

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of May 16, 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 9:26-31

- 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 11 The Church Grows

WONDER: Have you ever stood up for someone who wasn't being treated fairly?

WONDER Together

- What happens when you show love to others? How do they react?
- What do you think would happen if we tried to love everyone we met the best we could?
- How does love grow?
- Does love change us?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for love that grows. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

LOVE—Love means a closeness and connection we feel with God and others.

WONDER: Who showed love in the Bible story?



Love Grows the Church (Game)

Supplies: package of dot stickers, including one sheet for each person

SAY: Barnabas loved Paul and Jesus, the Christian leaders loved Barnabas and Jesus, and Paul loved Jesus. The church grew because of all the love they shared. When you tell someone about Jesus, that person wants to tell others. If I share Jesus' love with each of you, you will share with others, and more people will know about Jesus' love.

- Place a dot sticker on each person as you say, "Jesus loves you."

• Give each person a sheet of dot stickers. And encourage everyone to place a dot sticker on another person while saying, "Jesus loves you." Continue until all the dot stickers are gone.

WONDER: Who else can you share Jesus' love with?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Love Through Service

- Gather together.

SAY: In the Bible story, the followers of Jesus grew through love. Today our church grows and grows when we show love to others.

- Have everyone fold hands together with fingers intertwined and follow the motions and repeat your words.

SAY: *(Fold hands together with the fingers interlaced.)* Here is the church.

SAY: *(Point index fingers up and together.)* Here is the steeple.

SAY: *(Open hands and wiggle fingers.)* Open the doors, and see all the people.

SAY: *(Close hands.)* Close the doors and hear them pray.

SAY: *(Open hands.)* Open the doors and spread God's love today.

PRAY: Dear God, help us to share your love today. Amen.

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

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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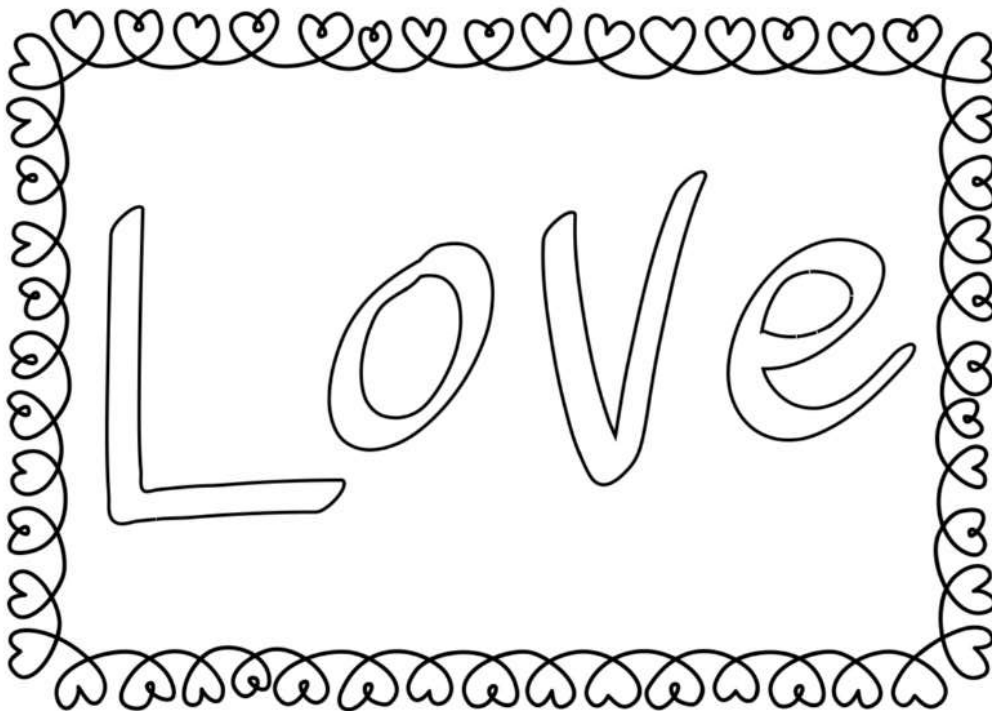
Additional Family Activities:

- **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-livestream/>

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Unit 3 Faith Word

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