

Sunday School at Home God's Love is for Everybody May 9, 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!

Cornelius Becomes a Christian

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. At the time our story was written, almost 2000 years ago, most of the people in the Christian church were Jewish. Some of them felt Jesus had only come to help Jewish people. Peter was one of Jesus' first disciples. Peter often wondered about this idea that Jesus had only come to help certain people. Peter felt deep down that maybe God's love should be shared with everyone.

See the story on the website.

Thinking and Talking about the Story

Have you ever thought about something in a surprising new way?
Do you remember some of your dreams? It can be very interesting to think about our dreams – sometimes they are funny! Or scary! Or just plain strange!
Maybe you have learned something new from your dreams!

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) Have some fun with today's story! Find a big blanket and pile on all kinds of animals from your toy collections. Now you can act out the story yourself, making up your own dialogue! Take a picture to share or draw a picture to illustrate today's story. If you are allowed this would be fun to do outside!
- 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 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