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September Unit Activity Things God's People Do



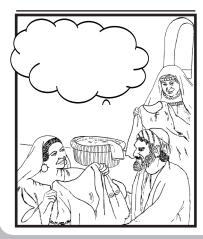
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In our lessons this month, God's People refers to those persons who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

1) On the line above each picture, write the **Lesson Title** it represents. 2) In the speech bubble for each picture, write one way in which you will do the same act.









Unit Title: Things God's People Do

Lesson Title: God's People Worship Together

September 3, 2023

MAIN TRUTH

God wants His people to worship Him together.

MAIN TEXT Ephesians 5:18-21; Acts 2:41-47

MEMORY VERSE

Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs. **Ephesians 5:19a TEV**

After Jesus died and rose again, He went up to heaven. His disciples, who had been with Him every day, were very sad; but they continued to talk about Him and all He had done. Jesus had promised them that He would send the Holy Spirit to help them; but they did not really know what that meant.

One day, while the disciples were spending time together, the Holy Spirit came. The disciples were very excited. They began to pray and sing and shout. Many people wanted to know what had happened. Peter, one of the disciples, explained that because of Jesus's death and resurrection, God, the Holy Spirit, now filled their lives. Many people believed what Peter told them about Jesus. On that day, 3000 people believed in Jesus and were baptized into the family of God.

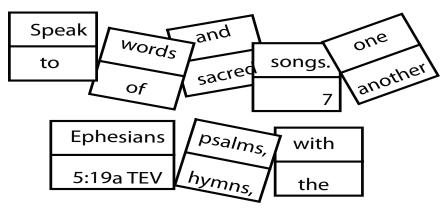
The people who believed came together and formed the Early Church. The believers met every day to read the Bible, sing and pray together. They also ate meals together. Probably it was because they were so happy and felt so close to each other, that they called one another sisters and brothers. Those who had lots of money, land and extra possessions gave them to the leaders who were called apostles. The apostles shared the gifts with those who had needs. The believers developed sincere love for each other. God was with them all the time and He did many great miracles for them.

When we come to Sunday School and church, we are also worshipping God like the people did long ago. We worship God when we sing psalms and hymns and choruses with our friends. God is pleased when we do this and also when we sing to Him in our hearts. When we believe in Jesus, we become a part of His Church, we become God's children. As His children, He wants us to love, respect and share what we have with each other like the believers did in the Early Church.





Play **Memory Verse Domino** by numbering the domino pieces in the correct order. One piece has been numbered for you.



HOW WOULD YOU WORSHIP?

situations.
1. You are feeling very happy.
2. Your friend had an accident and his or her knee was broken.
2. Your friend flad all accident and flis of flet knee was broken.
3. There is an old lady up the street who cannot walk.
4. On Sundays, many people meet in a church building to praise God by singing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs.
WORSHIP LIST SCRAMBLE
Unscramble the letters to find six words about WORSHIP.
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TSGKNHAIVGIN					
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Do You Know the Story Facts?

- 1. What did God do among the people in the Early Church?
- 2. What happened to cause the people to be happy and to share all they had?
- 3. How did they worship together daily?
- 4. What are we told to do to God always?
- 5. What are we to do for people we meet in church?

Unit Title: Things God's People Do

Lesson Tifle: God's People Meet Each Other's Needs

September 10, 2023

MAIN TRUTH

God wants us to show our love by sharing what we have with others.

MAINTEXT

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

MEMORY VERSE

...They shared everything they had with each other.

Acts 4:32c CFV

This story encourages us to be generous, happy and sacrificial givers! What does this mean? The story is about God's People in three countries: Macedonia, Corinth and Jerusalem. God's People in Macedonia lived in a poor area with many people. People were losing their homes and family members. In addition, the Roman rulers were taking for themselves anything good that was in the area.

Although the Macedonians were poor, they believed the story the apostles told them about Jesus and how He had died to forgive their sin. They shared everything they had with each other and with the preachers and teachers in their church. That made them very happy.

The Macedonians heard that the "mother church" in Jerusalem was going through a hard time and needed financial help. The Macedonians begged Paul to let them help those in Jerusalem. Although they hardly had enough to eat, they collected what money they could and sent it to the church in Jerusalem. That was their way of serving God and thanking Him for the sacrifice Jesus had made for them

Sometimes, we plan in our hearts to do something but we do not do it. That was what happened to the church in Corinth. One year earlier, the church in Corinth had promised to send some help for the church in Jerusalem. Paul had thanked them for what they had given to him; but he asked them to help the church in Jerusalem as well. He wanted God's People in Corinth to be like God's People in Macedonia

In the end, the church in both Macedonia and Corinth helped the church in Jerusalem. They were living out the truth by helping to meet each other's needs. The Bible teaches that everybody should give and share. We should all give to help those in our church, and others as well, who have needs. When we give our offering in Sunday School and church we are giving so that the church can help others who are in need. We should try to give as much as we can and as cheerfully as we can.

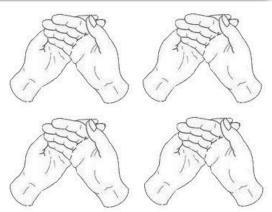


QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

Do you know of anyone who really needs your help? What will you do about it?

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In order to meet the needs of others, we must be willing to give away anything we have. Write two words of the **Memory Verse**, **Acts 4:32c CEV**, on each set of palms.



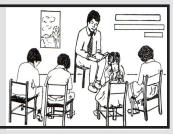
Meeting Needs

1) In the shapes below, draw or write how you would meet the needs of the person(s) indicated.



A hungry or homeless person

Someone in class who has no pencil or textbook





A blind person

Do You Know the Story Facts?

- 1. Which church begged to give a contribution?
- 2. How did they show their gratitude for what God had done for them?
- 3. How should we give to the work of the church and the needs of others?
- 4. Where was the Corinthian "mother church"?
- 5. What do you think happens to a person who gives away a lot of what they have?



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