

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of June 13, 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, 1 Samuel 25:1-42

- 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 at the end of this week's lesson.*

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 2 David and Abigail**

WONDER: What might have happened if Abigail had not taken food to David and his men?

WONDER Together

- What does peace look like to you? When you think of the word *peace*, what image comes to mind?
- How do you respond during a conflict (or a fight)?
- When have you given something to someone to make peace?
- What did you give?

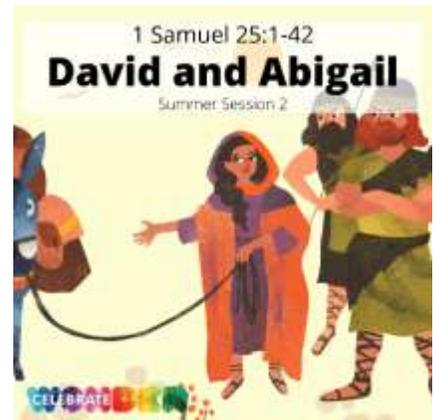
PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for helping us to be peacemakers. Amen.

SHARE the Faith Word:



PEACE—*Peace is living together in harmony without fighting. To be calm and know God's presence.*

WONDER: How did Abigail make peace in the Bible story?



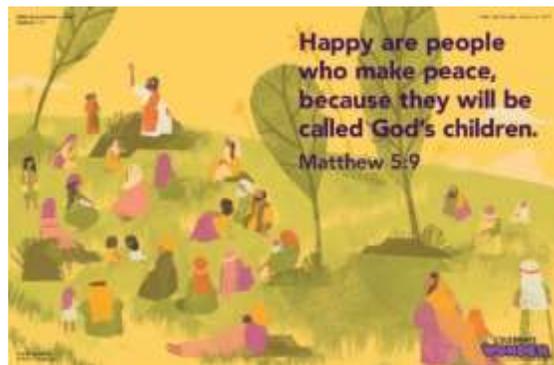
Symbols of Peace (Art)

Supplies: craft supplies (including paper, scissors, and glue), recycled materials, nature items (such as leaves, sticks, and rocks)

WONDER: What does peace look like to you? When you think of the word *peace*, what image comes to mind?

- Invite each person to create a peace symbol.
- Encourage everyone to think beyond a traditional peace sign and to come up with their own.
- Tell everyone they can use their creations as an offering during a spiritual practice.

SAY: There are so many ways to imagine peace.



Spiritual Practice—Exploring Peace Through Justice

Supplies: peace symbols made in previous activity;

- Gather together.

SAY: You made peace symbols earlier. Let's offer our peace to God.

- Invite each person to take turns placing her or his peace symbol on the table or other special location in your home.
- When each person places a symbol on the table, say the following blessing:

SAY: You are a peacemaker and a peaceful child of God.

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

Spiritual Practice: Pass the Peace

God wants us to live in peace with one another and not fight. Some churches “pass the peace” in worship. This week pass the peace with one another by saying, “Peace be with you.” Practice with your family at mealtimes or other times of the day. Thank God for the people you know who stop fights and bring peace to others.

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 in this week's *Sunday School Home Activities*. Adapted from Celebrate Wonder Summer 2021 Session 2 © 2021 Cokesbury



I've Been Meaning to Ask...A Series for Curiosity, Courage, and Connection

Week 3 Children's Connection I've been meaning to ask. . . what do you need?

Read together Job 2:11-13 | 2 Timothy 4:9-18

How do we know what might help someone who is sad?

How do we help our friends and family know what we need?

In the Bible story about Job, we learn that when he was sad, his friends came to sit with him. Job had been through a whole lot—sickness, storms, bad luck—and his friends didn't know what to say. So they sat with him and didn't say a word for a whole week.

In the 2 Timothy scripture, Paul was in prison and wrote to his friend Timothy. He didn't want Timothy to do anything to help him. Paul just wanted his friend to come visit.

Pay attention to the needs of your friends and family. Practice asking each other, 'What do you need?' and 'How can I help?' Practice telling your family and friends what you need and ways they can help you. Practice just being present with someone who is sad.

- What can your friends and family do for you when you're feeling sad?
- How do you help your friends and family when they're sad?
- Do we all need the same things when we're sad?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for friends that help us, even when that help is just being with us. Help us to remember to ask what others need instead of assuming we know. Amen.

