

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of July 18, 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, John 4:4-30, 39-42..

- 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 7 The Woman at the Well.**

WONDER: How can you share the message that everyone belongs?

WONDER Together

- Where are some different places we can get water?
- How do we accept others and help them feel like they belong?
- What do you think *living water* means? What does it look like?

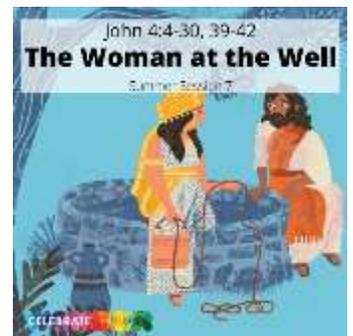
PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for helping us to reach out to people who need to know they are loved by and belong to God. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

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

WONDER: What do you think the friends of Jesus thought when they returned and Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman? How do you think the Samaritan woman felt when she was told God loved her and she belonged in God's family?



Water Fun (Sensory)

Supplies: large containers, sink or bathtub; plastic covering for floor; buckets, cups, sieves, large spoons. Prepare Ahead: Place a plastic covering on the floor or table. Place water in in large containers or use a sink or bathtub.

- Play freely with the water in the containers.

SAY: Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for some water because he was thirsty. The Samaritan woman wanted to be loved and to belong. She filled a cup for Jesus, and he was no longer thirsty. Jesus filled her with love and gave her a place to belong in God's family.

Let's pretend the water is God's love.

ASK: What could we fill with God’s love? Do we need a big or small container?

WONDER: Why do you think Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman? Why did the woman want to share the news that Jesus gave her?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Belonging Through Spiritual Gifts

Supplies: sink, or bathtub; cups (one for each person);

SAY: Spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God. This week we have talked about Jesus and the woman at the well

- Guide the group through a spiritual practice:
 - Gather around the water area and give each person a cup.
 - Have the first person fill the cup from the water area as he or she imagines God filling him or her with love.
 - Tell that person to fill the next person’s cup from her or his cup. Continue around the circle until everyone has a chance to pour and be filled.
 - Have everyone fill a cup and hold it up as you pray.

PRAY: Repeat after me: “God, help me to fill people with God’s love. Amen.”



Spiritual Practice: Sharing Water

Jesus knew that in God’s world, everyone belonged. It didn’t matter if you were a woman or a Samaritan. This week carry bottles of water in your car and when you see someone who is thirsty, share the water with that person. Tell that person that God loves her or him. Pray that all people will feel a sense of belonging in God’s world, and that you can help that happen.

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!](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 videos with music, stories and literacy activities are available to watch online at the



following links:

- Week 1 Camp Read-A-Lot video link: <https://youtu.be/1ETEbaHreyE>
- Week 2 Camp Read-A-Lot video link: <https://youtu.be/PkUEJ3aXYT8>
- Look for the Reading Is An Adventure story written by Faith United Friends on the Camp Read-A-Lot page of the website - <https://www.myfaithunited.org/camp-read-a-lot/>

- **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/>