

UNIT 3: GUIDE • SESSION 12:

"Mary and Martha"

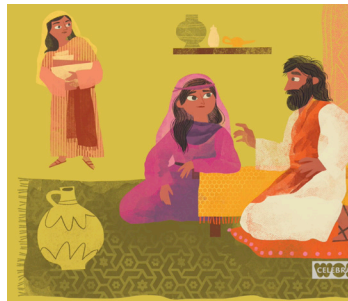
LUKE 10:38-42

Showing the way,
like the light of Christ.

Open my eyes so I can examine
the wonders of your
Instruction!
Psalm 119:18

JESUS IS OUR GUIDE:

During his ministry, Jesus traveled a lot. On one trip in Galilee, he stayed at the home of Mary and Martha. The two women welcomed Jesus into their home. However, they chose different ways of doing that. They both showed hospitality. **What is hospitality?** The way you welcome and entertain your guests. Martha prepared the meal, and Mary sat at the feet of Jesus to listen to his teachings. Martha was frustrated with Mary's choice. She asked how Mary could just relax while she was doing all the work to prepare the meal. Jesus said sometimes **it's okay to stop and just be with God.**



BIBLE STORY: During the time of Jesus' ministry - from the book of Luke, chapter 10 verses 38-42. Jesus and his followers

were traveling, and they needed a place to rest. Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha, invited Jesus to stay with them. When Jesus arrived, Mary sat at his feet to listen to him, and Martha served everyone. Martha was tired. She was doing all of the work, while Mary was just sitting and enjoying Jesus' company. Martha thought this was unfair. "Jesus, it's not fair that Mary is not helping." Tell her to help me!" said Martha. "Martha, what Mary is doing is important," Jesus said. "Mary has chosen to listen closely to me and to learn about God. Sometimes it is better to sit and be with me."

We all respond to situations in different ways. It doesn't mean that other people are wrong necessarily. Each of us is called to follow Jesus in our own ways. What is most important is that we take time to stop and listen to Jesus as a guide in our lives so that we can be faithful and loving followers. **Jesus reminds us that there will always be work to do, but you don't always have a chance to focus on one another. It's not bad to work hard, but choose to do so with a loving heart, and don't miss out on the chance to build relationships and grow closer to God.**

