

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of August 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 online worship together.*

### Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, Joshua 2:1-24

- 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](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 Summer Session 9 Rahab.**

**WONDER:** How do you think Rahab felt when she was helping spies?

### WONDER Together

- Have you ever been afraid?
- What is courage? How does courage feel?
- How do you show courage when you are afraid?

**PRAY together** - Dear God, thank you for helping us be courageous in scary situations. Amen.



### SHARE the Faith Word:

**COURAGE**— Courage is choosing to act in faith, even when you are afraid.

**WONDER:** Do you think the spies were afraid? Do you think Rahab was afraid? I wonder if the king's men were afraid.

### Courageous Women (Mission)

*Invite an influential woman to speak to your family. This could be in person or over a video call. This woman may be a member of church, a family member, local leader, etc.*

**SAY:** This month we are learning about important women in the Bible.

**WONDER:** Do you have any important women in your life? What makes them important?

- Invite someone to talk about being courageous.
- Then invite everyone to ask questions.

**WONDER:** What did you learn?



## Spiritual Practice—Exploring Courage Through Discipline

- Gather together.

**SAY:** We learned about Rahab, who made a quick decision and demonstrated her courage to help others. Our Bible verse for today is “Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!”

**WONDER:** What does it mean to let your heart take courage?

**SAY:** Let’s do a body prayer to remember the Bible story and the Bible verse.

Repeat the words and motions after me.

SAY: Hope in the Lord! (*Put your fist straight up in the air.*)

Be strong! (*Flex your arm muscles.*)

Let your heart take courage! (*Place your hands over your heart.*)

Hope in the Lord! (*Put your fist straight up in the air.*)

Amen.

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



## Spiritual Practice: Thanking Others for Their Courage

Rahab was courageous because she helped the spies. The spies were happy to protect Rahab because she had helped them. Can you think of people who showed courage even when they may have been afraid? Do you know people in your community who are courageous and help keep you safe? Think about community leaders like firefighters, mayors, pastors, and so forth. Consider writing a letter to a local community leader, thanking that person for his or her courage. Pray that you might have courage like the leaders in your community.

## Spiritual Practice: Courage Braid

Rahab was told to place a red cord out of her window so the Israelites would not harm her or her family. Rahab’s courage and her discipline in a time of danger made it possible for her and her family to be saved. Braid a bookmark or bracelet from a thin red cord. As you braid, think when you showed courage in a time of danger. Contemplate how fear (one strand), discipline (second strand), and courage (third strand) go together. What else gives you courage?

## 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/>