



## PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**April 25, 2021 – Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)**

### **Prepare to Wonder**

#### **Faith Word: Share**

Today's Bible story is from the Book of Acts, also known as the Acts of the Apostles. The Book of Acts describes the life of the early believers. The believers met together often. They shared everything they had. They would sell their possessions and give the money to whomever needed it. They ate together in one another's homes, and they shared their food happily and freely. Many people liked them, and the number of believers grew.

We know the early believers had problems within the church. We hear about those later in Acts and the rest of the New Testament. But in the beginning, the believers came together as a community to support one another. They emphasized teaching, fellowship, sharing goods, and prayer. The result was that no one was in need.

As Christians today, we are called to share what we have with those in need. Sharing can be hard for children. It can also be hard for adults. We might not have the resources to share, or feel as if we haven't shared enough. We might not want to share things we have worked hard to obtain. The way the early believers shared everything seems impossible today. However, we can find ways to share with others today. Even young children can discover the joy of sharing with others.

Young children can begin to understand that caring and sharing for all people, even in the smallest way, is possible. There are so many people who do not have basic human needs. Whatever we have to share will be needed by someone. A simple card of love can mean so much to someone who is lonely. Help your children discover what they can share.

### **Wonder with Me**

#### **READ the Bible Story**

- Believers Share, from Acts 4:32-37 (*Read from your Bible, see the verses listed below, or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

<sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

### **WATCH the Bible Story**

- [https://youtu.be/h2D\\_TFBQ1cQ](https://youtu.be/h2D_TFBQ1cQ)

### **SHARE the Faith Word**

Faith Word: Share – means to offer God’s blessings to others. We know that God gives us blessings and love. God wants us to share those blessings and God’s love with others.

In our Bible story today we hear about how the believers of Jesus shared all they had with others.

### **WONDER Together:**

1. I wonder if the believers of Jesus ever got tired of sharing?
2. What have you shared recently? How did sharing make you feel?
3. What can you share with your church?

## **Spiritual Practice**

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 16 & 17). On page 17 (*and below*) you will find the suggested Spiritual Practice activity for the week.

**In the Bible story, we learn about a man who jumps for joy. He was healed. Can you jump for joy?**

**Each day this week, find something that makes you jump for joy. Share with your family something you are happy or joyful about and then jump up and down together.**

