

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of May 9, 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 9:36-43

- 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:

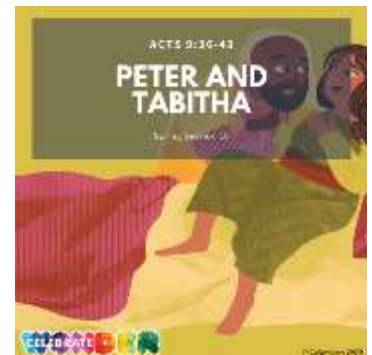
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have 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 10 Peter and Tabitha**

WONDER: Who helps you?

WONDER Together

- Who do you know that is always doing things for other people?
- What does this person do to help others?
- What kinds of things have you made for others to show them that you love them?
- Why is it important to help those in need?

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



SHARE the Faith Word:



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

WONDER: Who was most important in the story?

Clothes of Love (Craft)

Supplies: card stock, different colored or patterned paper, glue, scissors, crayons or markers

- Give each person a piece of card stock.

SAY: Tabitha made beautiful clothes for her friends in need.

- Everyone will draw a person on the card stock.
- Glue the colored or patterned paper to make clothes on the card stock person.

WONDER: How can you help someone who needs clothes, if you can't sew?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Love Through Service

- Gather together.
- Guide everyone through the following spiritual practice:

SAY: There are so many people doing things for others out of love. Name someone you know who does things for others, and we will pray for them. I will start. I pray for teachers. Repeat the following after me.

PRAY: Jesus, thank you for teachers.

- Repeat this prayer for each person mentioned. After everyone has mentioned someone, end the prayer with, “Amen.”
- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.

Spiritual Practice – Coloring Prayer Tablecloth

Peter was able to help Tabitha because her friends loved her so much, they asked him to come. Start a coloring prayer journal on a tablecloth. Each day have a family prayer time when you write down the names of the people you love who need prayers. Color around the names as you pray for them. Leave the tablecloth on the table and continue to pray for those on the cloth and new people you add. Pray they may feel Jesus’ presence in their time of need.



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/>

Mother’s Day

God has given us mothers and other special women in our lives. They have an important job to love us, to teach us about God, to encourage us, and to help us grow in our faith. We set aside this day to thank them for all they do for us and to thank God for giving us people in our lives who encourage us and help us grow in faith.

Try the following activities to honor the special women in your life:



Flower Printed Bouquet

Create a flower printed bouquet using fresh flowers. Find the instructions here: <https://www.cokesburykids.com/blog/mothers-day>

Handprint Prayers

Trace your hand or use paint to make your handprint on a piece of paper. Write 5 prayers for your mom or grandmother or other special women in your life on your handprint. Thank God for the women who take care of you and help you grow in faith!

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

5 THINGS
I LOVE
ABOUT
MY MOM:

1.

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