

# Sunday School Lesson

May 3, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school

Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37

## Early Believers



### Materials needed:

Bible or Spark Story Bible

Crayons or markers

Drawing paper

## Journal

### Baking ingredients

1. Today we are going to learn about the adventures of the early believers in Jesus. The story tells of the many things Jesus' followers did after Jesus ascended into heaven. As you listen to/read the story try to remember what these early believers in Jesus did to help spread the Good News of Jesus' love!
2. Read the Story "Early Believers" to your child or with your child found in Acts 2: 43-47; 4: 32-37 and on page 504 of the Spark Story Bible. You can also hear Mrs. Terry tell the story on our Light of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Facebook page.
3. In this story we see Jesus' followers sharing everything that they have. Can you think of things that you can share with others? Talk about this with your siblings and parents. What things does your family share with you? Jesus' followers were very happy thinking of others before themselves. How happy they appeared attracted the attention of the people at the time. They wanted to be happy, too. They learned to follow Jesus and became Christians. How can following Jesus make us feel happy? How can we share our happiness in loving Jesus so that others will believe in Him?
4. Activities to support the story:
  - a. I know that many of you like to bake! If it is ok with your family you can find a time to bake brownies, cookies or your favorite thing to bake together and then share it with either a friend or neighbor or family member who is nearby. You can make a note that says "God loves you and I do, too!" and sign the note. This will for sure make someone feel very happy and I bet you, too, will feel happy doing it. You can even make some for a treat for yourself. In doing this you will share God's message of love!!

b. I also know that many of you love to draw. Your drawings are some of the best I have ever seen and I am not exaggerating!! You draw some of the best rainbows, flowers, family pictures, yodas and just cool designs. You can draw pictures and send them to me at Light of Christ Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18017. Please write a short note stating that you are thinking of the person and pray they are feeling well. I will mail them to church members who are in places of care. The people who receive our notes and drawings of care and compassion feel very happy to be remembered.

5. Create a journal entry: Title it May 3, 2020 Early Believers

Draw or write your ideas for this story. Some ideas: You can draw or write ways that you are helping others during this time of quarantine. I know some of you have shared gift bags with your friends, letting them know you are thinking of them. Some of you help distribute food at our local food bank. Some have shared your musical talents through our soundcloud.. Many of you have kept in touch with your family members and friends by calling to check in on how they are doing during this time of social distancing which is not usual or comfortable for us. When we do these things we are also doing what God and Jesus want us to do. We are living as followers of Jesus. Write or draw your ideas. I hope we will never have to experience a pandemic again. Your journal entries will help you remember how your faith helped you during this time.

6. Sing together:

"Praise Him"

Praise Him, praise Him,

Praise Him in the morning, praise Him at the noon time.

Praise Him, praise Him,

Praise Him when the sun goes down.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> times sing Love Him and Serve Him

## 7. Close with a Prayer

Dear God, we ask you to help us share the things that we have and that we can do with others around us. Help us to show your love in the things that we say and do. Let us follow the example set by your early believers. Amen!

God Bless Us and Keep Us Now and Evermore!! Amen!