

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of May 3, 2020

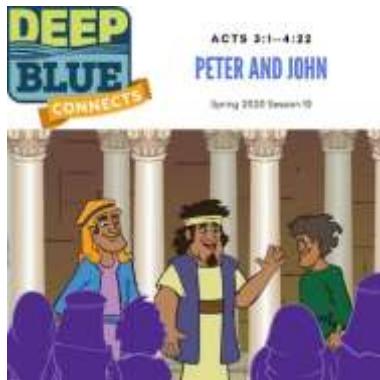
Check out some of the activities you and your families can do at home this week!



Watch this week's Deep Blue Sunday School Video: Click the link below to

watch the Deep Blue Connects Spring 2020 videos. This week is Episode 10 (E10: Peter and John).

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Try this Family Devotion with your family!

Read: Peter and John (Acts 4:1-22)

Bible Story Focus: We can tell people about Jesus like Peter and John did.

Wonder Together: How do you serve others?

Memory Verse: *"As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."* (Acts 4:20)

Pray Together: Share joys and concerns, and then pray, Dear God, thank you the stories and witness of the first Christian communities. Amen.

Ages 5-Grade 2

Hear and See the Bible Story

SAY: Today our Bible story is about two disciples who helped a man who was asking for money outside the temple.

- Tell the children the story, "Peter and John" (Read Acts 4:1-22). Refer to the Background for this Week's Bible Story at the end of the Sunday School activities.

ASK: Jesus taught us to serve others. How do you serve others?

- Watch the Deep Blue Adventure for Session 10 on amplifymedia.com.
- Act out the story. Take turns playing different roles.

Family Time: Share a Meal and Wonder Together

SAY: Our Bible verse for this month tells us what Peter and John said when some people wanted them to stop talking about Jesus. They said, "As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

ASK: When have you been so excited about something that you couldn't stop talking?

Share a meal together and take turns telling stories as you eat.

SAY: Let's talk about Jesus together. We'll go around the table. Each person will say something about Jesus. It could be about his life or something that he taught about. When it's your turn, try to say something that hasn't been shared yet. Let's see how long we can talk about Jesus.

Jump for Joy Shaker

Supplies: two small, clear plastic plates or paper plates; confetti or beans; decorative tape.

- Use decorative tape to tape the two plates together, leaving a small opening. Add confetti or beans through the opening then tape the opening closed.
- Play your favorite praise music and hymns, jump and dance for joy and shake your Joy Shaker!

Loving God, Loving Neighbor

This week's Adventure DVD segment shares about creating flood buckets to be sent to people who need them. Learn about the work of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) here - <https://www.umcmission.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network>
Decide as a family how you can serve your neighbors and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adapted from Deep Blue Connects Loving God, Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Spring 2020 Early Elementary Session 10

Grades 3-5

Hear and See the Bible Story

SAY: In our Bible story, Peter and John served the community by healing a man and speaking to people about Jesus.

- Read the Bible story together (Acts 4:1 – 22).
- Watch the Deep Blue Adventure for Session 10 on amplifymedia.com.

SAY: Today, we're learning about how faith changed a disabled man's life and changed Peter and John's lives by giving them the desire to go out and speak to others about Jesus.

ASK: Jesus taught us how to serve. How do you serve others?



What Would You Say?



Draw a thought bubble on a piece of paper.

ASK: If you were asked to say three things about Jesus to help people get to know him, what would you say?

- Write your thoughts in the thought bubble.

Wonder together:

- Were Peter and John surprised to be arrested for speaking about Jesus?
- When have you spoken when you were not supposed to?
- When have you been surprised by how someone else spoke?



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Blessing

SAY: In our Bible story, a man with a disability experienced healing because of his faith, and Peter and John spoke about all they had seen and heard about Jesus. Let's take a moment to speak about the goodness of God before we ask God's blessing over our lives.

- Light a candle, battery candle works great if you have one.

SAY: Let's each take a moment to speak a word of thanks for something that God has done for us. This could be healing like the man in the story. It could be something as simple as giving us a family who loves us, or giving us a good church community, or giving us good neighbors. Let's start our statements by saying, "Thank you God for . . ."

- Take the candle in your hand. Share your own thank-you statement. Then pass the battery candle to each person.
- Let each person who would like to speak have a turn. Then pray the following prayer.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for all that you have done for us. We pray for your help and presence in each of our lives as we go through the week ahead. Amen.

Adapted from Deep Blue Connects Loving God, Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Spring 2020 Older Elementary Session 9

Nursery, Toddlers and Preschool



Jesus Lives! John 20:1, 11-18

Hear the Bible Story Tell the Bible story to the children. Act out the story.

Ribbon Dancers

Give everyone a piece of ribbon or streamer. Play your favorite praise music or hymn. Dance for joy while waving the ribbons!



