

Resource Information – Early Believers (PreK – K)

Scripture Reference: Acts 2:43-47, 4:32-37

Lesson Focus: God's people share with each other.

Gather some building blocks or legos and start to build/create something with your child(ren) – making sure you share your pieces with each other. OR, if you have some laundry finished, have your child(ren) help you to fold things (eg, socks, etc). Questions to ask:

- ? *Did you know that sharing is an important part of life? Was it easy to share your building pieces? How about when I shared my task of folding laundry?*

ANSWER: Give your child(ren) time to respond.

Then show or talk about our basic necessities (eg, home, food, clothes, water, money). After talking about these items, ask...*"Which of these things could we live without? Encourage discussions, but lead them to the conclusion that we need them all. Say, "We need ALL of these things! Sometimes, we share things like this with other people to make sure they have what they need. Today's story is all about sharing and making sure all people have what they need."*

IF you have your Spark Bible, read the story on pages 504-505 (or see attached).

After reading, ask your child(ren) these questions:

- ? *Who was the story about? (point to the pictures)*

ANSWER: early believers

- ? *What did they do?*

ANSWER: they shared everything they had with others

- ? *What kinds of things did they share?*

ANSWER: clothes, food, money, their home

- ? *What happened when other people saw what they were doing?*

ANSWER: they started sharing and talking about Jesus too

- ? *What grew and grew?*

ANSWER: Their church family.

Remind your child(ren) that we have a church family too! Our church family is the people we worship and learn with. Ask who they remember from our church family (if you have your church directory available, let them look through the pictures). Then ask, *"What do you enjoy doing with your church family?"* (talk about their faith formation teachers, reading or coloring in the children's prayer space, seeing Pastor Paul, others, etc)

Remind them that church families support each other through their offerings – not only money but time and talents too (like teach faith formation, cutting the grass, watering the flowers, making goodies to eat, etc).

Ask your child(ren), *“What ways can you share with your neighbors or your church family?”* Suggestions are: making mother’s or father’s day cards for residents at Samaritan Bethany; writing chalk messages on the sidewalks of your neighbors; helping homeless people with a food gift card.

Remind again that we can all behave like the early believers and share with others.

You can close with a prayer:

*Dear Jesus,
I share with you.
You share with me.
God’s people are a big family!
We show love for God
as we love one another.
All of God’s children are sisters and brothers!
Help us to serve you every day!
Amen*

Early Believers

Some of the early believers were great at sharing. They shared their food and their clothes. They shared their money and their homes. They were so generous! No one was poor or needy because others gave without holding anything back. Together they saw many miracles and wonders. They met in the temple and they met in their homes.



They talked about Jesus and they thanked God for blessing them.

Then something amazing happened. When other people saw how happy these first believers were, sharing all they had and talking about Jesus, they believed too. They became Christians, and they shared their food and their clothes, their money and their homes. They became one big Christian family. And their church family grew and grew and grew.

★ Try sharing your happiness with others! Think of something happy or exciting to tell three friends or family members.



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