

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.

Gather together near your Wonder Table.

Faith Word: **LOVE**—Love means a closeness and connection we feel with God and others.

WONDER together

- What happens when you show love to others? How do they react?
- What do you think would happen if we tried to love everyone we met the best we could?

CONTINUE to **wonder**

- How does love grow?
- Does love change us?

PRAY together:

Dear God, thank you for love that grows. Amen.

READ the Bible story

- Read the Bible story: Acts 9:26-31.
- Take time to answer a few questions (Roll the Wonder Cube or select as few or as many as you like):

I wonder, what did you learn about God?

I wonder: what makes this Bible story special?

I wonder: what characters are in the Bible story?

I wonder: what is your favorite part of the Bible story?

I wonder: where do you see yourself in the Bible story?

I wonder: who do you think might like to hear the Bible story?

WONDER: Who showed love in the Bible story?

Activity/Game

Love Grows the Church (Game)

Supplies: package of dot stickers, including one sheet for each family member

SAY: Barnabas loved Paul and Jesus, the Christian leaders loved Barnabas and Jesus, and Paul loved Jesus. The church grew because of all the love they shared. When you tell someone about Jesus, that person wants to tell others. If I share Jesus' love with each of you, you will share with others, and more people will know about Jesus' love.

- Place a dot sticker on each person as you say, "Jesus loves you." • Give each person a sheet of dot stickers. • Encourage everyone to place a dot sticker on another person while saying, "Jesus loves you."
- Continue until all the dot stickers are gone.

WONDER: Who else can you share Jesus' love with?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Love Through Service

• Gather near your Wonder Table. **SAY:** In the Bible story, the followers of Jesus grew through love. Today our church grows and grows when we show love to others.

• Have everyone fold hands together with fingers intertwined. • Have everyone follow the motions and repeat your words. **SAY:** (Fold hands together with the fingers interlaced.) Here is the church. **SAY:** (Point index fingers up and together.) Here is the steeple. **SAY:** (Open hands and wiggle fingers.) Open the doors, and see all the people. **SAY:** (Close hands.) Close the doors and hear them pray. **SAY:** (Open hands.) Open the doors and spread God's love today.

PRAY: Dear God, help us to share your love today. Amen.