

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email permissions@group.com.

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing



Name _____



CHRISTIANS

care for one another

Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47



Instructions: Set out a washable ink pad. Ask children to think of good things to do for the person in each picture. For each idea children mention, have kids make a fingerprint in the border around the pictures. Since God does good things for us, we can do good things for others! (For additional instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)



Set the table

Pick up toys



Take out trash

Sit with your child and think of good things to do for other family members, such as setting the table for dinner, helping to fold laundry, emptying trash cans, or picking up toys. Write each idea on a slip of paper, and put the slips of paper in a jar. Let your child choose one activity every few days for the two of you to do together.

ASK 🌀 How many good things did we think of?

- 🌀 How can we remember to do good things more often?
- 🌀 Why does God want us to do good things for each other?



Ask your child to tell you about the good things that people in the early Christian church did together, such as praying and sharing bread. Then help your child make a good kind of bread for your family—Good Things Cinnamon Toast. In a bowl, help your child mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Ask your child to toast and butter slices of bread for all of your family members; then let everyone sit at the table together. As family members sprinkle some cinnamon mixture on the toast, talk about the following questions. Then ask someone to pray before everyone eats.

ASK 🌀 What are some other good things we can do for each other?

- 🌀 Why does God want us to do good things for others?

What I Learned Today...

Bible Time: This week's Scripture (Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47) tells us that we should do good things for others. In the early Christian church, people learned about God, shared food, and prayed together. They shared what they had and helped each other. Together they praised God for his goodness. Other people joined the church because they saw how much God's people loved each other.

Key Verse: We can teach the world about Jesus (adapted from Matthew 28:19-20).

Daily Challenge

Your child learned that God's family takes care of each other. He or she committed

to one of the following challenges to trust God for help in doing good things for others in daily life. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- 🌀 Ask God to help you share your toys with a friend or brother or sister, and then do it!
- 🌀 Make a nice snack for your family. Thank God for helping you serve your family.
- 🌀 Invite a friend over for dinner. At dinner, pray and ask God to help you and your friend have a good time together.