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God's Word is My Delight

Mary & Martha

Will you decide today to delight in God's Word? Let's look at a story in the Bible that will help you decide. It's in the third book of the New Testament.

Look for Matthew, then Mark, then Luke. Now look for chapter 10 and verse 38.

Martha was so excited. Jesus was visiting. What an honor to have Him in her home! She worked hard to prepare for His coming and then, she worked hard to serve Him after He came.

She grumbled, "Where is my sister, Mary? Why isn't she helping me?" Jesus was helping Mary understand why He had come to earth to be the Savior of the world.

Martha nearly exploded, "Lord, don't

you care that Mary has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus, I think, looked at her kindly, then gently said, "*Martha, Martha*" the Lord answered, "*you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better and it shall not be taken away from her.*"

What do you think Jesus wanted Martha to do? (*Let the children answer. You may suggest: Stop rushing about and sit and listen.*)

Power Point

My delight in in the Law of the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE
Psalm 37:4,
"Delight your-
self in the Lord
and He will
give you the
desires of your
heart."

Object Lesson Ideas

Object: a brick

Talk about a plumb line that bricklayers use to keep their brick walls straight. Ask: Have you been letting God's Word be the plumb line for the building of your life-house? Psalm 119: 128 says, "*Every law of God is right, whatever it concerns. I hate every other way.*"

What do they do with the bricks that aren't straight? They knock them out and start over.

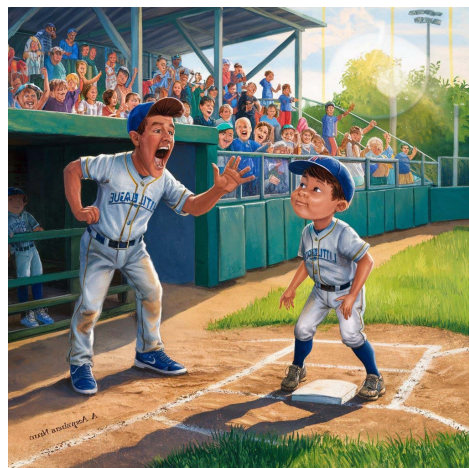
We must let God remove the sin from our lives and building them His way.

Object: An Echo

Talk about how a person's voice will echo back to them in a tunnel or cave. Then, explain how our lives should "echo" the Word of God. We must not let His Word just drift off into space, like our words do in an open field.

Object: a baseball

Tell about the boy who hit a homerun, but almost didn't make it. When he got to third base the coach motioned him to keep going, but he slowed down and looked around for the ball. He almost got put out because of that. We must learn to trust our coach, the Lord Jesus. Other things can distract us and keep us from hearing His voice.



Object Lesson: Binoculars

Object Needed: Binoculars

Big Idea: Don't forget to study God's Word!



Script: See these? Pretty cool aren't they? They're called binoculars, and we use them to see things that are far away. For instance, if you are going bird-watching, you bring one of these along, so you can see the birds up close. If the bird is high up in a tree, you can look through these and see every detail of the bird. You can see its color, what kind it is, and how it acts. Binoculars can be a very important tool for some people. You can be far

away but still see things up close.

You know binoculars remind me that we need to look closely at the Bible. A lot of times we read the Bible just because we think we have to, or because we're told to. We never stop and read a verse so we can find out what it means, or why God wrote it.

The Bible is full of examples of how we should live. The stories in the Old Testament aren't there to just teach us a history lesson, they are there to help us find out how to live with each other, and how to obey God in every situation. The New Testament is an amazing place to find God's promises, and the message of the Gospel in the best news in the world.

With all these amazing chapters in the Bible, just think what we can learn if we looked a little bit closer, and spent a little bit more time reading and studying God's Word. If we skim through the Bible, we won't learn what God is trying to teach us.

If you're having a bad day, how can you discover a verse about joy without stopping to read God's Word? You may be needing some advice on a relationship. But how can God speak to you if you don't look closely and examine the examples God gave in the Bible? So remember these binoculars, and remember to take a closer look at the Bible.

Apply Lesson:

How does Psalm 1:2, "His delight is in the law of the Lord," apply to my life?

1. Following Rules: Just like you follow rules at school to have a great day without getting into trouble, you can follow God's rules (like being kind, telling the truth, and sharing) to live a happy life.

Example: Choosing not to cheat in a game even when you really want to win.

2. Daily Reading: You can read or listen to a Bible story every day, just as you might read a chapter from a book or practice your spelling words.

Example: Reading a Bible story at bedtime or during a quiet time.

3. Memorizing Verses: Memorizing Bible verses can be like remembering the steps to solve a math problem; it helps you recall what to do when you need guidance.

Example: Learning Psalm 23 and reciting it when you feel scared or alone.

4. Being a Good Friend: The Bible teaches about being a good friend, which you can practice by sharing their toys, helping a classmate with homework, or standing up for someone being teased.

Example: Sharing your snack with a friend who forgot theirs or inviting someone new to play at recess.



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