



JESUS MEETS



MARY AND MARTHA

Activity 1

Ball Bombs

You will need

- Sheets of newspaper scrunched up into balls
- Timer

What to do

Play outside – mark off a playing area in your garden (around 2 x 4 metres) with a line down the middle. Set your timer for 30 seconds. Teams can play one against one or two against two etc. Divide out the paper balls evenly between the two teams. The aim is to get rid of all your balls by throwing them into your opponents' play area. Play begins when the timer is started. Keep lifting and throwing balls as fast as you can for the full time. When the time is up, you must stop right away. Count the number of balls in each play area. The team with the least number of balls wins. Now have a rematch – before you do each team has a minute to think about a strategy the player/s could use to beat their opponent/s. Is there a better way than madly throwing the balls to and fro for the full 30 seconds? Play the game again to find out!

Activity 2

Story time

Watch the video at

<https://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/all-aboard-bitesized/>

Activity 4

Lay the table Dice Game

You will need:

Dice, table, 2+ players
1. spoon 2. knife 3. fork,
4. plate, 5. glass, 6. place mat

What to do:

Players sit at the dining table. Place items listed above in the middle; there should be one of everything for each player. Starting with the youngest player, throw the dice in turn. You must get a 6 to start. When you get a 6 take the place mat and put it in front of you. Each time you throw you take the item with that number. If you get the same number twice, play passes on to the next player. Play until someone has finished laying their place setting completely.

Talkabout

Martha wanted everything to be perfect for Jesus because she knew how special he was. Who's the most special guest you have ever had at your house? What did you do to get ready for them coming?

Activity 3

Chat and Pray

Martha was distracted by many things when Jesus came to her house. She thought her work was important and necessary, but in the end, it kept her from spending time with Jesus.

Talk with somebody else in your family about what takes up your time. Make a list of activities you do each week including necessary things and fun things. Although most if not all of these things are good in themselves, it's easy to let them take over our time completely so that we have no time to talk to God. If you can, stop now and pray together, perhaps using the prayer below.

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you are my friend and you love me.

Help me to treat you as a friend and spend time talking to you every day. Show me how important it is to read the bible so that I can understand more about you, Amen.