

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of April 25, 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, Acts 4:32-37.

- 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:

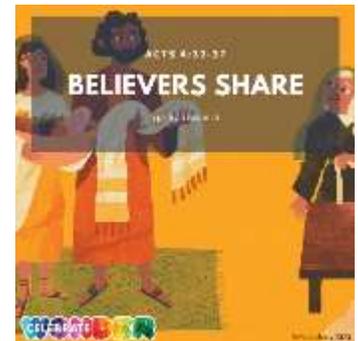
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have 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 8 Believers Share**

WONDER: How can you share Jesus with others?

WONDER Together

- What have you shared recently?
- How did sharing make you feel?
- Is it easy to share? Why or why not?
- Why is it important to share with others?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for reminding 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 do you think it was like to live in the community in today's Bible story?

Spiritual Gifts (Reflection/Craft) - Supplies: ball of yarn or string

SAY: Our Bible story is all about being in community and sharing. Being part of a community means that you are connected. Let's play a game to remind us that we all can be connected through sharing.

- Gather together in a circle.
- Toss the ball of yarn to another person while holding on to part of the yarn and saying something you can share. Have the next person who is holding the ball of yarn/string do the same.
- Continue as long as you'd like or until everyone is connected by a web of yarn/ string at least once

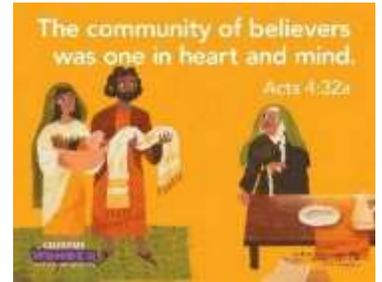
SAY: In community, we are all connected by our sharing, just like the community in today's Bible story.

Spiritual Practice—Sharing the Good News Through Witness

- Gather together.

SAY: The believers of Jesus met together to pray, just like we do at church. Choose a partner. Look at your partner and repeat this prayer after me: “Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share. I will share with others. Amen.”

- Take turns repeating the prayer to each other.
- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.



Spiritual Practice – Sharing what You Have

The believers of Jesus knew they needed one another to grow in their faith. Sharing what they had and caring for one another kept their faith strong.

Choose a local organization your family would like to support, maybe a food bank or a pet rescue. Choose one item each day from your home to give to the organization. As you place it in the box, remember that by sharing what you have, you are showing people God’s love.

Pray for those receiving the gifts.

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/>

