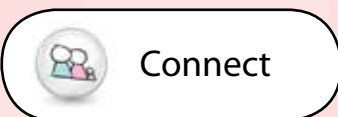


# Sunday School

## Fair Dinkum Faithful Families

Session 3	Listen to each other & Jesus	Luke 10: 38-42	Communication in community
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### Game - what are you doing? (small groups)

Stand in a circle. Leader begins by miming a household action (for example: vacuuming) and says 'I'm mowing the lawn – what are you doing?'

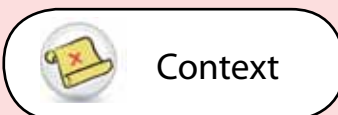
Anyone in the circle can guess: They must say "I'm vacuuming" (identifying the action that the person who is 'in' is doing.) but do a different action (for example hanging out the washing)...While doing this action they ask the group "What are you doing" – again anyone in the group can volunteer and say "I'm hanging out the washing – what are you doing" whilst miming yet another action....

**For younger children (preps and grade ones) Chinese Whispers is an alternative.**

### Large Group: Quiz Famous Sisters

Put together a slide show of some images of these to help the quiz. Bear in mind that not all of these celebrities are healthy role models. Be discerning about the images you choose to show – faces only can be a safer move.

Mary Kate & Ashley, Kylie & Danii Minogue, Serena and Venus Williams, Lisa and Maggie Simpson, Margo Edith and Agnes (orphans in Despicable Me)



Show the Horrible Histories clip  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLyW5UYPYs>

This shows the differences in male and female roles in different parts of Greece around the time of Jesus. In Jesus' culture (Jewish) women were not often as educated as men, and different roles for men and women were very strict.

In your family, is there a difference between what boys and girls help with or are allowed to do?

(take some ideas...)

We often think of Jesus' disciples as men, but Jesus had many women disciples too – because Jesus loves whole families. In our story today we will see that Jesus wants boys and girls to equally listen to him and talk to him, and to be his followers.



## Content

### Opening the Bible Luke 10



<sup>38</sup>The Lord and his disciples were travelling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said.

<sup>40</sup>Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

<sup>41</sup>The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, <sup>42</sup>but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her.

### In your small group

Sit your small group in a circle. Give each person a copy of the text (Luke 10:38-42) Place 7 or 8 household items in the middle of the circle. (e.g. Saucepan and lid, brush and shovel and plastic bowl and wooden spoon, a couple of ladles).

### Say something like:

We are going to read a story from the Bible where Jesus visits a Fair Dinkum Faithful Family.

In families we can listen to each other, and talk to each other, and we can listen to Jesus, and talk to Jesus too. Let's see how it goes in this family in the Bible.

Just to see how well you are listening. I'm going to occasionally get a word wrong. It won't be just a little bit wrong – you'll be able to tell. So if you hear a word that isn't right, reach into the centre and grab an object and hold it over your head.

You need to be able to say the correct word (ask for the group to say this all together).

(Sample substitute words – bananas, umbrella, elephant, teapot...)

[**Option:** For each time you do this award a jelly baby to the holder of a particular item, changing the special item each time.]

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## Consider



### Serving Spoons

If you have the funds: give each person a cheap (\$2 shop) wooden spoon. Use coloured permanent markers to decorate the spoon showing ways that we can serve and listen to others.

### Chatterboxes

Fold chatterboxes from paper, but inside write some verses that encourage us to listen to God.

**James 1:19** - My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry.

**Psalms 119:59** - I pay careful attention as you lead me, and I follow closely.

**Psalms 6:68** - Lord, there is no one else that we can go to! Your words give eternal life.

### Walkie talkies

If you have a set of walkie talkies, set a challenge for half the group to communicate with the other half of the group using walkie talkies.

One half of the group could go to a different location on your site, and then try and give directions to the other group to find them.

OR

One half of the group could go to a different room and try and describe to the other group how to draw something, using the walkie talkies.



## Consequence

In our families we need to talk and listen – everyone should have a say – and everyone needs to understand others: In our church family, it's the same.

What would you like to say to the rest of church family?

Make a list on a piece of card: these could be collated and displayed as a book, or summarised and sent to the pastoral or leadership team.