

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of January 30, 2022



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.

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Welcome to Wonder

Wonder Table - 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 Box - The Wonder Box is a special place to hold a special item that connects to the Faith Word and to the Bible story. Place items or symbols related to each week's Bible story in the Wonder Box. You may want to keep your Wonder Box on your family's Wonder Table. You can make your own Wonder Box to be any shape or size, but it's best if it has a lid. Include your whole family in the creation process.

Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, Luke 4:38-44.

- Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout. The story is also in the Advent Family Worship Kits.

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 1000'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's video is Celebrate Wonder Winter 2021/2022 Session 9 Jesus Heals.

SAY: This month we are talking about stories from Jesus' life. Our story today is about Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. **WONDER:** Why would Jesus heal people?

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for healing people. Please be with the people we know who are sick today. Amen.

Cards for Healers

Supplies: cardstock, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils,

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. Who helps heal people today?

Doctors, nurses, parents, emergency medical workers, dentists, veterinarians, and so many others!

Use the supplies at the table to make a card of thanks for someone who heal people. Send the cards to local hospitals, health care workers and veterinary clinics.

Art – Picture My Family

Supplies: drawing paper, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, chalk or oil pastels

When Jesus got to Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law was sick and Jesus used God's power to heal her.

- Think about the people in your family. Think about as many people as you can.
- Draw a picture of the people in your family. Include grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and your immediate families too.
- The woman healed in today's story was Peter's mother-in-law. Who in your family has a mother-in-law?

Art – Help a Friend

Supplies: paper titled 9-B Help a Friend Art, crayons, colored pencils

Peter's mother-in-law was sick. When Jesus saw her, he had compassion for her. Have you had compassion for and helped a friend?

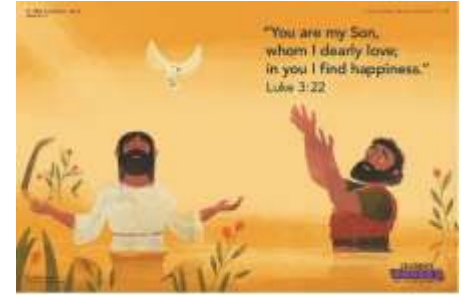
Use the supplies to draw a picture of a time when you helped a friend.

Examine the Bible Verse

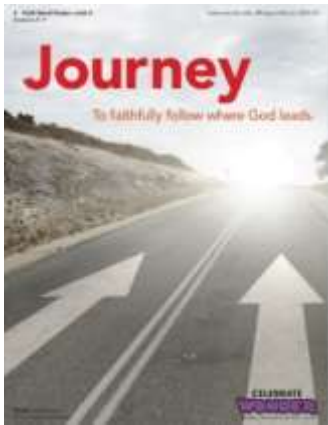
SAY: This month's Bible verse is Luke 3:22. Find it in your Bibles.

ASK: Is the Book of Luke in the Old or New Testament? (New) Where is Luke located in the New Testament? (third book) In what chapter of Luke is our verse located? (3) What is the verse number? (22)

SAY: Our Bible verse tells us how God felt about Jesus.



SHARE the Faith Word: JOURNEY



This month's faith word is Journey. The definition for journey is to faithfully follow where God leads. We are following Jesus' journey this month as he grows and follows where God leads him. In today's story, Jesus journeys to Peter's house and heals Peter's mother-in-law.

WONDER together:

- How does it feel to have a fever?
- What do you think Peter's mother-in-law felt when her fever went away?
- Why should we show compassion to one another?

Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- Jesus Heals Dot to Dot Coloring, Help a Friend Art, Journey Memory Drawing

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Jesus' Journey Through Scripture

- Gather together.

SAY: Spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God. This month we are learning about journey, following where God leads us. We are hearing stories about Jesus' journey. Today Jesus went to Peter's house and healed his mother-in-law. Part of Jesus' ministry included caring for the bodies of the people in his community.

- Guide everyone through a spiritual practice called a body prayer.

Christ be with us. (Spread out your arms.)

Christ before us. (Place your arms in front of your body.)

Christ behind us. (Turn around.)

Christ in us. (Place your hands on your chest.) Amen.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for being with me on my journey. Amen

- Bless everyone. Touch each person as you say this blessing: "May you feel God's presence as you journey through the day."

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 4:38-44

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook, wonder together.

Ask: Why do you think the people were amazed?

Do: Together, take a prayer walk through your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors as you walk.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for journeying with us as we grow in love. Amen.

Celebration Chart: 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! *A Celebration Chart for Winter is included in the 12/19 week's Sunday School Home Activities and in the Advent Family Kits.*

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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 worship.
- Use individually, or as a family, the worship and devotional resources connected with Sunday's Worship and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-online/>
- **Women of the Hebrew Bible Sunday School Activities**
READ Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-10, the story The Baby in the Basket
in the Bible or pages 50-51 in the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook.

What important role do the women play in this story?

How did the women in this story make a difference for God's kingdom?

Strong Women Art

Supplies: Paper titled 5E, crayons, colored pencils

There are lots of strong women in this story—Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter, the midwives who delivered Moses, and Moses' mom. They keep Moses safe.

Think of a strong woman in your life who cares for you, teaches you, and keeps you safe.

Use the Strong Women Art paper to write or draw that person a thank-you note.

Use your imagination, construction paper and art supplies to create a woman from the Hebrew (Old Testament) Bible.

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all the people in your life who care for you, watch over you, protect you and keep you safe.



Jesus Heals – Luke 4:38-44



Jesus left his hometown, Nazareth, and walked to Capernaum.

He was invited to come into the house of his friend, Peter.

But when Jesus came into the house, he discovered something sad.

Peter's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever.

Jesus stood over her. Jesus was God's Son, so Jesus could heal people!

He told the fever to go away.

Everyone was amazed. When Jesus told the fever to go away, it did.

Peter's mother-in-law got up and began to serve her guests because she was grateful.

The sun began to set. Many people who were sick were brought to Jesus.

Jesus laid his hands on the people, and they were cured.

Jesus showed God's love for people.

Jesus showed everyone that he was God's Son and the Savior they had been waiting for.

Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 4:38-44

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** How do you think Peter felt in this story?

Do: Together, take a prayer walk through your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors as you walk.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for journeying with us as we grow in love. Amen.

Jesus Heals – Dot-to-Dot and Coloring Page

Peter's mother-in-law was sick. When Jesus saw her, he had compassion for her. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law! Connect the dots on the page and color the picture.



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Help a Friend – Art

Peter's mother-in-law was sick. Jesus had compassion and helped her. Draw a picture of a time when you had compassion and helped another.



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Journey

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem, the desert, Jericho, Nazareth, and Capernaum. Where have you journeyed? Draw a memory from one of your travels.