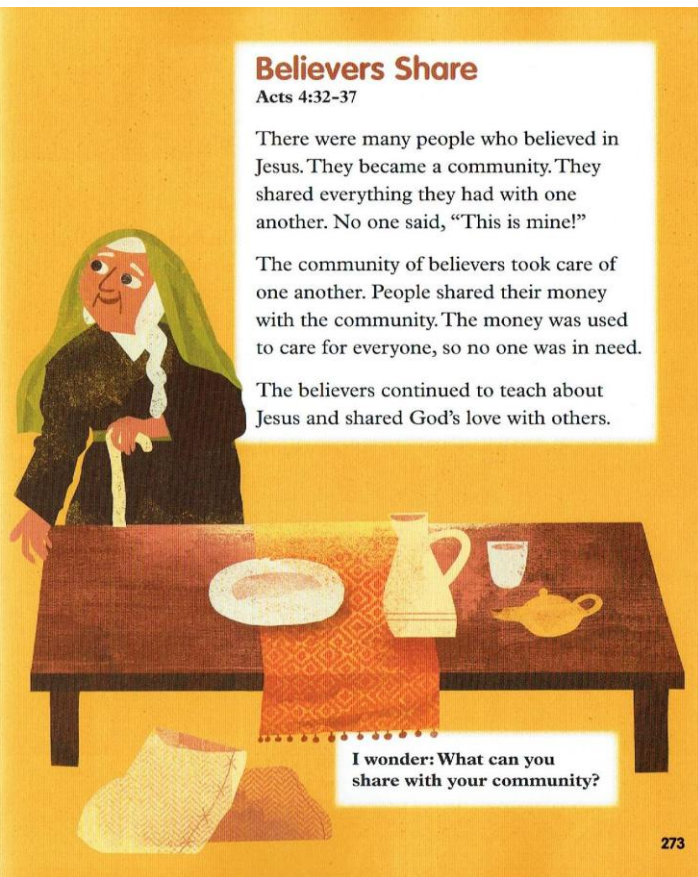
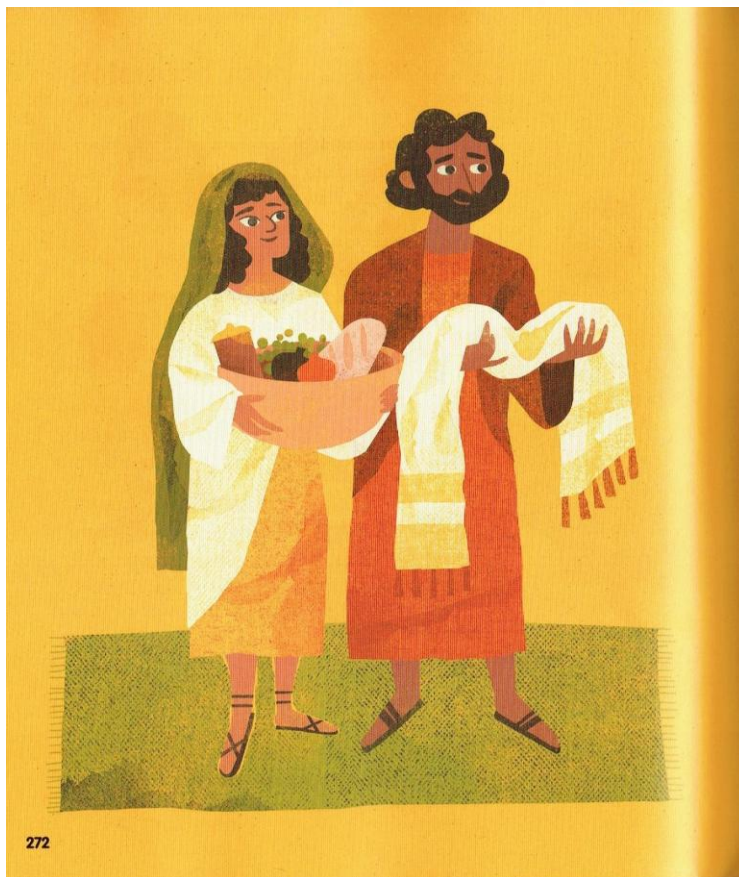
## **Go in Peace**

**Blessing:** Touch your child and say: **“May you always share the good news of Jesus.”**

**Prayer:** **Dear God, thank you for helping me share my things with others. Amen.**

## **Additional Activity for each age group**

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)



### Believers Share

Acts 4:32-37

There were many people who believed in Jesus. They became a community. They shared everything they had with one another. No one said, "This is mine!"

The community of believers took care of one another. People shared their money with the community. The money was used to care for everyone, so no one was in need.

The believers continued to teach about Jesus and shared God's love with others.

