

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of May 1, 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 6:1-7

- 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 9 Choosing the Seven**

**WONDER:** What can you do to make sure everyone can receive what they need?

#### WONDER Together

- What is conflict?
- What is love?
- When have you been in a conflict, and how did you solve it?
- How can you show love, even in a conflict?

**PRAY together** - Dear God, thank you for helping us show love in conflict. Amen.

### SHARE the Faith Word:



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

**WONDER:** Do you think the community in this Bible story did a good job of resolving the conflict? Why or why not?

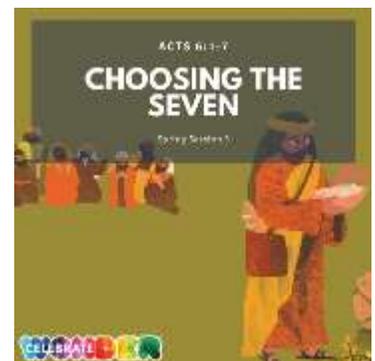
### Choose Seven (Game)

*Supplies: seven each of different objects (like seven rocks, seven spoons, seven pencils, seven books, seven napkins, seven pillows, seven cups)*

*Prepare Ahead: Walk through your space or home to make sure there is seven of each type of object for the number of participants. For example, if there are five participants, your space would need to have seven each of five different objects.*

SAY: The friends of Jesus chose seven people to help them. Seven is an important number in the story. When I say, "Go," you must go on a scavenger hunt for seven of the same object, like seven pencils, for example. The first person to return back here with seven of an objects, wins.

**WONDER:** Why do you think they chose seven people instead of two people to help?



## Spiritual Practice—Exploring Love Through Service

- Gather together.

SAY: In the Bible story, the disciples laid hands on the newly chosen disciples.

WONDER: What does it mean to lay hands on someone?

- Place your hands on the shoulders of the people on both sides of you.

*Tip: If you do not wish to touch others, that is okay. Instead stretch out your hands toward one another without touching.*

SAY: Let's offer our friends a blessing to go out and be disciples of Jesus.

- Repeat the following blessing:

SAY: You are chosen. Go out and show love to others.

PRAY: Thank you, God, for creating us all to serve your community. Amen.

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



## Spiritual Practice – Morning Blessing

When the seven were chosen for their special task, the disciples laid hands on them and prayed for them. Then they were sent to serve.

Start a new tradition in your family by sharing a blessing. As you leave each morning, assign a different family member each day to lay hands on the heads of each person and say a simple blessing: “May your day be filled with love and service to others,” or say a blessing of your choosing.

## 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:

- 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/>

