

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of March 14, 2021



Sunday, March 4 is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is a season of the Christian year in which we think about what we can do to grow closer to God and follow Jesus. The Christian practices we explored during The Walk series are great practices to carry with us into the season of Lent. Faith United's Lent & Easter Kits have several activities that you and/or your family can do together during the season of Lent. If you don't have a kit yet, they are available at the church or contact Kathy Schmucker and we will get you one. Look through the Lent Kit and pick out one or two activities to try this week.

Read John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10 - What does God's love look like to you?

Lent Activities:

Read a book about love - Click [here for a read aloud video](#) of the book *Love* written by Matt De La Pena. The book features beautiful illustrations of diverse portrayals of family, home & unconditional love. The book feels like a giant, loving hug. What is your favorite story about love? What is your favorite scripture about love? After reading, draw or create your own illustration of love. Email your pictures to kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text to 330-224-6138.

I love you because...game - God invites you to join God in helping others know that they are also loved children of God. This week, I want to encourage you to tell someone they are loved by you and God.

- Play a game at dinner in which your family takes turns saying what you love about each other.
- Send a card to a friend or relative saying what you love about them.
- Check out this [Love Game](#) idea and make one for your family.

Most important of all, remind everyone that they are loved children of God because God loves us first!



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5th grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week. Contact Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director, for more information. kschmucker@faithumchurch.org

Welcome to Wonder

Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or watch Worship by Wire together.

Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, Luke 22:14-20.

- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions. *A copy of the Wonder Cube for this quarter is included in this week's activities and in the Lent Kits.*

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also recently added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

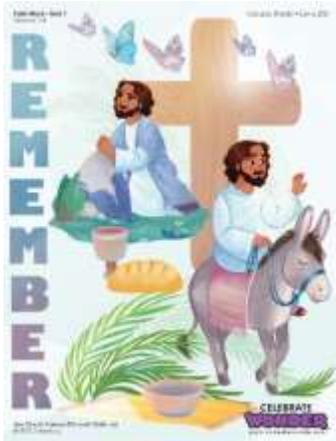
This week is Spring Session 2 The Last Supper.

WONDER: How do you remember Jesus?

WONDER Together

- What special meals do you remember?
- What do you think it would be like to share a meal with Jesus?
- What do you think Jesus' friends remembered about him?
- What do you remember about Jesus?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for giving us ways to remember you. Amen.

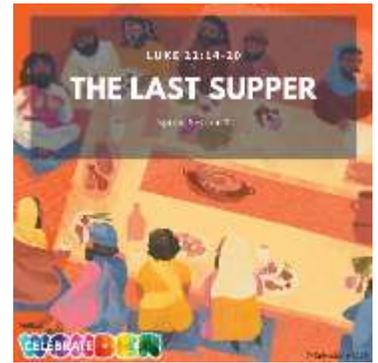


SHARE the Faith Word:

REMEMBER—The definition of *remember* is to think about and not forget.

Jesus wanted his friends to remember him and to serve others.

WONDER: How does the bread and cup help us remember Jesus?



Modern Last Supper Menu (Writing/Art)

Supplies: paper; pencils; crayons, markers, or other coloring utensils

SAY: Jesus shared a special meal, called the Passover, with his disciples at the Last Supper.

ASK: If you were going to serve Jesus a special meal today, what kinds of food would you serve?

SAY: Let's imagine what we would serve Jesus as we create our own menus.

- Each person is invited to create his or her own menu and decorate them.
- Allow everyone to show their menu and talk about what they've included.
- Choose a day and cook the menu items together and serve each other your special meal. Leave an empty chair at the table to remember Jesus.

WONDER: What do you think Jesus and his friends talked about as they ate the meal? Why do you think Jesus wants us to remember him?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Remembrance Through Ritual

- Gather together around your table.

SAY: In our Bible story, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to the disciples. In church, we sometimes do this. We call it *Communion*.

- Show everyone the bread. Tear off a piece and pass it to the person next to you.

SAY: Jesus shares his love with you.

- Have each person continue to tear off a piece of bread, hand it to the next person, and say, "Jesus shares his love with you."
- Pass the bread all the way around the circle, and then eat the bread together.

WONDER: What do you think the bread was like that Jesus and his disciples ate at the Last Supper?

PRAY: God, thank you for the love Jesus gives us. Amen.

Spiritual Practice – Serve and Share God's Love

Remembering Jesus is sometimes hard in our fast-paced lives. This week invite Jesus to dinner with your family. During the meal, light a candle to remind you of the presence of Jesus. Eat slowly and speak softly. Thank God for meals together that remind us Jesus is with us.

Celebration Chart

Print out and place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! A *Celebration Chart for Spring* can be found in the *Lent Kit* or in this *week's activities*.

