**Parents,**

We love your kids and will miss seeing them this Sunday! We love learning God’s Word alongside them each week but are excited to be able to provide materials for you to explore with your children at home during this unique time in history.

Since the beginning of the year we have been learning stories in the book of Acts. This week we would like to have the children review the first part of the book of Acts. To help you do this at home we have provided some videos that give older elementary children an overview of the stories they have learned. Discussion questions are provided below to help you discuss the story with your children.

For younger elementary children we have provided a couple links to videos that review a lesson covered earlier in the year about what it means to be the church. Watch the videos with your children and then ask some of the questions provided to help your child think about God might be teaching them through His Word.

During our Discovery Sunday program, we are encouraging children to learn the stories in the Bible and learn how to ask questions about the stories to help learn how to rely on the Holy Spirit to teach them from God’s Word. We believe this is a critical skill for young people to learn early in life to help them depend on God for instruction and guidance. An equally important piece of Discovery Bible Study is obedience. Each Sunday we ask children to identify one thing they will commit to doing that would honor God in connection to what they learned from God’s Word that morning.

Please know that the Village Kids Ministry Partners who serve your family each week on Sunday mornings will be praying for your families as you learn and discover God together during this time of separation.

**Older Elementary**

**Discussion Starter** (to get your children thinking):

Think of your favorite movie or story. Describe the movie or story in a couple of sentences.

**Introduction**

At church you have been learning stories form the book of Acts and today we are going to review the story of Acts in a short overview which means we won’t cover all the stories in the book, just some of the highlights. As we watch the video see if you can remember some of the stories in the book of Acts.

**Watch Video**: The Bible Project Acts Chapters 1-7 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQhkWmFJKnA>

**Discovery Questions**

Head Questions (facts about the story):

1. Who are some of the people in the stories from the book of Acts?
2. In today’s story something what unexpected thing happened on Pentecost to the followers of Jesus (it involves flames of fire)?
3. This video talked about two temples, what are they?
4. What did the early followers of Jesus do for each other?
5. Was everyone happy about people believing in Jesus? Who were these people?

Heart Questions (imagine, think and feel):

1. What do you think it was like to be a believer on Pentecost?
2. What stories from the past weeks show the power of the Holy Spirit? (Skim through the book of Acts chapters 1-7 to refresh your memory)
3. What so you think people can learn about God from the book of Acts?

Hand Questions (action):

1. What could you do this week because of what you learned from this story?
2. Who could you share this video with this week?

**Pray**

1. Encourage your children to talk to God about what they learned from the story.
2. Make a list of people your family can care for this week and pray for them.

**Younger Elementary**

**Discussion Starter** (to get your children thinking):

Describe some ways our family cares for one other.

**Introduction**

At church you have been learning stories from the book of Acts and today we are going to review the story about the first church. The first church were groups of people who believed in Jesus and cared for each other the way Jesus taught them to care for others.

**Watch Video:**

The Bible Theater Acts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rms6KePjIZ8>

Kid Bible Story – Early Church <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F034m5Xa_8>

***Read****: Acts 2:37-47*

**Discovery Questions**

Talk to God: Ask God to help your children learn truth about Him.

Head

* What did people do in this story?
* What did the believers do with their possessions and money?
* What happened as a result of the believers’ behavior?
* What did God do in the story?

Heart

* Think about what people did in the story. What can we learn about people from this story?
* What does it look like when someone has great respect for God?
* Is there anything the first believers did that you would like to do too?
* What do you think God is saying to you through this story?

Hands

* Think of what the believers in the story did for one another. Choose one thing you can do this week for someone else.
* The believers praised God. What could you praise God for today?
* God added new believers to the group every day. Who is your life would you like to see become a believer? What could you do this week to help them?

**Pray**

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2. Make a list of people your family can care for this week and pray for them.