

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of June 6, 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, Genesis 13

- 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 1 Abraham and Lot**

WONDER: Why do you think Abraham was willing to let Lot choose first?

WONDER Together

- What does peace mean to you?
- When do you feel peaceful?
- When have you experienced a time that was not peaceful? How did you respond? What was the outcome of the situation?
- What would you tell people who are trying to find peace and justice?

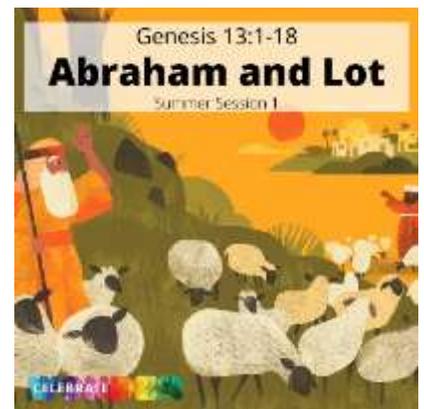
PRAY together - Dear God, thank you for helping us to be peacemakers. Amen.

SHARE the Faith Word:



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

WONDER: How do you think Lot felt in the Bible story?



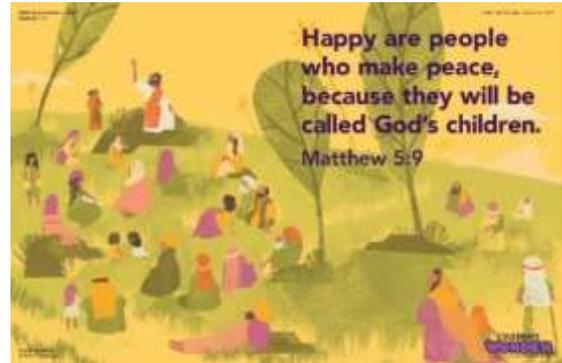
Go Your Own Way - Game

- Designate three areas in the room for answers: left is agree, right is disagree, and middle is neutral.
- Begin by having the everyone stand in the middle of the room.
- Read the first statement.
- Have each person decide if they agree or disagree with the statement and then move to the corresponding area.
- Continue until you have read all the statements.

WONDER: Was it hard to decide which way to go?

Suggested Statements:

- Apples are better than oranges.
- Superman is better than batman.
- It is okay to talk while someone else is talking.
- It is hard to make peace.
- You should always let someone go before you.
- I am peaceful.
- I have to be peaceful only at church.
- God loves me.



Tip: Make up more statements, if you wish.

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Peace Through Justice

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God. This week we have talked about Abraham and Lot. We also talked about justice, and how important it is to keep peace by making sure everyone is treated fairly.

• Guide everyone through a spiritual practice:

○ Close your eyes and think of a time you were not treated fairly. You can say it out loud or you can say it silently to yourself.

○ Tell yourself that when you see someone else treated unfairly, you will try to help that person.

PRAY: Repeat after me: “God, help me to see the people not treated fairly. Help me to be a peacemaker and speak up for them. Amen.”

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

Spiritual Practice: I Want to Be a Peacemaker

Abraham let Lot choose what direction he wanted to go so there would be peace. How would you feel if you let a friend choose a toy to play with first and your friend chose the toy you wanted? You might get upset. If you do, say to yourself, *I don't want to fight with my friends. I love my friends. I want to be a peacemaker.* You can make this an important saying. Repeat to yourself, *I want to be a peacemaker.* Do this several times.

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 1 © 2020 Cokesbury

I've Been Meaning to Ask...A Series for Curiosity, Courage, and Connection Week 2 Children's Connection I've been meaning to ask. . . where does it hurt?

Read together 1 Samuel 1:1-18 | Mark 5:21-43

Have you ever been hurt and felt like no one was listening or noticing? Have you every ignored someone who said they were hurt? What can we learn about helping someone who is hurting from the stories of Hannah and Jesus? Jesus noticed people whose pain was ignored. Maybe Jesus helped them to feel better, even before their bodies were healed.

Do something kind for someone who may be hurting this week. Practice being a good listener.

Draw a picture of your hurt. Draw a picture of something that helps your hurt.

- What do you do when your friends and family are hurting?
- Why do you think we sometimes pretend we don't notice when someone is hurting?
- Who can you tell when you are hurt, either on the inside or the outside?

