

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of April 18, 2021



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, Acts 3:1-10.

- 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:

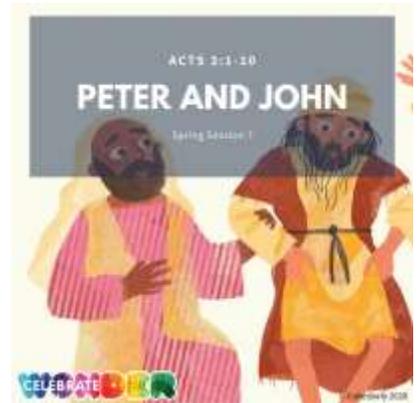
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or 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 7 Peter and John**

**WONDER:** How else can you share the love of Jesus with others?

#### WONDER Together

- Who do you ask when you need help?
- What kinds of tasks do you ask this person (these people) to help you with?
- Have you ever helped someone who asked you for help?
- How did you help this person (these people)?

**PRAY together** - Dear God, thank you for helping us. 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:** Who shares in today's Bible story? What do they share?

### Spiritual Gifts (Reflection/Craft) - Supplies: paper, pencils, crayons or markers

WONDER: What is a spiritual gift? Is it like a present? Is it something special?

SAY: Spiritual gifts are like presents from God. God gives each of us special ways to show and share God's love in the world.

- Brainstorm together what some examples of spiritual gifts might be.
- On a piece of paper, draw or write what you think your spiritual gifts might be on your paper. Display the papers somewhere they will be seen often, to remind each person of the special ways he or she can help others.

SAY: Each of us has special ways to help others, just like Peter and John did.

## Spiritual Practice—Sharing the Good News Through Witness

- Gather together.

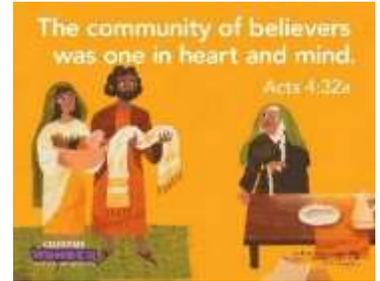
*Prepare Ahead: Using construction paper, cut out a heart that can fit in the palm of your hand.*

SAY: Today we are invited to share our gifts with others.

- Pass the paper heart clockwise around the circle.
- When each person passes the heart to the person on her or his left, this person can say “I share my gifts with you.”
- Repeat this pattern until you’ve made it around the circle.

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

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



## Spiritual Practice – Jumping for Joy

In the Bible story, we learn about a man who jumps for joy. He was healed. Can you jump for joy?

Each day this week, find something that makes you jump for joy. Share with your family something you are happy or joyful about and then jump up and down together.

## 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/>

## Creation Care:

- Download this **free copy of the Book of Genesis** from the Common English Deep Blue Kids Bible. Read the story of creation in Genesis 1. Reflect on Genesis 1:31, “*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.*” Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a caretaker of God’s creation. <https://www.commonenglishbible.com/files/uploads/DeepBlueKidsBiblesampleGenesis-3.pdf>
- Did you know that **Creation Care is a Spiritual Practice**? We honor God when we love, nurture, and are good stewards of God’s creation. Make a list of some ways that you can practice taking care of the earth. Begin with one item on your list. As you incorporate that one way of taking care of the earth into your daily life, pray about how you are honoring God as you are taking care of the earth. Thank God for the gift of creation and our amazing world and the privilege we have to be caretakers of God’s world. Learn more about this spiritual practice in this week’s Worship Engagement Devotion available on the Worship by Wire page of our website.
- Listen to an excerpt from the story, *When God Made the World*, by the author, Matthew Paul Turner. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fs96eHxYAt0>
- Check out this article for ideas for **Creation Care for Kids**. Make a Dish Garden, Terrarium, and/or a Tree Print and learn more about being a steward of God’s creation! <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/969/kids-and-creation-care>
- **Five Fun Activities About Taking Care of God’s World** - <https://childrensministry.com/taking-care-of-gods-world/>

