

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of March 20, 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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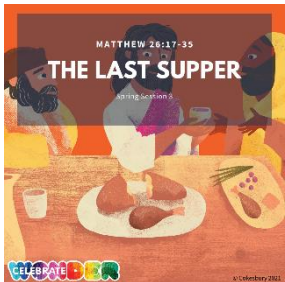
Welcome to Wonder

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, Matthew 26:17-35.

- Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout. The story is also in the Lent 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 Spring 2022 Session 3 The Last Supper.

SAY: This month we are hearing stories about Jesus. In today's story he shares a special meal with his friends.

WONDER: What is your favorite meal? What is your favorite story of Jesus?

PRAY: Dear God, help us remember the stories of Jesus. Amen.

Unleavened Bread

Supplies: Page 3E (attached and in the Lent Family Kit), whole wheat flour, sugar, salt, olive oil, water

SAY: Every year the Jewish people celebrate a special holiday called Passover. Passover is a special meal that celebrates when God freed the people from slavery in Egypt. Since Jesus was Jewish, he celebrated Passover every year. But our story today is about the last time Jesus shared this meal with his friends, the disciples. Jesus added some new parts to the Passover meal. He took bread and shared it with his friends, asking them to remember him every time they ate bread. Then he took a cup of wine (grape juice) and shared it with his friends, saying that this cup was the symbol of a new covenant between God and the people. He asked the disciples to remember him anytime they drank wine.

WONDER: Why do you think Jesus chose the bread and the wine as the reminders? Why not something else?

SAY: Today we remember this last supper Jesus shared with his friends during Communion when we share bread and juice. We're going to bake unleavened bread, the kind of bread Jesus would have shared with his friends, and remember the stories of Jesus we've heard this month.

- Follow the Unleavened Bread recipe to make the bread together.

Jesus' Words (Art)

Supplies: Page 3D (attached), white crayons, watercolor paints, brushes, cups of water

SAY: Jesus blessed and broke a loaf of bread and gave it to his friends saying, "Remember me." When we gather for Communion, we remember Jesus and his words from this story.

- Invite the kids to color the words with a white crayon. Then paint the picture to reveal Jesus' words.

Examine the Bible Verse

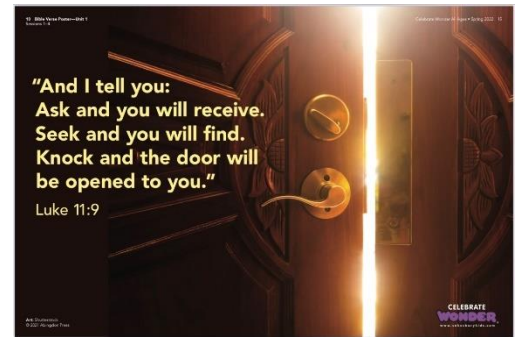
SAY: Our Unit 1 Bible verse is Luke 11:19. Find it in your Bibles.

ASK: Is the Book of Luke in the Old or New Testament? (*New*) Where is Luke located in the New Testament? (*in the Gospel books*) In what chapter of Luke is our verse located? (*11*) What is the verse number? (*19*)

Read the scripture together.

ASK: What is the reference for our verse? (*Luke 11:19*)

SAY: Our Bible verse reminds us that God is always with us, helping us as we wonder and grow.



SHARE the Faith Word: LENT

Lent is a time when Christians prepare for Easter by spending time with God. WONDER together:

- What is your favorite part of this week's story?
- Why do you think Jesus chose bread and juice?
- What makes a meal with your community "fellowship" and not just eating food?

Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- The Last Supper Coloring Page, Jesus Words Art, Unleavened Bread Recipe, Lent Wonder Cube and Calendar

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Wonder Through Faith

- Gather together.

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to and spend time with God. During the church season of Lent, we will do the same practice each week—a special Lenten movement prayer. A movement prayer uses words and movements to connect our minds, bodies, and hearts to God.

- Invite everyone to stand up and spread out so everyone has enough space for the prayer.
- Encourage the children to repeat your words and mirror your movements.

PRAY: Dear Loving God, (*praying hands*) we have made it (*arms overhead and jump in the air*)
to the season of Lent— (*point to wrist like you would to a wristwatch*)
the time we each prepare for Easter. (*tap wrist like you would to a wristwatch*)
Please prepare our hearts, (*point to your heart*) our minds, (*point to your head*)
and our bodies (*flex your muscles*)
to do your work in our world. (*march in place*) Help us connect to you (*clasp your hands*)
so we can connect with others. (*reach arms out to the side*) Amen. (*praying hands*)

SAY: This week spend some time with God.

- Bless everyone. Touch each person as you say this blessing: "May you always feel connected to God. Amen."

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 26:17-35

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

Ask: What do you remember about the stories of Jesus?

Do: This week, turn off your devices each night at dinner. Use this time to connect with each other and with God. Use the Lenten Wonder Cube or one of the Lent Calendars in the Lent Kits for ideas you can do with your family.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for the special meals we share with each other. 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 Spring* is included in the *March 6 Sunday School Home Activities* and in the *Lent Family Kits*.