SAY: Jesus is not dead! Jesus has risen! Jesus is alive! Happy Easter!

BLESS: (Child's name), God loves you. God blesses you. God is always with you. Amen.

PRAY: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to show us your love. Amen.

Adapted from Deep Blue Nursery, Spring 2020 Session 10

Background for this Week's Elementary Ages Bible Story:

The Book of Acts tells us about the early days of the church. This is the story of Jesus' followers after Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven. During his time on earth, Jesus prepared his followers to continue the work he had begun...that of telling people about God and sharing God's love.

In Bible times, Jewish people prayed in their homes at regular times during the day. On special days, they went to the temple to pray. One afternoon Peter and John were going to the temple to pray at the appointed time when they met a man who could not walk. The man was begging outside the temple gate. Because he could not walk, the man was considered unclean by Jewish custom and was not allowed inside the temple. Peter and John did not have money, so instead, they restored his ability to walk. Peter healed the man "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene." It was important to Peter that everyone know the true source of the man's healing since there were often people present trying to perform healing in the names of other gods. When the man discovered that he could walk, he entered the temple—for the first time in his life since he had been crippled since birth—and he began to praise God! When Peter and John healed the man, they did more than give him the ability to walk; they gave him the ability to worship in the temple.

When the people who witnessed the healing began to praise Peter and John for what they had done, they explained it was not by their own power that they were able to heal the man. Peter and John gave the credit to God—the God who raised Jesus from the dead. Because they were speaking boldly about the resurrection of Jesus, Peter and John were thrown into prison. The leaders in Jerusalem did not want the Jesus movement to spread. Ultimately, Peter and John were released from prison, and were asked to stop talking about Jesus. Given a choice to obey God or to obey the Jerusalem Council, Peter and John chose to continue to do God's work, assisted and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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Family Activities for All Ages:

Note: Prior to starting any activity, be sure to sanitize hands and all supplies. Be sure to practice safe physical distancing.

- **Family Meal:** When you enjoy a meal with your family this week, leave one empty chair at your table. A chair for Jesus! Let this chair be a reminder that Jesus is with you always. Perhaps, you could even ask your families if you could be the cook for a meal this week and serve your family with love and care, just like Jesus did when he cooked the bread and the fish on the beach for his disciples.
- **The Lord's Supper:** This Sunday is Communion Sunday at Faith United. Gather bread or crackers and juice or another drink and share Communion with your family during this week's Worship by Wire. Talk about what it means that all are welcome at Christ's table. As you serve Communion to each other in your home, talk about what Communion helps you to remember about Jesus.
- **Chalk your walk!** Use sidewalk chalk to write or draw pictures and messages of encouragement and hope on your sidewalk and driveway. Be a voice of encouragement to those who pass by your home!
- **Look for Easter**, look for signs of new life and resurrection! We also call these **God Sightings**, looking for our good God in the world! Share the God Sightings you find with us. <https://www.myfaithunited.org/god-sightings-looking-for-hope-during-the-pandemic/>
- Make **cards for Hartville Migrant Ministry migrant workers**. Because we will not be meeting in person for our Wednesday Night Faith Connection spring mission project to pack Welcome Bags for Hartville Migrant Ministry, make cards to welcome the migrant workers. Mail your card to the church and we will deliver them with the monetary donations to help provide 12 Welcome Bags!
- Sunday School Teacher, Libby Blake's Card Sending Idea, the **Quarantine Correspondence Challenge**: I often get packets of cards from various charities and rarely use them. I'd like to challenge those who have any kind of greeting or note cards to open their address books and start sending one a day. When I was undergoing cancer treatment, Terry, my college roomie and life-long friend sent me a card-a-day for over two months! She used up all the miscellaneous cards she had bought over the years and had never sent. It was hilarious to receive cards with messages that had nothing to do with my situation! I am a card maker in my spare time. My goal is to end this quarantine time, no matter how long, with NO CARDS LEFT! I'd love to know if you'll give this a try and also if you hear back!
- **Participate in a church-wide Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project!** We are looking for 13 more persons (all ages) to participate in a church-wide Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project. You would need to be able to print out an 8 ½ X 11 paper, color it and mail (or email if you can scan) back to Kathy Schmucker at the church. You will have about 2 weeks to complete before we need them. Please let Kathy know if you are interested! Please share with your groups and invite others to participate! This will be a fun way to participate in a church activity together, even though we are physically apart!
- **Pray the LORD'S PRAYER** each day at noon. Create a video of your family praying the Lord's Prayer that we could share as encouragement for others. Let me know if you are interested!
- Use, individually or as a family, the worship resources connected with Sunday and Wednesdays Worship by Wire. Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-by-wire/>
- Share pictures or videos of some of the activities you and your family are doing while practicing physical distancing with church staff. What you share may inspire someone else!

