

## **Sunday School at Home    God's Love is for Everybody    May 16, 2021**

### **Sharing our Bible Story for Today**

During the month of May we are going to share Bible stories from the Book of Acts in the New Testament section of the Bible. Acts tells us many stories about the actions of the first followers of Jesus, and even the story of how the church was born almost 2000 years ago!

### **Lydia Starts a New Church**

More and more people heard about Jesus. More and more people were learning how to live in God's way. There were groups of Christians in many places. In each place, they would have a church. They didn't have church buildings. When Christian people come together to pray, to sing, and to work together, they are called a church. Here is a story about how one of those churches got started!

See story on the website

### **Thinking and Talking about the Story**

If you were starting a new church, what would it look like? How would people recognize it as a church? What would people do together at your new church? Are there some things that you would definitely not want to be part of your new church? Could you start a new church all by yourself? If you needed some help, who might you ask? And what might you need to get started in a good way?

### **Putting the Story into Action**

- 1) What is one new thing you learn from today's story about living in God's way? What is one thing you can do this week to remember and practice this new thing?
- 2) How about building a church – try lego or building materials, or maybe some art supplies and boxes? Or how about an outdoor fort or structure? We would love to see a picture of your church! And how would you advertise and invite people to come and check it out? Maybe using Tiktok or a short video you could share with us!
- 3) Spend time outdoors and "*Take a Sacred Pause*". Many people find peace in the beauty of the natural world. And spring is a great time to enjoy the change of seasons and all the promises of new life right outside our door! What new signs of spring and new life do you see when you are outside this week?

4) Do you know this finger rhyme?

Here is the church  
Here is the steeple

Open the doors  
and see all the people

Close the doors  
and the people all pray

Open the doors  
and the people walk away

5) Do you have a question about the story? Send us an email and we will respond!  
We love questions – the harder the better! And I still haven't received any questions!

*Carman United Church and St. Andrew's United Church families - to share your responses to this week's story visit Carman United Church Face Book page or email the church office Karen.mcgill@crossroadsunited.com. Visit [www.crossroadsunited.com](http://www.crossroadsunited.com) and see Sunday School At Home to view previous lessons and stuff people are sharing.*

### **Praying at Home**

A grace from our hymn book, Voices United (do you remember the tune?):

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,  
For friends in a world where many walk alone;  
For faith in a world where many walk in fear,  
We give you thanks, O God.  
Amen.