

Two friendly sisters



Read it from the Bible

Luke 10:38–42

‘The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her.”’

Luke 10:41–42

Tell the story

Mary and Martha were sisters.

One day, Jesus and his friends went to their house.

“Come and have a meal with us,” said Martha.

Martha liked cooking. She bustled around, cutting vegetables, making bread and cooking a delicious meal. Martha wanted everything to be just right for Jesus.

Mary sat down with Jesus and his friends. She just wanted to listen to everything Jesus was saying.

Martha got crosser and crosser. “Jesus,” she grumbled, “do you think it’s fair that I’m doing all this hard work while Mary is sitting doing nothing? Tell her to come and help me.”

“Martha,” answered Jesus, kindly, “don’t get so worried and upset. Of course, I’m pleased you’re cooking a lovely meal for us. But Mary knows that I enjoy spending time with my friends too. Leave your work for a while. Come and sit down here with us and talk to me instead.”

Talk to God

Thank you, Jesus, that you want to be our friend too, and you love us to spend time with you.

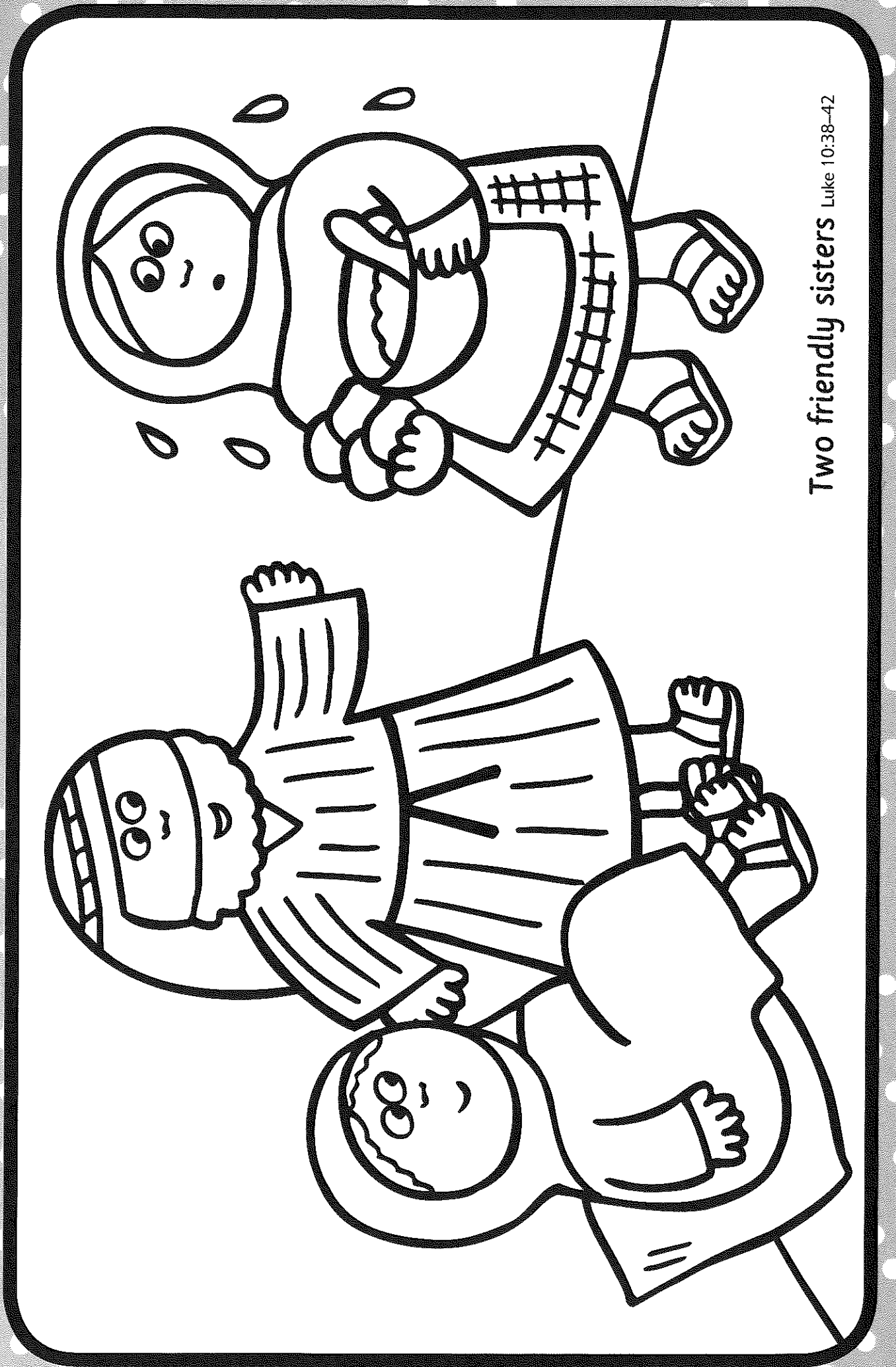
Use the picture

1 You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.

2 Can the children work out who is in the picture? Jesus is easy to spot. The other two people are sisters called Martha and Mary. They are both friends of Jesus. Martha is the older sister and Mary is the younger sister. Which person do the children think is Martha? Which is Mary?

3 Jesus often went to their house for dinner and sometimes to stay. Jesus liked being with his friends and they liked being with him.

4 Tell the children why you like spending time with your friend Jesus.



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