

We Help Each Other



Parents, below are a couple of ideas you can use at home to reinforce and further teach on the Bible story.

“This week we learned a new Bible story. Can you remind me what it was about? Excellent. Let’s do a couple of things to help us remember what we learned!”

Overview

Bible Basis: Acts 16:9-15

Bible Truth: *We are the church!*

Snack Idea

Supplies: A snack to share – veggies and dip (on one large plate) works well!

Say: Let’s practice sharing with our snack.

Pray: Thank You, God, for letting us be together. Help me to help others. Thank You for loving me and for today’s snack. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Practice the Bible truth, *We are the church!*

Craft

Supplies: Construction paper (regular will work), crayons/markers, scissors, glue

1. Ask kids to trace their hands on the paper. Decorate them and cut them out.
2. Ask them to draw their face and colour it. Cut it out.
3. Cut sheet of paper in half horizontally to make a thinner strip of paper. Ask kids to decorate it.
4. Help kids to glue the hands on the two shorter sides of the paper strip. Then glue the head on the long side (see picture for more details).
5. Ask kids how this craft reminds them of the lesson they just learned. What can they do to help others? Link it to the Bible Truth of the unit – *We Are the Church!*



Activity

Start by asking a few questions:

- “Who was the Bible story about?”
- “What is the Bible truth?”
- “Can you tell and show me the Bible truth?”

Game Time

Let's Throw A Party

Supplies: Pencils, paper, things in the house

- Imagine that you are throwing a party and there are things for which you need to shop.
- Imagine your house is the store. Together, write down a list of things that you need to get for the party.
- Set a timer (3-5 minutes or longer). In this short period of time, everyone will work together to grab all of the things that they wrote down on the list. Make sure you have strategies to help assign who should grab what. If time runs out, keep going until you finish.
- Repeat the game if desired. Think about a different party to help keep things interesting.
- Talk about how much faster it is being able to help one another in putting things together. Talk about how, though sometimes you don't finish on time, you can still finish, and imagine how much longer it would take if only one person tried to do everything by him/herself.

Secret Helper

Supplies: Candies

- Before starting the game, cut out some pieces of paper that equals the number of players. Leave all the pieces blank except for one marked with an “X”. Fold them all up and put them in a bowl.
- Players are to draw from the bowl. If they draw the one with the X, they will be the secret helper and will not tell anyone.
- Everyone will sit in a circle, far away from one another. Leave candies in the middle of the circle.
- Everyone will close their eyes and face their palms up.
- The secret helper will now **very quietly** grab a candy and put it in someone's hand. The secret helper must not let anyone know that he or she just moved.
- Everyone will open their eyes and try to guess who the secret helper is.
- Repeat the game.
- Talk about how putting candies in people's hands is like helping others. Sometimes when we help others, it must be done secretly. In fact, God wants us to help others without making it publicly known to others. You might feel sad and upset that no one knows, but God knows what you do and will reward you in heaven!