

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of April 11, 2021



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, Matthew 28:16-20.

- 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 the March 7 & 14 Sunday School Home Activities.*

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 6 The Great Commission.**

WONDER: How does it feel to know Jesus is always with you, wherever you go?

WONDER Together

- How do you share with others?
- If you were going on a journey around the world, what would you take with you?
- If you could go anywhere to share about God, where would you go?
- What might you tell others about God?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for calling us to share with others. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

SHARE—To *share* means to offer God's blessings to others. We know that God gives us blessings and love. God wants us to share those blessings and God's love with others.

WONDER: What does Jesus ask us to share in this story?

All Around the Neighborhood (Craft/Movement)

Supplies: construction paper, markers or crayons, scissors, optional: magazines or newspapers

SAY: Jesus asks us to spread his love around the world. Let's start with our neighborhood.

- Create a map of your neighborhood. Think about who your neighbors are and what businesses, schools, and landmarks might be nearby.

SAY: You have so much love to offer our neighborhood.

WONDER: How can you share God's love with your neighborhood?

Spiritual Practice—Sharing the Good News Through Witness

- Gather together.

SAY: Today we are invited to go and tell. We will go and tell Jesus' message.

- Shout, "Jesus loves you!" Then whisper, "Jesus loves you."
- Repeat the activity as long as you choose.

PRAY: Thank you, God, for calling us and trusting us to share your love with others. Amen.

Use American Sign Language (ASL) for the word clapping when others are shouting or whispering. To sign clapping, rapidly rotate your hands at the wrists.

- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.



Spiritual Practice – Remembering Jesus is With You, Always

Jesus was commissioning, or instructing, his friends to do a very big task. Travel wasn't easy in those days, and Jesus knew they could expect serious trouble from people. The promise that he would be with them must have given the some comfort. Use a calming spiritual practice to remember that Jesus is with you, always. Close your eyes, breathe in and say, "Jesus is by my side." Breathe out and say, "I am not afraid. Amen." Do this several times.

Think of the community you are a part of. When you wash this week, remind yourself that you are included in a community that loves you as God loves you.

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 the *March 7 or 14 Sunday School Home Activities*.

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Additional Family Activities:

- **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/>

Easter Activities: Tell the Easter Story – Every time we share the story of Easter, we grow in our understanding of God's amazing love for us! Try one or more of the following ways to read and/or tell the Easter story.

- **Read about Christ's Resurrection in the Bible:** Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20.
- **Experience the story of Easter** in music, symbol, and movement through Faith United's Easter Sensory Service - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd9NadHIJqI&t=61s>
- **Resurrection Eggs** – Learn how to make a set of Resurrection Eggs to share the story of Jesus with your family in Faith United's Spiritual Practices 101 video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpKyFtx3Rv8&t=5s>
- Create your own **Resurrection Set**. Print and color [this set](#) and use it to act out and retell the story of Christ's Resurrection.
- **Recommended Reading:**
 - **Petook: An Easter Story** written by Caryll Houselander and illustrated by Tomie dePaola. Click here to [watch a read aloud on YouTube](#).
 - **The Story of the Easter Robin** written by Dandi Daley Mackall and illustrated by Anna Voitech. Click here to [watch a read aloud on YouTube](#).
 - **That Grand Easter Day!** written by Jill Roman Lord and illustrated by Alessia Trunfio. Click here to [watch a read aloud on YouTube](#). Contains lots of repetition for little ones.
 - **Twas The Morning of Easter** written by Glenys Nellist and illustrated by Elena Selivanova. Click here for an [activity pack](#) related to this creative telling of the Easter story.
 - **This is the Mystery of Easter** written by Amelia Richardson Dress and illustrated by Lilly Moore. Click here to [download a free pdf](#) of this book. Requires subscribing to the author's newsletter.



Some of the above resources are adapted from <https://sanctifiedart.org/blog/again-and-again-childrens-lessons>