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Additional Family Activities:

• Lent: Full to the Brim Sunday School Activities

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: You Are Worthy

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Affirmation: I am worthy.

Bible Story Paraphrase: While Jesus was teaching, he told this story. There once was a vineyard, and in that vineyard was a fig tree. The owner of the vineyard saw that there were no figs on the fig tree and said to the gardener, "This fig tree hasn't made any figs in three years. What a waste of space! Cut it down! Why should we keep wasting time and money on something that will never give me what I want?"

But the gardener didn't want to cut the fig tree down, because gardeners know how special trees are, whether or not they make fruit. "Give it another year," the gardener told the owner. "Let me give it some good fertilizer and some more time, and maybe next year it will make figs."

Wonder Questions:

- How do you think the story ends? Does the fig tree make fruit next year? If not, does the owner cut it down? Does the gardener argue for more time?
- Do you think God is more like the vineyard owner or more like the gardener? Why?
- What does it feel like to be measured in only one way? (You might share a story of not measuring up—not getting good grades in a certain subject, not being as fast as other kids, not reading as well as classmates, etc., but having gifts in other areas.)
- What else do trees do, other than provide fruit? (Make homes for animals, provide shade, anchor the soil, produce oxygen, etc.) Are these things more or less important than making figs?

Suggested Activities:

- Read the book *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by Julia Finley Mosca, illustrated by Daniel Rieley. Find a read-along on YouTube [here](#).
- **Questions:**
 - How do you think it made Temple feel to hear doctors and teachers say she wouldn't ever be able to do anything helpful?
 - Has anyone ever made you feel like you aren't good enough? How did that feel?
 - How do you think Temple felt when her mother and teacher encouraged her to follow her interests and special skills?
 - Who helps to encourage you?

Art Prompt: Use the included handout to create a tree to remember that you are worthy and loved, no matter what kind of gifts you share. What gifts does your tree share with the world?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving us all different gifts. Help us to remember that we are worthy and loved, whether we produce the fruit others expect or not. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paraphrase by Anna Strickland | A Sanctified Art, LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Vase – Our Lent theme, Full to the Brim, invites us to explore abundant, expansive grace during this season of Lent. The Bible is brimming with the gospel of grace and so during Lent we are invited into a full life, a radically different life. We are invited to be who we are, to counter scarcity and injustice, and to spread love lavishly. Lent Kits contain a vase. Decorate the vase together as a family. You may even want to use some paint or glue to add some glitter to your vase. Place the vase at your dinner table where you will see it often. Talk about where you see God's love and grace overflowing and how God wants you to spread this overflowing love and grace. Write ideas and place them in the vase. Then, read them together on Easter Sunday. Or add a symbol to the vase each week of Lent that helps you to remember that we are filled to the brim with God's amazing love. We'd love to see pictures of your family's vase!



Lent Calendar – Hang where you can see it and do the daily suggestions as you prepare for Easter.

Full
to the **Brim**
An expansive lent

The Last Supper – Matthew 26:17-35

Every year, the Jewish people celebrate a special festival called Passover. They gather with family and friends to celebrate the time when God saved the people from slavery in Egypt. Because Jesus was Jewish, every year he celebrated Passover.

In the last year of Jesus's life, Jesus was in Jerusalem with his friends, the disciples. They asked Jesus where he wanted to have the Passover meal. Jesus told them to go into the city. "There will be a certain man. Tell him that my time is near and that we want to celebrate Passover at his house."

The disciples listened to Jesus' and found the man. Then they prepared the Passover meal.

That night, everyone came together to celebrate Passover and eat the special meal.

During the meal, Jesus said, "One of you is going to betray me. You are going to have me arrested."

The disciples were shocked and sad. How could this be?

Jesus said, "There are stories about the savior and his death. But it still upsets me."



Judas looked uneasy. "Is it me?" he asked.

Jesus looked at Judas, "You said it."

Everyone was uneasy and sad. Was this really the last time they'd be sharing this special meal together?

Then Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it. "Every time you eat bread, remember me." He then took a cup of juice, thanked God for it, and shared it. "This is the cup of the new covenant. Every time you drink juice, remember me."

After the meal, they sang songs of praise and walked to the Mount of Olives.

Family Spiritual Practice

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3A

The Last Supper – Coloring Page

Jesus and his friends travelled to the city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Passover. They shared this special meal together.



3D

Jesus' Words – Art Activity

Jesus blessed and broke a loaf of bread and gave it to his friends saying, "Remember me." When we gather for Communion, we remember Jesus and his words from this story.

REMEMBER
ME

I am worthy.

*Create a tree to remember that you are worthy and loved, no matter what kind of gifts you share.
What gifts does your tree share with the world?*

3E

Unleavened Bread – Intergenerational Activity

Follow the recipe to make unleavened bread.



Unleavened Bread

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup water

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. Stir well.

Place the dough on a floured work surface. Knead the dough for several minutes. Divide dough into 12 pieces.

Use your hands to shape each piece of dough into a circle and flatten it onto the prepared baking sheet.

