

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of July 11, 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 online worship together.

Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

- 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 Family Worship Kit Paper folder and in the June 6, 13, 20 Sunday School activities.*

WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

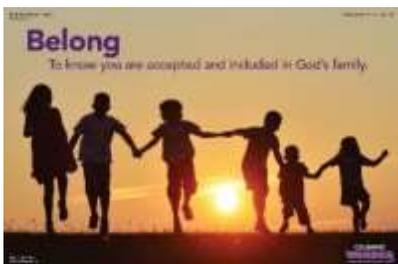
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have 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 Summer Session 6 Mephibosheth.**

WONDER: How do you think Mephibosheth felt in this story?

WONDER Together

- Who do you eat with?
- Share a time when you felt like you belonged.
- Why do we exclude others or make them feel like they don't belong?

PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for reminding us that we belong with you. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

BELONG— Belong is to know you are accepted and included in God's family.

WONDER: Who belonged in today's story?



Set the Table (Connection)

Supplies: place mats, plates, cups, napkins, silverware, chopsticks

SAY: People set the table in various ways in different places, cultures, and countries.

- In China, many people put food on round turntables so they can share the food easily with large groups of people.
- In India, most people eat using their fingertips (only on the right hand). They rarely use silverware, and they often use flatbread to scoop up the food.
- In Japan, the table is set around chopsticks, which are set right in front of the plate.
- Invite each person to make a place setting in front of her or him, however she or he chooses.

WONDER: How did you set your table?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Belonging Through Spiritual Gifts

SAY: Spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God.

This week we have talked about King David making Mephibosheth feel like he belonged.

• Guide everyone through a spiritual practice:

○ Look at the lines on your hands.

○ Look at the lines on your friends' hands.

SAY: The lines on our hands aren't the same. That is because God made us all special. We all belong to God's family.

PRAY: Repeat after me: "God, thank you for making all people to belong. Amen."

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



Spiritual Practice: Treating Someone as Family

King David invited Mephibosheth to always eat with him, even though he was not family. He treated Mephibosheth like he belonged to King David's family. What is one way your family can treat someone as family? Consider volunteering at a homeless shelter, sitting with others and sharing a meal. Pray that God will help you make others feel like they belong.

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 Summer* can be found in the *Family Worship Kit paper folder* or in the *June 6, 13, 20 Sunday School Home Activities*.

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Additional Family Activities:



• **Treasured Vacation Bible School** videos available on Faith United's VBS page of our website

<https://www.myfaithunited.org/vacation-bible-school/> or on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/FaithUnitedMethodistChurch/>! At

TREASURED VBS, we explore and discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's us!

- **Camp Read-A-Lot** will be held Wednesday, July 7 & July 14! Videos with music, stories and literacy activities will be available to watch online. An in-person event will be held at the church on Wednesday, July 14, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Participate in one or all options! Register today to receive your Camp Read-A-Lot Kit with books to read (and keep) and literacy activities. Link is this QR code on the right!



- **A.C.T.S. Prayer:** This prayer model uses the acronym ACTS as a guide for prayer.
 - **A - Adoration:** Tell God how wonderful God is; worship and praise God.
 - **C- Confession:** Tell God about the things you are sorry for, ask for forgiveness.
 - **T- Thanksgiving:** Thank God for all God has done in your life and for the things you notice in your life and in the world.
 - **S- Supplication:** Pray for yourself and pray for others.
- **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 and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-online/>