

Children's Sermon for July 21 (based on Luke 10:38-42)

By Rev. Dave Quinn

Items needed: toy train engine (with or without a circle of track. Or, you could draw a large circle on a large paper; potted plant. After kids come up, show them the engine and ask them what it is. Explain how, with toy trains that move, they usually go in a circle around a track (Demonstrate, using the track or the paper with the circle.) Around and around the train goes in a circle---it's moving all the time. Then, take out potted plant and show. Let's look at the plant--do you see the plant moving, like the train moves? No, it looks like the plant isn't moving at all. But a plant does move. It moves too slowly for us to see, but this plant IS moving. Slowly, too slowly for us to see, this plant's branches and leaves are moving out wider. Slowly, the roots of this plant, which we can't see at all, are moving downward, deeper into the dirt. So, even though we don't see it happening, this plant is moving, growing deeper, and wider. In today's Bible reading, there are two people. One, named Martha, is always moving. But Martha is like the train--she keeps going in circles. Then there's Mary. She doesn't look like she is moving at all. But Mary is like the plant. She sits still, and listens to Jesus, so she's like the plant--Mary is growing deeper and wider. We all go in circles sometimes. But sometimes we need to sit still, and listen.