

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

DAY CAMP AT HOME · WE ARE THE CHURCH



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. • Matthew 18:20

DAY TWO · “BIGGER THAN A BUILDING”

READ!

Acts 2: 43-47

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

SHARE!

1. This passage talks of the things that believers were doing. Can you list those things? *(They sold their possessions, distributed possessions to those who needed them, spent time together in the temple, ate together in their homes, praised God, had goodwill of all people.)*
2. At the time that this passage was written, people noticed these kind and loving people who were great at sharing things with others. The way these early believers acted helped other people learn about God’s love! Do people still do these things today? What are some ways people share God’s love with you?
3. Where do the people in this Bible story meet together for fellowship and community? *(At the temple and at home.)*
4. Where does your family meet with others to talk about God and worship together? Is it only in church, or can you talk to others about God outside of church as well?
5. Do you think that the church is a building? *(Yes and no! The church is often what we call the building where we go to meet with others and worship together. Being together is a wonderful part of church! However, church is more than that too! The church is me and you, wherever we happen to be. We don’t need to go to the church building to experience church! A great example of that is the past few months. We haven’t been able to physically go to the church building, but we have still found ways to share fellowship, show love to others, and have glad and generous hearts even though we’re apart. We have been able to be the church in our own homes and neighborhoods!)*

CREATE!

Materials: paper, markers/crayons, plates, bread

In Biblical times (and still to this day!), community and fellowship were often shared around a meal. In the scripture you can see that people broke bread together at home and ate meals with glad hearts! So in today’s Bible study, we want you to share bread together too!

First, create a placemat for each family member. You can draw pictures on it, decorate it with things your family likes, write a name on it, it’s up to you! When you have finished your placemat, set the table with the placemats, a plate, bread, and butter if you want it. Then, with your family, share bread together! As you eat, talk about what it means to have “glad and generous hearts.” How might your table look different from the table of the early believers in today’s story? Do you think there are things that you are thankful for today that they might have also been thankful for? When you’re done talking, each family member should list at least 3 different things that they are grateful for in their life. You can make this a meal time tradition too!



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PRAY!

Materials: construction paper cut into strips, markers

Pray for your church community. Include people who come to the actual church building with you, and also those who make up the bigger church in your life (maybe your grandparents or friends go to a different church -- we are all still part of the same Church! We are bigger than just a building!)

As you think of people to pray for, write their name on a small strip of paper while saying a small prayer for that person. When you are done writing down as many names as you can think of on the slips of paper, make a paper chain out of all the strips of paper and hang it somewhere in your house. When you pass this paper chain, say a quick prayer for the Church!