

MARTHA AND MARY

LUKE 10:38-42

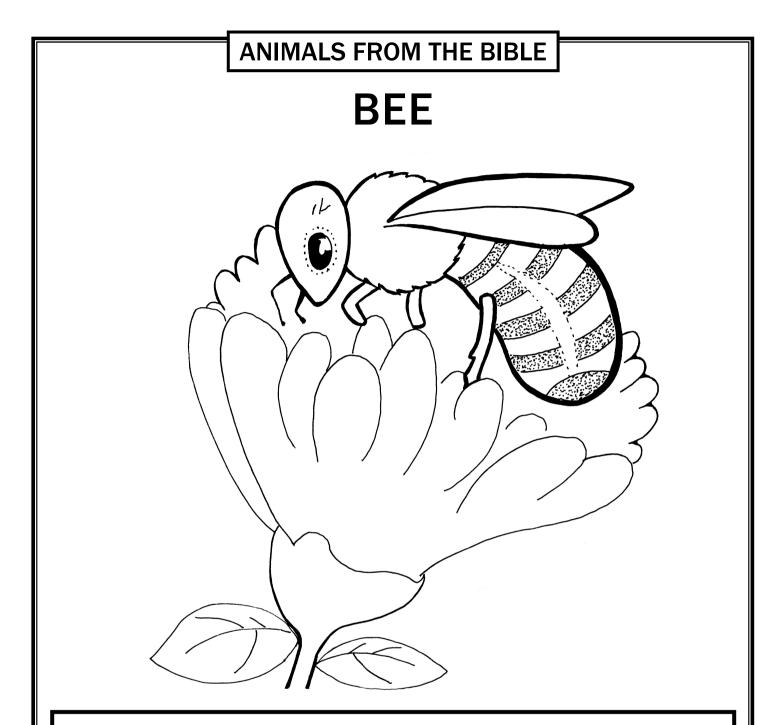
There was a little town near the big city of Jerusalem called Bethany. When Jesus went to Bethany He would stay at the home of His friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. They loved Jesus very much. One time Martha was busy getting the meal. Mary sat by Jesus and heard His Word. Martha wanted Mary to help her in the kitchen. Martha came to Jesus and said: "Don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" Jesus knew that Martha was too worried about serving. Jesus knew that both Martha and Mary loved Him. He also knew that it was more important to learn God's Word than to serve a meal. Jesus kindly told Martha not to let serving a meal be more important than learning God's Word. After learning God's Word there will always be time to work in the kitchen.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us gladly to hear and learn your Word. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize: LUKE 11:28 (Jesus is talking)

"Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it (treasure it)."



The bee is a very hard working animal. Day and night, it works and will hardly ever stop to rest. This hard work helps us by helping flowers to grow and by making honey. It is sad that bees will work until they die of exhaustion.

We should learn from the lesson of Mary and Martha and the bee. If we get too busy, we may not stop to listen to what God has to say. If this happens our faith may be hurt.

