

Extreme Life Makeover

The Scene: a live television show at Martha's house

The Simple Setup: You'll need pillows on the floor for Jesus and Mary to sit on, a space for the "studio audience" to gather on the floor, and a tray with food or dishes for Martha to carry.

For Extra Impact: Make three cue cards for the narrator to hold up to the audience. The first card should say "Clap and Cheer", the second, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"; and the third, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" Consider using simple Bible costumes.

Bible Story
Mary and Martha
Scripture
Luke 10:38-42

The Characters

Narrator: an outgoing television show host, guy or girl

and frazzled
Jesus: a guy

Mary: a girl

Audience: kids willing to clap and

Martha: a girl willing to act nervous

cheer

The Skit

After choosing an energetic girl for the role of Martha, cast the roles of Jesus and Mary. Ask the remaining kids to be the studio audience. If your group is particularly exuberant, establish a hand signal for the Narrator to use when it's time to cut off audience cheering.

As the skit begins, the audience is seated on the floor, center stage. The Narrator stands center stage. Jesus and Mary are seated on pillows on the floor, stage left. Martha is offstage, stage right. Lower the volume of the theme music after the introduction so the actors can be heard.



Start the "Mary and Martha" track on *The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry CD* (track 35). Set your CD player on "repeat" so the track repeats.

Narrator: Welcome to Extreme Life Makeover! We're at the home of Martha, and we're broadcasting LIVE! Let's give it up for MARY AND MARTHA!

Audience: *(Claps and cheers.)*

Narrator: Mary is seated there at the feet of Jesus—wave at the audience, Mary—and Martha is...well, Martha is out back in the kitchen. We talked with our hosts before we went on the air, and here's something Martha may not know. (*Calling offstage right*) Martha, Mary thinks you need an Extreme Life Makeover!

(*Martha enters from stage right.*)

Martha: (To Mary) What? You don't think I'm ATTRACTIVE?

Mary: No. I mean, YES!

Martha: Well, which IS it?

Mary: You look great. That's not what I meant!

Martha: You mean I *don't* look great? Hey, Sissy, there are LOTS of guys who think I'M the attractive sister in this family!

Narrator: Before these two sisters get in a fight, let me explain. Mary thinks Martha needs an Extreme Life Makeover on the INSIDE. And once Martha changes on the inside, EVERYTHING will change!

Martha: What's wrong with my insides? My HEART feels fine. My LIVER is working. At least I THINK it is. WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY LIVER? WHY DIDN'T ANYONE TELL ME I WAS SICK?

Narrator: Relax, Martha. You're not sick. Wow, Mary, I'm starting to see what you mean. She IS a little tense, isn't she?

Martha: (*In a panic*) Tense? Why would I be TENSE? I mean, just because Jesus is here visiting at OUR house! And just because we have about a THOUSAND guests to feed and a TON of food to prepare and a MIL-LION dishes to wash! WHY WOULD I BE TENSE?

Narrator: Let's see what our studio audience has to say. Do you think Martha might need to change at least a little bit on the inside?

Audience: Yes, yes, yes!

Narrator: There you have it, Martha. The audience doesn't lie.

Martha: Well, I don't know about THAT! I only know I have a HUGE dinner to prepare and I don't have TIME for this. That lamb in the kitchen won't roast ITSELF, will it?

Mary: But, Martha, you've got to just RELAX. You're MISSING the point! JESUS is here. Don't you want to hear what he has to SAY?

Martha: Of COURSE I do! Jesus is more important than ANYTHING, but SOMEBODY'S got to cook! YOU'RE obviously not going to!

Narrator: Let's ask the audience again. Audience, should Martha cook or listen to Jesus?

Audience: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

Narrator: You see? There you HAVE it! They think you should sit and listen to Jesus, too!

Martha: It doesn't matter what THEY say! There is only ONE person who matters here. I'm doing this for HIM! What will Jesus EAT if I don't cook? Let's ask HIM! Jesus, it's not fair that I'm doing all the work. PLEASE tell my sister to come and help me!

Jesus: Martha, there is really only one important thing here. Mary has discovered it, sitting right here with me. I'm NOT going to take that away from her!

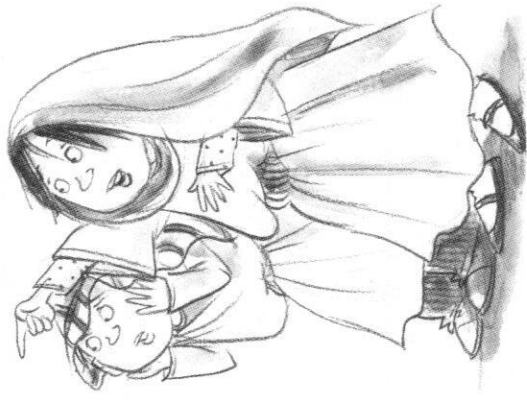
Narrator: You SEE, Martha? You DO need an Extreme Life Makeover—from the inside out. There's NOTHING more important than growing in your relationship with Jesus. DINNER isn't more important, and neither is sweeping out the LIVING ROOM.

Well, that's our show for today! Join us next time on Extreme Life Makeover and maybe you can change from the inside out, too! Let's give it up for today's guests, Martha and Mary!

Audience: (*Claps and cheers.*)

Martha: You DO think I'm attractive, right?

Mary: You're the BEST, sister!





To Talk About

- ◆ Why do you think Martha was so worried about preparing dinner? Have you ever been nervous or worried about something? How did you handle it?
- ◆ Jesus said that Mary chose the most important thing. Does that mean we should never help anyone, or does it mean that we should always put Jesus first in our lives? How can you put Jesus first this week?
- ◆ What are things you spend your time doing instead of getting to know Jesus better?

Topical Tie-Ins: Priorities, Anxiety, Growing Closer to Jesus