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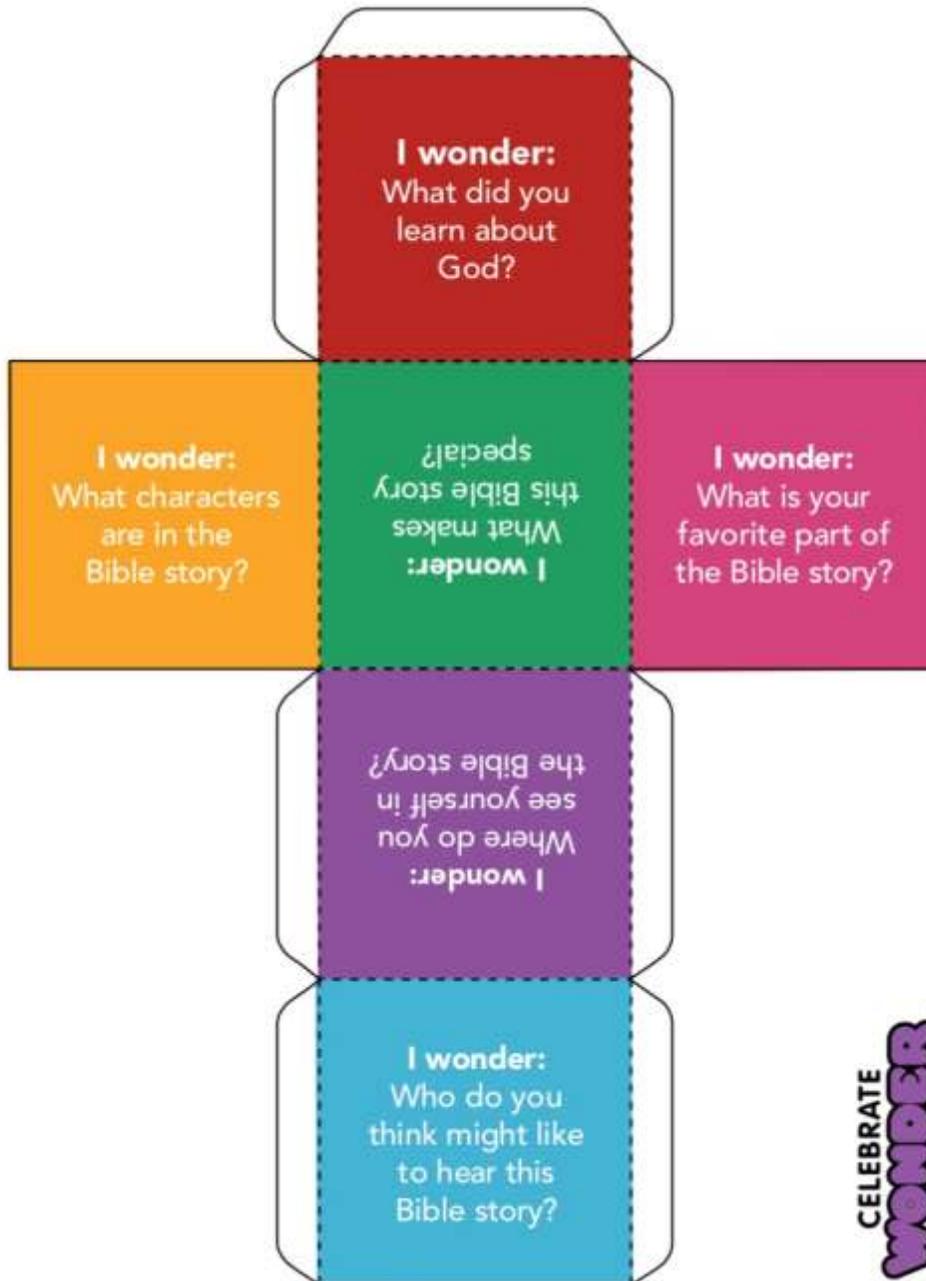


Additional Family Activities:

- **Prayers for Marking a Year of COVID-19** – As we approach the one year mark of the pandemic, we do so with a wide range of emotions. May these coloring prayers that you can [download](#) or [print here](#) be a measure of comfort, healing and hope. Please share them with friends and family.
- **Resources for Talking about Race and Racism with Children:** Visit our website at <https://www.myfaithunited.org/anti-racism/>
- **Look for God Sightings**, looking for our good God in the world! Share the God Sightings you find with us. We will share them during our Wednesday Night Live worship.
- Use, individually or as a family, the worship and devotional resources you will receive connected with Sunday's Worship by Wire and Wednesday Night Faith Connections and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-by-wire/>



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CELEBRATE				
<i>Served someone</i>	<i>Shared a meal with others</i>	<i>Prayed with others</i>	<i>Prayed in nature</i>	<i>Welcomed someone</i>
<i>Did a helping chore</i>	<i>Did a morning prayer ritual</i>	<i>Did a mealtime prayer ritual</i>	<i>Did a bedtime prayer ritual</i>	<i>Did a welcome ritual</i>
<i>Made a commitment for Lent</i>	<i>Waved a palm branch</i>	<i>Free Celebration!</i>	<i>Celebrated Resurrection Day</i>	<i>Hunted for Easter eggs</i>
<i>Wished someone, "Happy Easter"</i>	<i>Shared good news</i>	<i>Talked about Jesus</i>	<i>Praised God</i>	<i>Shared something</i>
<i>Prayed for a leader</i>	<i>Made something for someone</i>	<i>Spoke up for someone</i>	<i>Said, "I love you."</i>	<i>Acted in love</i>

