

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of July 25, 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, Acts 10:1-48

- 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:

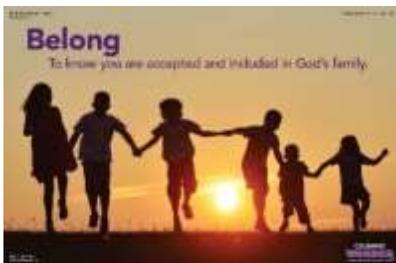
Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have 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 8 Peter's Dream.**

WONDER: Why do you think Cornelius wanted Peter to visit him?

WONDER Together

- What do you think makes us dream?
- Have you ever had a dream you didn't understand?
- Why is it important that everyone feels like he or she belongs to God's family?

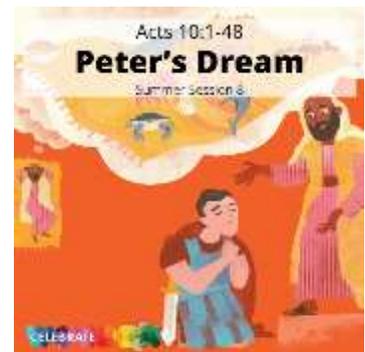
PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for helping us understand your vision for the world so everyone can belong. Amen.



SHARE the Faith Word:

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

WONDER: If you were Peter, what would you have done when you woke up from the dream he had?



One Big Animal (Collaborative Art)

Supplies: large piece of paper, pencils, markers, crayons. Prepare Ahead: Hang up or lay out the large piece of paper where everyone can reach it to draw on.

WONDER: Can you imagine if all the animals in the world became one?

SAY: Let's make a giant animal together.

- Everyone will stand in a line in front of the paper. Give each person a pencil.
- Invite the first person in line to draw one or two shapes or lines on the paper.
- Have the second person add to the first person's shapes or lines.

- Let each person add to the drawing. Encourage them to make their shapes and lines look like a big animal.
- You can let everyone have several turns, until the group is happy with their creation.
- Then decorate the animal together.

SAY: We each helped create our animal. We might do things differently, but we all can belong when we work together.

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Belonging Through Spiritual Gifts

SAY: Spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God. The last few weeks, we have heard stories of people who belong in God’s family. We talked about how belonging means you know how it feels to belong and know you are a part of God’s family.

- Guide everyone through a spiritual practice:
 - Close your eyes and think of a big, wide river. There are people on both sides of the river, but they cannot get together.
 - Imagine what you would build or do to help the people come together.

PRAY: Repeat after me: “God, help me to bring people together. Remind me that we all belong together. We all belong to your family. Amen.”

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



Spiritual Practice: Opening Our Eyes to What Separates Us

In the time of Jesus, people were often divided by what they ate. Jewish people were not allowed to eat many of the foods that Gentiles ate. Think of one thing each day that might separate you from others. What could you do to bring people together instead of separate them? Pray that God will open your eyes to what separates you from others. All people belong to God.

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 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/>