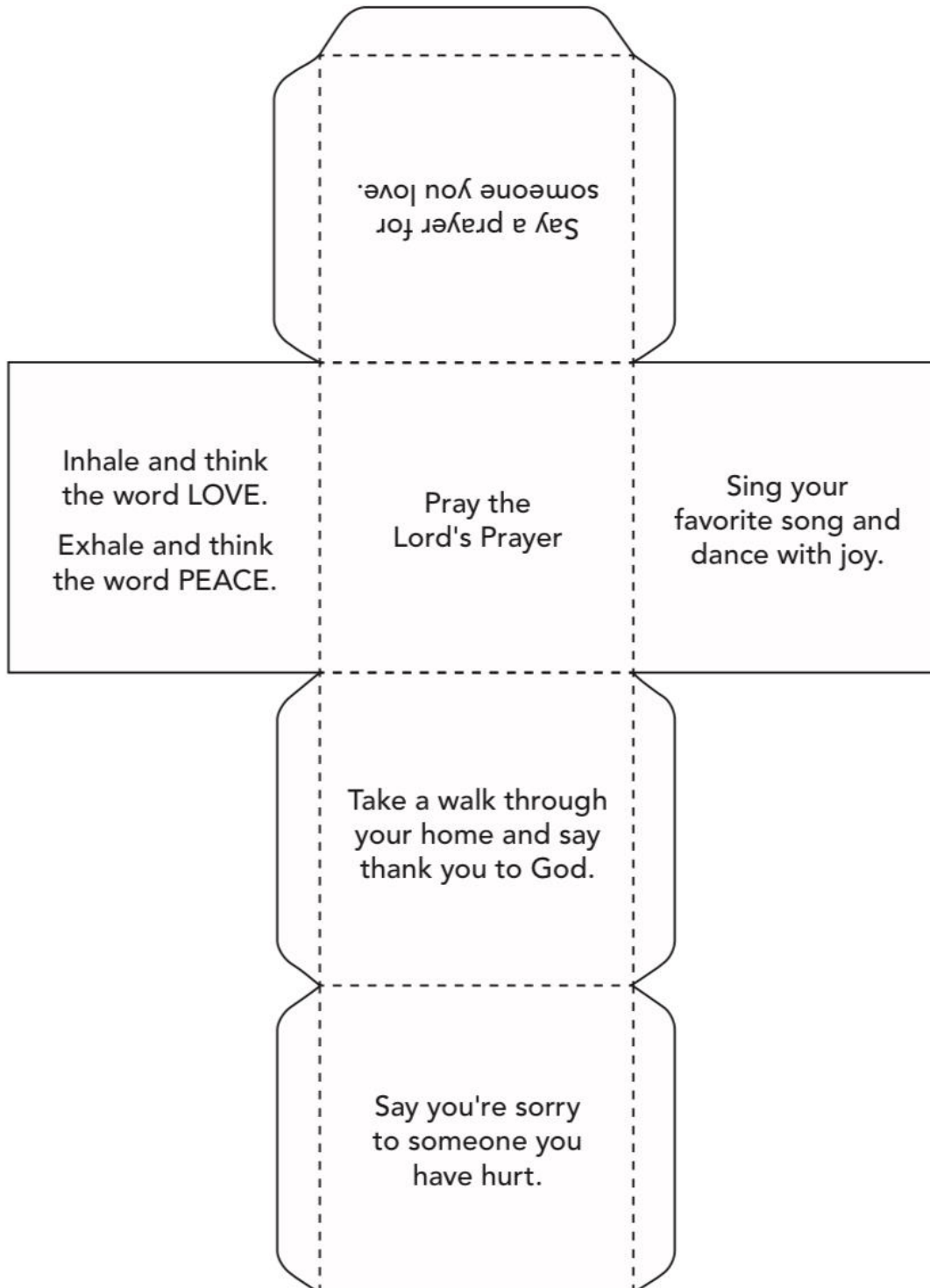
Use a fork to prick holes over the surface of each bread piece.

Bake bread at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

2D

Lenten Wonder Cube – Home Activity

Lent is the church season where Christians prepare their hearts for Easter for forty days. Use this Lenten Wonder Cube with your family as a way to help you prepare.



1E

Lenten Calendar – At-Home Activity

Lent is a church season that lasts from Ash Wednesday until Easter. It's forty days, excluding Sundays, of reflection and growing closer to God in preparation of Easter. Use this countdown calendar to track Lent together as a family.



Lenten Calendar 2022

Color a square **purple** when you pray.

Color a square **yellow** when you do something kind for someone.

Color a square **blue** when you notice God (God Sighting).

Color a square **green** when you give up something (dessert, TV, video game, etc) to make room for God.

Color a square **red** when you attend worship (in person or online).

Color a square **orange** when you give to help others.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 Ash Wednesday MARCH	3	4	5
6 Mini Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mini Easter	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Mini Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Mini Easter	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Mini Easter	4	5	6	7	APRIL 8	9
10 Mini Easter	11	12	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Holy Saturday
17 EASTER						