

*Genesis 18:1-10a ♦ Colossians 1:24-28 ♣ Luke 10:38-42*

**“Tell her to help me.” — Luke 10:40**

I bet you know what it feels like to be doing something you are supposed to be doing only to see that not everyone else is doing their part. I bet you also know what it's like to be working hard at schoolwork, or chores, or helping someone in your family, only to see others who are having fun instead of working or helping. Have you ever complained when that happened to you? Have you ever told a parent “Tell my brother—or sister—to help me!”? That's what Martha asked Jesus to do when her sister wasn't helping her.

Surprisingly, Jesus didn't tell Mary to help Martha. In fact, it sounds like maybe he was giving Martha permission to sit down, take a rest, and relax with them both instead of working so hard just then. I wonder if maybe after they all visited for awhile, Jesus was going to suggest that they *all* help get the meal together so no one person was left to do all the work.

*Jesus, help us to know when it's time to work hard, and when it's time to play, rest, or relax.*

**Who do you think you're most like in this story, Martha or Mary? Why?**

*Answer the following questions together after Mass:*

What Mass did you attend this week? \_\_\_\_\_

What color were the priest's vestments? \_\_\_\_\_

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

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Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

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