her, but what Mary chose to do was the better thing.

Spending time with Jesus is most important. We can all get busy and get distracted, like Martha. It’s not bad to like playing soccer or watching TV, but our Bible Story reminds us to put Jesus above everything else. Mary knew what was most important, and that was spending time with Jesus. It’s important that we remember to make time for Jesus every day. Now, we still need to go to school, and clean our rooms, and help others, and do our homework, but we also need to remember to make time for Jesus. We can **[Bottom Line] make time for Jesus first**. When we make time for Jesus, we remember that He is with us, and we can do all of those things aware that He is right there with us

**KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP**