

# Living Characters

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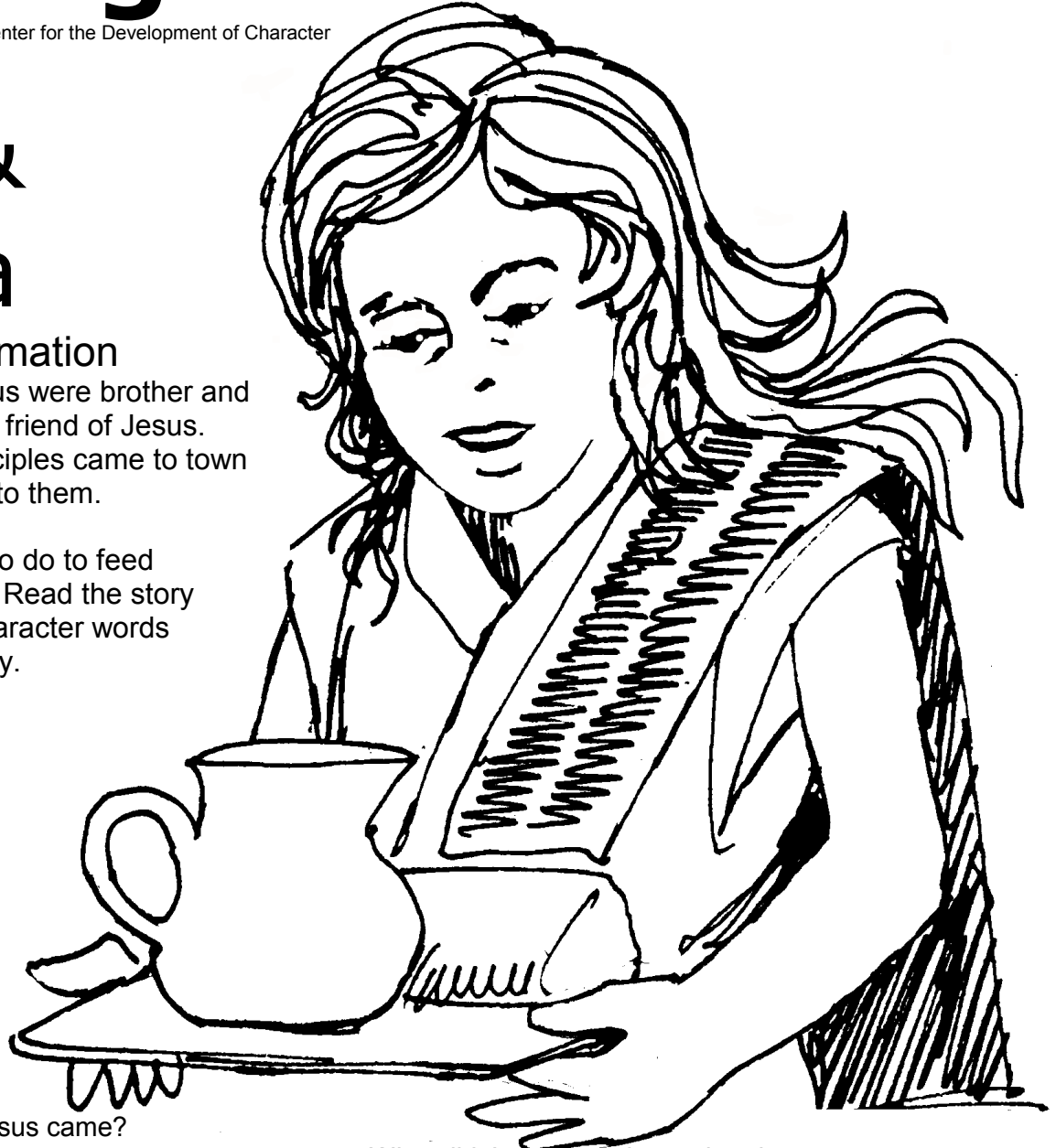
## Mary & Martha

### Background Information

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were brother and sisters. They were good friend of Jesus. When Jesus and his disciples came to town they opened their home to them.

There was a lot of work to do to feed Jesus and his disciples. Read the story and think of the good character words found in Martha and Mary.

Give an overview of the story of the friends of Jesus.



What did Mary do when Jesus came?

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What did Martha do when Jesus came?

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How did Martha react to what Mary was doing?

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What did Jesus say about what the two women were doing?

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# Serving is good! Listening is good!

In this case, which is the best choice? Why?




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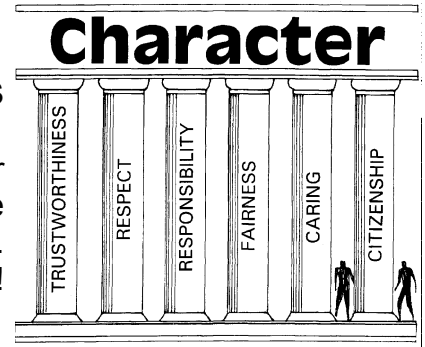
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## Six Pillars of... Character

### Understanding Values and Virtues

Mary and Martha knew the outstanding character principles of the Jews. They were good friends with Jesus who taught even higher character standards. It is good to see how Jesus showed his friends how to live their lives in the best way possible. We should live by the same standards today!



### The Ethical Process in finding solutions to any problem.

- T** Think
- W** Weigh all the parts which make up the problem. Separating the symptoms from the causes.
- I** Investigate the perception of the ethical dilemma. Is it based on selfishness, self-interest, self-protection or self-righteousness? (The four natural enemies to ethics.)
- N** Now, is right or wrong involved? How do we determine which is involved?
- K** Know your ethical vocabulary (six pillars). Review and reflect on their supporting words.
- L** Look for the higher ethic or standard.
- E** Evaluate the outcome. Is it truly a good character decision?

### Find other Character Words (good and bad) in this story.

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Jesus

Martha

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# Part 2

## Character is what I do!

Sometimes I must choose between doing a good thing...and doing a better thing. What questions would I need to ask when choosing between two good things, serving and listening?  
(Refer to the T.W.I.N.K.L.E. Process)

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## Think!



What good character choice have I had to make recently?

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How did my friends react to my choice? (Good and bad)

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## My Diary

What have I done this week in the process of developing these **Character Words** in my life?

## Caring

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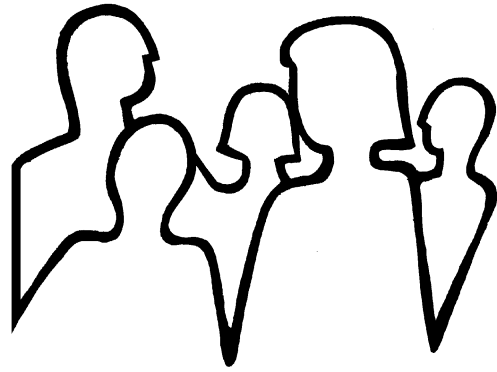
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## Responsibility

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# Family Time

How did I demonstrate Caring to a member of my family?

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How did I show responsibility at home this week?

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# The Trustworthiness Test

Put one of the 6 Character Words in each of the 6 pillars...from memory.

## Character