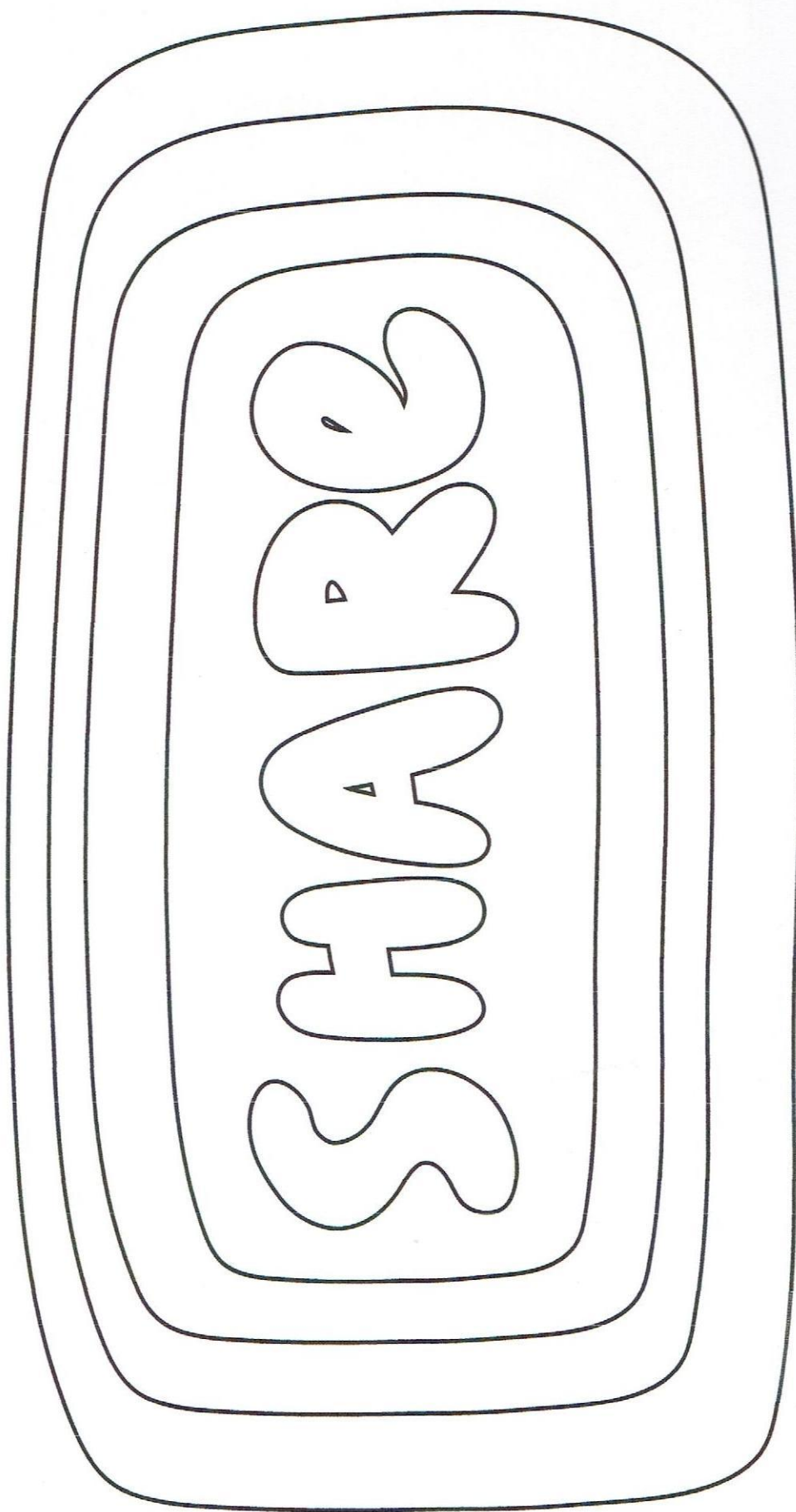
I wonder: What can you share with your community?

# Color Sheet for all



## Unit 2 Faith Word

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# Preschool Activity

## Fruit Salad (Snack)

**Supplies:** a different fruit for each family member (*cut the fruit up, keep each different fruit separate and put each type in their own individual bowl*), larger mixing bowl, spoon, plates and forks or spoon and napkin

- Give each person a plate, a fork or spoon, and a napkin

**Say:** The believers of Jesus shared all they had, even their food. We could keep the bowl of fruit we each have or we can share the fruit with all of us by putting it all in this big bowl.

**Ask:** What do you think the believers of Jesus would have done?

**Wonder:** Why do you think we should share our fruit with others?

**Fun extra activity** – see if your child can identify the different fruits in this picture. Did you all use some of these fruits in your snack?



# Early Elementary Activity

## Super Sharing (Craft)

**Supplies:** strips of paper, markers, tape

Say: **It's important to share. Let's make super sharing bracelets to remind us of the super power give to us by God to share with others.**

- Cut a strip of paper to fit one's wrist. Write a Bible verse on the bracelet – "The community of believers was one in heart and mind." Decorate the bracelets.

**You are given a super special power to share with all of God's children.**

# Older Elementary Activity

## Super Sharing (Craft)

**Supplies:** strips of paper, markers, tape

**Say: It's important to share. Let's make super sharing bracelets to remind us of the super power give to us by God to share with others.**

- Cut a strip of paper to fit one's wrist. Write a Bible verse on the bracelet – "The community of believers was one in heart and mind." Decorate the bracelets.

**You are given a super special power to share with all of God's children.**

# The Twelve Disciples

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W L R D J T R Z P C B  
Z E F G H F M M H V R  
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Matthew

Bartholomew

Peter

James

Philip

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Simon

John

Thaddaeus

Judas

Thomas