

Sunday School at Home We are the Church Together! May 2, 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!

Dorcas and Anna Help Each Other

There is a very short story in the Bible about a person named Dorcas. The Bible only tells us a small part of the story. It says she was a very kind woman who helped many people. So Ralph Milton read what it said about Dorcas in the Bible, and then made the rest of the story up himself.

Thinking and Talking about the Story

Why not read about Dorcas in your Bible? You will find her story in Acts 9:36-42 in a Bible at home or find it online. Then maybe you might want to make up your own story about her, with illustrations! Or perhaps a modern day version of her story!

Putting the Story into Action

- 1) Think of ways that you have seen or heard people taking care of each other in the past week at school or around where you live.
- 2) Have you ever wondered about what it would be like to be a journalist – someone who reports on important news? We all could use some good news stories these days! Think of someone you know, maybe someone who lives far away, but that you can visit with on the phone or by video call and interview them about a good news story where they live, or that they have heard about, where people are helping each other. Record your interview or write an article and submit it to our church for us to share with our church family!
- 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 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 (*fold hands, fingers inside*)
And here is the steeple (*index fingers up*)
Open the doors (*thumbs apart*)
And see all the people (*wiggle inside fingers*)
Close the doors (*thumbs together*)
And hear them prayer (*hands to ear*)
Open the doors (*thumbs apart*)
And they all walk away (*fingers 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 and see Sunday School At Home to view previous lessons and stuff people are sharing.

Praying at Home

A prayer from Christians in Nicaragua:

O God,
bless this food we are about to receive.
Give bread to those who hunger,
and give hunger for justice
to us who have bread.
Amen