

Joy Kids Curriculum

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The Early Church

Acts 2:42-47

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: ESV Version Bible, pencil, crayons/markers

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Discuss:** Last week we celebrated Jesus's resurrection. After Jesus resurrected He was on the earth for 40 days. In that time He continued to teach the people. After the 40 days was over He went up into heaven to be with God.

Ask: What do you think the people did after He left?

- **Discuss:** After Jesus went to be with His father in heaven something AMAZING happened here on earth. The people came together and started the early church because it didn't exist before this. We are going to be learning about the early church today and all the things that they did together. They worked as a team to create something that would glorify God and benefit them all as a community.
- **Activity** the following passage and then as a team make a list of all the things you see that the people did together to create the early church.

"Then Peter preached a long sermon, telling about Jesus and strongly urging all his listeners to save themselves from the evils of their nation. And those who believed Peter were baptized—about three thousand in all! They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings. A deep sense of awe was on them all, and the apostles did many miracles. And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other, selling their possessions and dividing with those in need. They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, praising God. The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved." Acts 42:40-47 (TLB)

- **Ask:**
 - o Why was it important for them to work together?
 - o What is something they did that you would have enjoyed?
 - o What are some things that our church does together?
- **Activity:** Everyone draw/color/paint a picture of your favorite thing that we do at church and then show everyone your drawing. Explain what you drew and why it is your favorite thing to do at church.
- **Activity:** As a team create a board game together. Use craft supplies (paper, crayons, markers etc.) to make the board and game pieces. Come up with rules and the objective then play your game together. Discuss why working together to create this game was important.
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.