

Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus were among Jesus' close friends and disciples during His three years of ministry. They lived in the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.

The Bible relates several stories of faith involving these three. One of these stories takes place when Jesus and His disciples were visiting their home. As was customary, the women were preparing food for their guests. Meanwhile, Jesus was talking to the men. When Mary overheard Him, she left Martha with the cooking to sit and listen to Jesus.



Martha continued preparing the food and felt frustrated that her sister wasn't helping her. When she complained about this to Jesus, He told her:
You can read the whole story in Luke 10:38-42.

Mary chose what was most important, listening to My teachings.¹

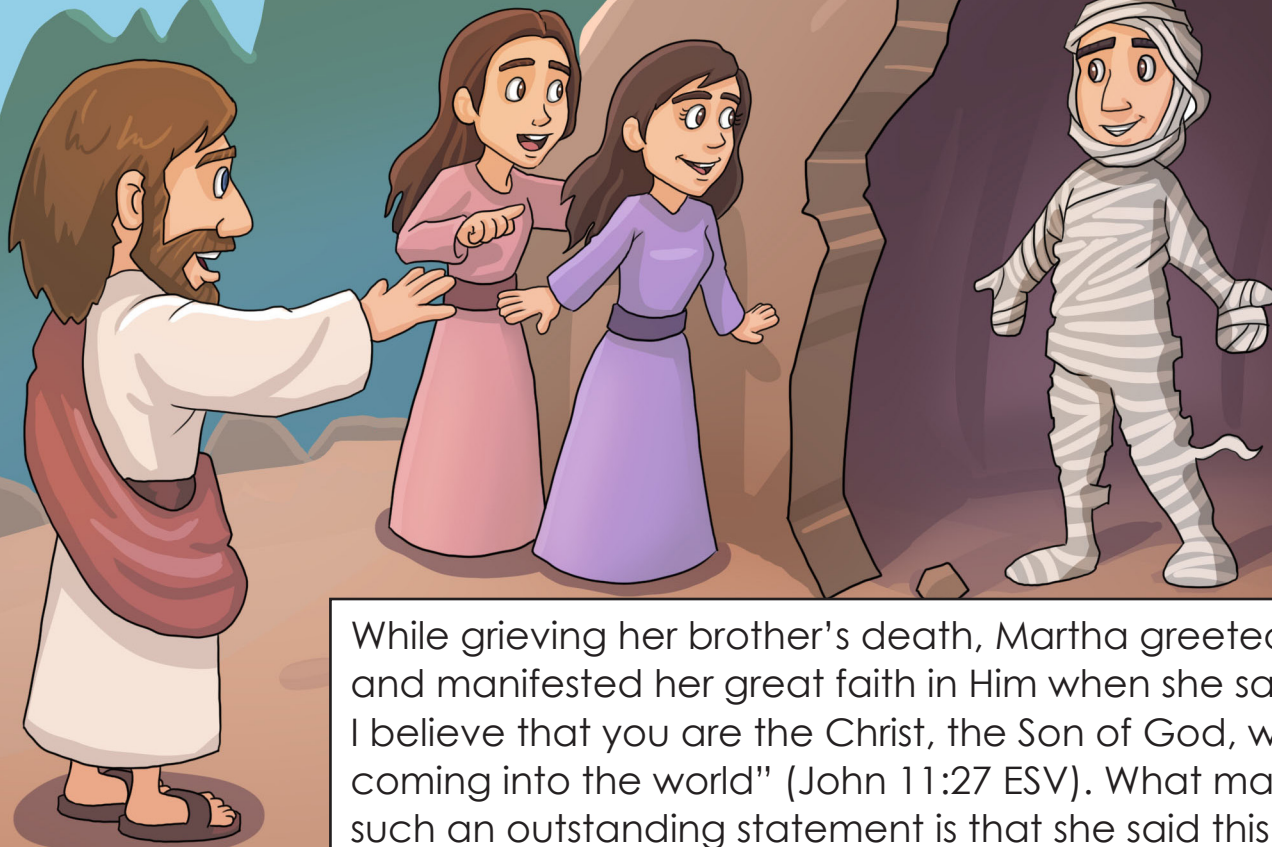
*Faith-filled Models from
the New Testament:*
**Lazarus, Martha,
and Mary**



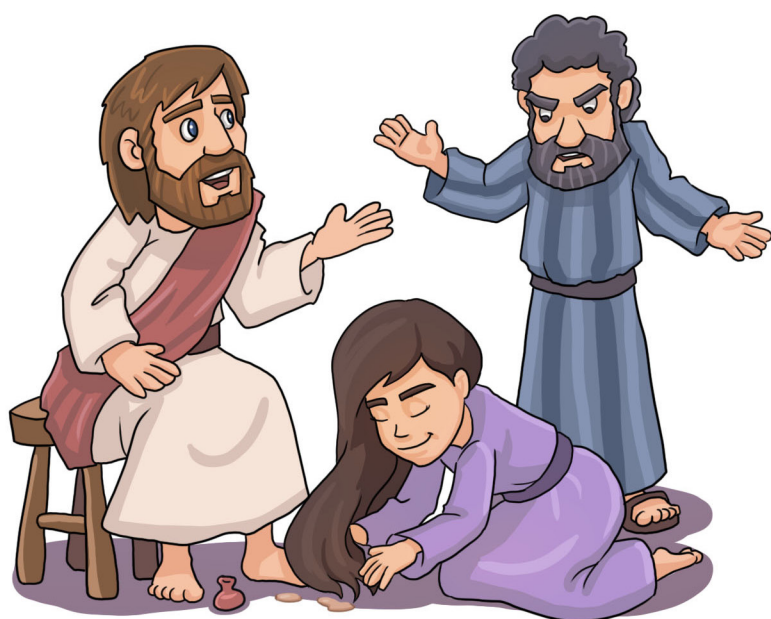
¹Luke 10:42, paraphrased

There is also the amazing account of Jesus raising their brother, Lazarus, back to life after he had been dead for four days.

You can read the fascinating account in John 11:1–45.



While grieving her brother's death, Martha greeted Jesus and manifested her great faith in Him when she said, "Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world" (John 11:27 ESV). What makes this such an outstanding statement is that she said this before Jesus had raised Lazarus back to life.



During another of Jesus' visits to Bethany, Mary anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive ointment and dried them with her hair.

One of the disciples complained about this. Do you know which one? Read the full story in John 12:1–8 to find out who complained and how Jesus responded.