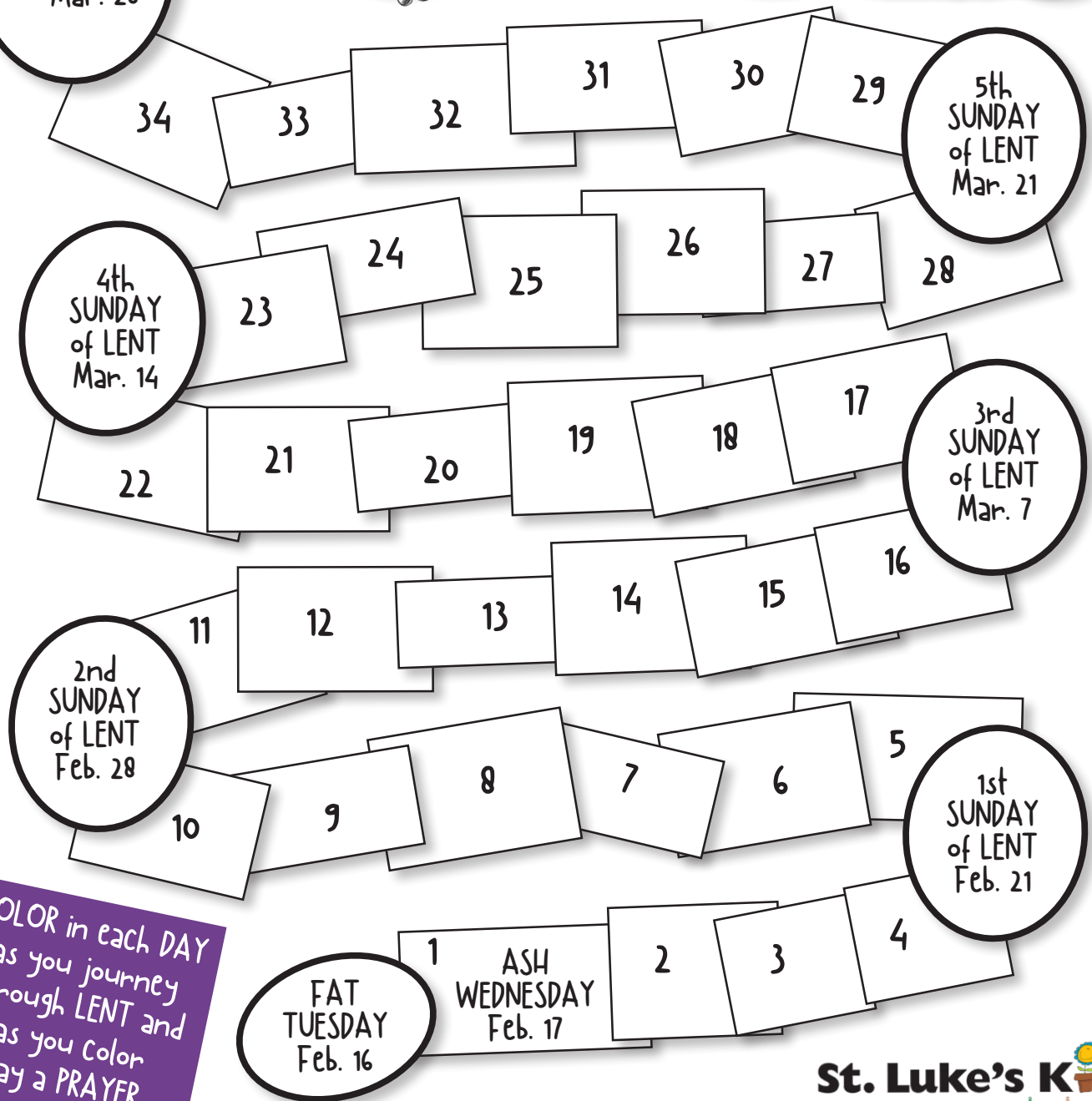
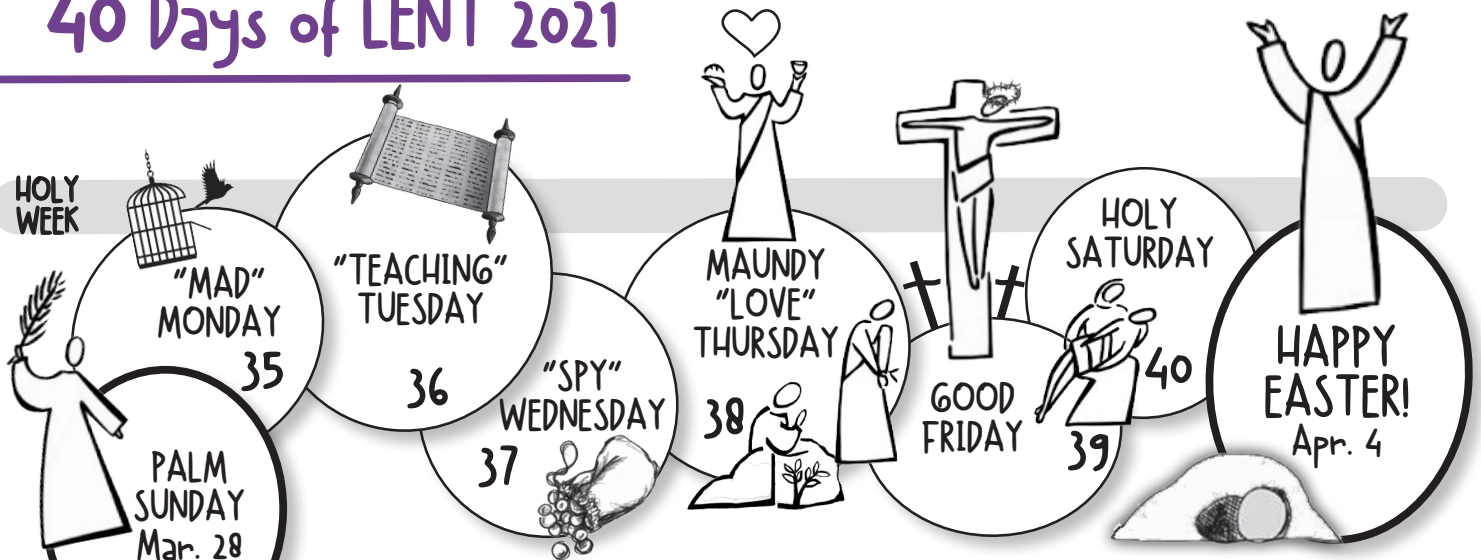
*This is the first Sunday of Lent.
It's a special time for us to grow
closer to God to strengthen our faith.*

Dear God, Help me to grow closer to you during Lent. Thank you for giving us Jesus as our guide to show us the importance of spending time with you. Help me to show hospitality and love you and others with my whole heart. Amen

WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- Do you think you are more like Mary (listener) or Martha (worker) in this story?
- Were you surprised that Jesus sided with Mary instead of Martha? If so, why?
- How is Jesus a guide in the story?
- What would you have prepared for Jesus for dinner?
- If you could sit at Jesus' feet, what would you talk about?
- In our story, Martha showed her love for Jesus by preparing her home for his visit and serving him a meal. Although her way of showing hospitality was different than Mary's, her heart was in the right place. She just needed to understand that Mary's heart was also in the right place. Have you ever done things differently than a friend but both ways were okay?
- **Since this is the first Sunday of Lent, find time to spend with God today.**

40 Days of LENT 2021



COLOR in each DAY
as you journey
through LENT and
as you color
say a PRAYER