Prayer: Dear God, we don't like to see others hurting. Help us not to ignore their pain or our own. Thank you for always noticing when we hurt and helping us heal. Amen.

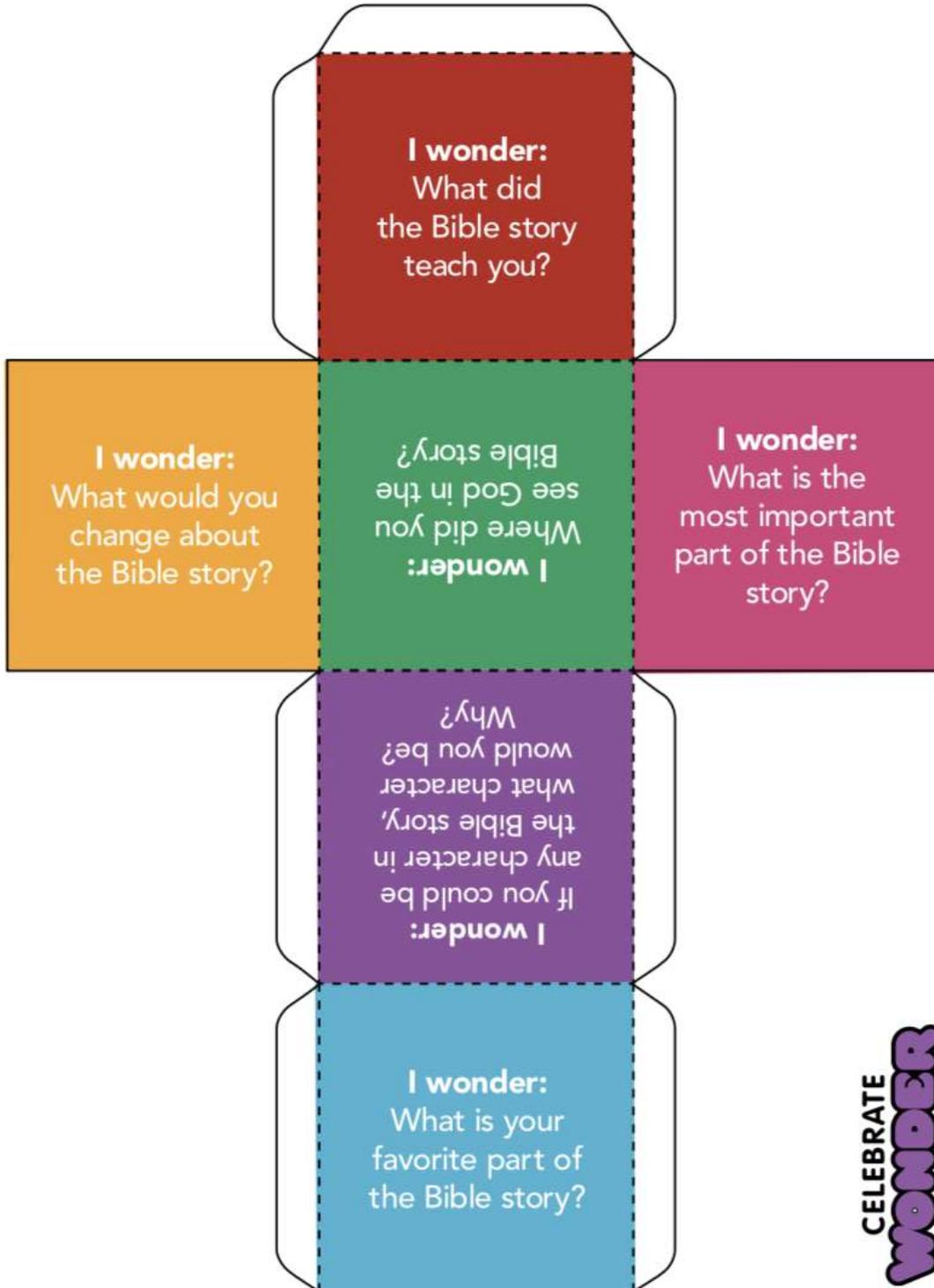
Adapted from SANCTIFIED ART I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK CHILDREN'S LESSONS



Additional Family Activities:

- **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 by Wire and Wednesday Night Faith Connections 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>