



Faith Together at Home

Join the Team!

**Be the
Church**

Gather Together

Gather together in a comfortable place in your home. Build a little altar together by placing a Bible, cross and candle on a small table or box covered with a cloth. Begin by lighting the candle and asking everyone to sit quietly for a few moments, welcoming God's presence.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-28. Point out the various jobs the Apostle Paul lists. Take turns naming a few of the jobs that must be done in order for things to go smoothly at your home (wash dishes, pick up toys, make beds). Next, name some of the tasks that must be accomplished for your congregation to run smoothly (committee meetings, bulletins printed, worship services planned). God wants everyone to participate in worshipping and serving. There are enough jobs to go around!

Discover Together

Ever since the Apostle Paul began establishing the earliest Christian churches, people have been learning the importance of teamwork when it comes to sharing God's Word with all the world. Talk about what happens when team members don't work together. What would a soccer game be like if the goalie decided to be a forward? What would happen during a concert if the percussionists decided to set their own tempo? What would a worship service sound like if the choir sang during the pastor's sermon? Then talk about how each family member can fulfill at least one of the roles mentioned. How is God calling you to be a team player in your faith community? What new jobs can you take on during worship? Are some jobs more important than others? Share your thoughts.

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- How is a faith community like a family?
- How can we thank the leaders of our church?
- What new church leadership role would you like to try?

Work Together

Set a timer for ten minutes and send everyone off to perform some job around the house—quickly! Make a bed, empty the trash, help pick up toys. After the timer sounds, huddle up and thank each person for helping make your home more comfortable for everyone. Give each family member an honorary clean-up title (Danielle the Dusting Dynamo, Commander Squeegee, etc.).

Serve Together

Clean up around your neighborhood together. Give each person gloves and a bag to hold litter and walk around your neighborhood picking up trash that's on the ground. You could even assign one person to pick up recyclables while others pick up trash.

Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **Dear God, help us recognize and use the gifts you give us to help a world in need. Amen.**