Adapted from SANCTIFIED ART I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK CHILDREN'S LESSONS



Additional Family Activities:

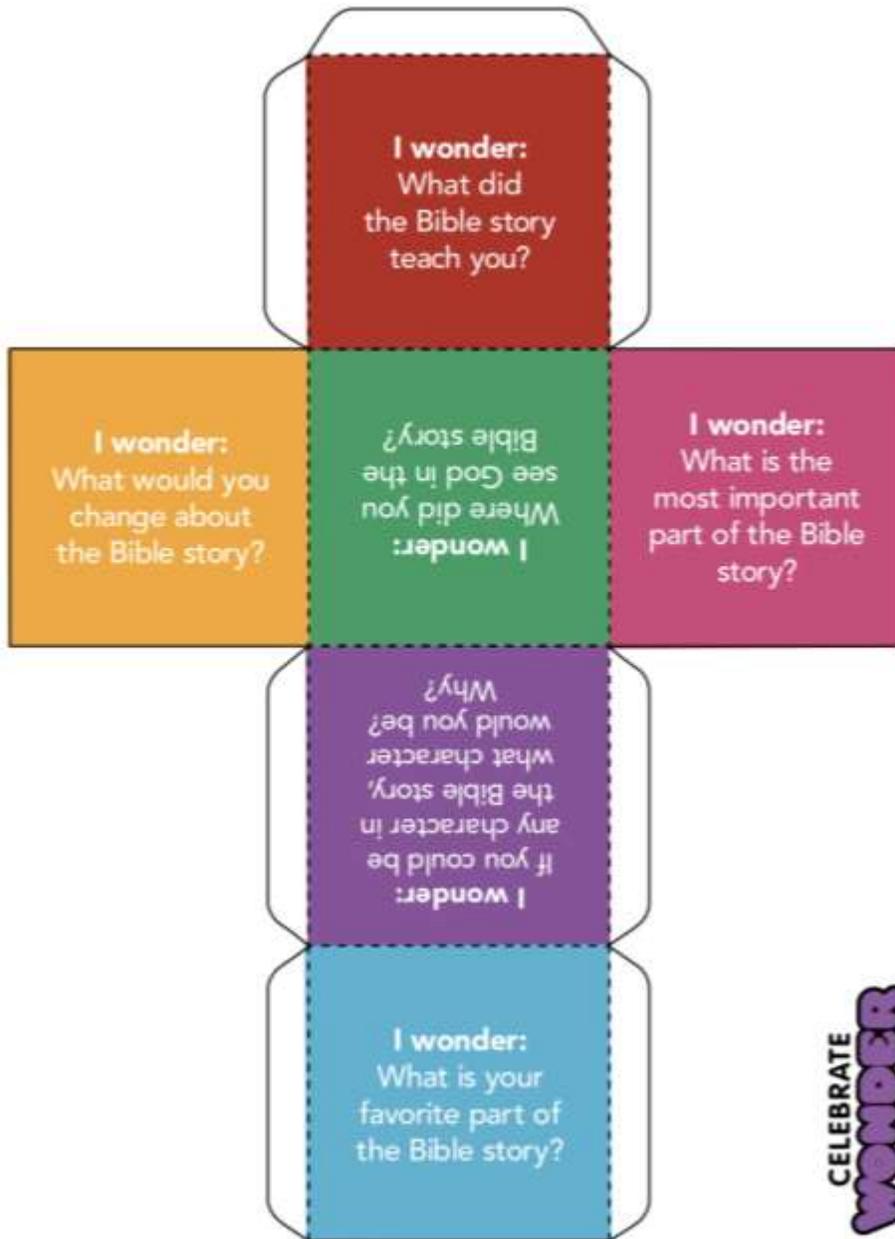


Treasured Vacation Bible School begins the week of June 21! At TREASURED VBS, we will explore and discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's us! Videos will be available to watch online. An in-person event will be held at the church on Wednesday, June 23, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Participate in one or all options! Register today to receive your VBS Kit with a VBS Music CD and activities. Link is this QR code on the right!



- **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-livestream/>

Summer 2021 Wonder Cube



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!

CELEBRATE				
<i>I felt peace.</i>	<i>I was a peacemaker.</i>	<i>I saw someone being peaceful.</i>	<i>I prayed for peace.</i>	<i>I felt calm.</i>
<i>I included someone.</i>	<i>I shared something with someone else.</i>	<i>I used my gifts and talents to help others.</i>	<i>I made someone feel that he or she belonged.</i>	<i>I learned something new.</i>
<i>I did something brave.</i>	<i>I encouraged someone to be brave.</i>	Free Celebration!	<i>I saw someone be courageous.</i>	<i>I shared my support of a courageous woman in my life.</i>
<i>I prayed.</i>	<i>I spent time with my Bible.</i>	<i>I wondered about a Bible story.</i>	<i>I talked about a Bible story.</i>	<i>I learned a new Bible story.</i>
<i>I played with a new friend.</i>	<i>I went outside.</i>	<i>I was brave at a tough time.</i>	<i>I stood up for what I believe in.</i>	<i>I helped someone in my family.</i>