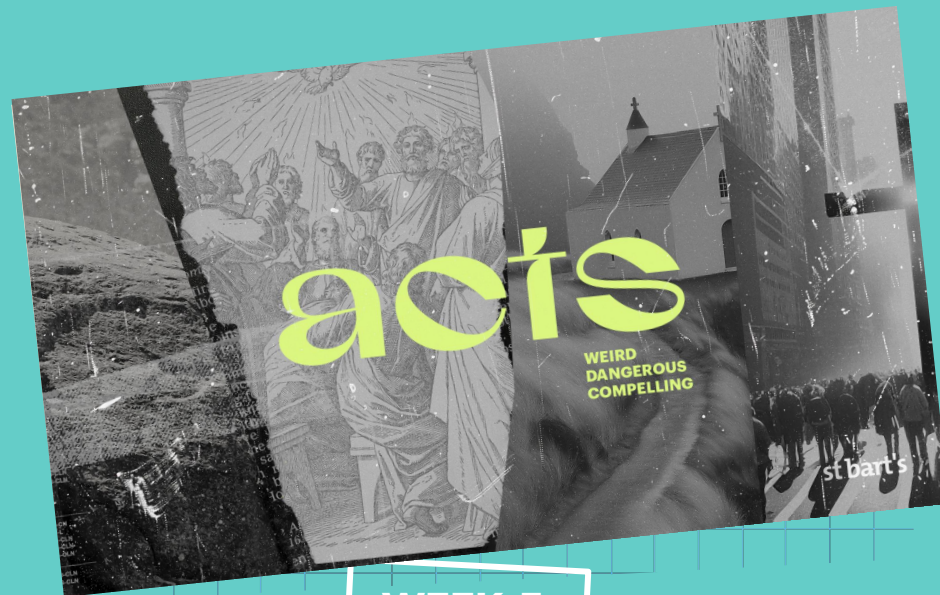




Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 3

Belonged to a Household of Faith

Acts / Acts 2:42-47

OVERVIEW

GATHER

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CHAT

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PRAY

Belonged to a Household of Faith

Acts 2:42-47



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package connects with our series on **Acts**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact
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TIMING

Check-In	from...	9:00am
Gathered Worship (Auditorium) (Including Kids Talk)	10mins	
SBK Program Begins		
Welcome and Teaching	10mins	
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	15mins	
Small Groups/Activities	30mins	
Recap and Worship	10mins	
Check-out		

MATERIALS

- ☐ Plastic toy kitchen equipment
- ☐ Children's table and chairs
- ☐ Small tablecloth
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Pom poms
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Building blocks of choice
- ☐ Large Alphabet Foam Mats
- ☐ Nobbly ball
- ☐ Portable speaker and music source
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #5
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Small bucket/container
- ☐ Printout of worksheet #1
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #2 - stuck onto round wooden discs (optional)
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #3
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet 4
- ☐ Clipboards
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Pencils

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the third in an eight week series on Strange Religion (Acts).

SESSION OUTLINE

THIS SUNDAY

10th August 2025

BIBLE FOCUS

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [God's Story: Acts](#)

SERIES OVERVIEW

Strange Religion (Acts)

Whilst western Christianity can often look very similar to western culture, the very first followers of Jesus—along with their communities—were extraordinarily distinctive. Perhaps even a little weird! These new believers who were part of a new movement deviated from so many of the cultural norms and societal expectations. And in a culture in which everyone was 'religious', Christians still stood out as strange.

Yet whilst distinctive, these first Christians were also strangely compelling. As people witnessed their lives and heard their message, some were offended, others were confused, but many came to believe. In this eight-part series, we'll explore some of the earliest accounts of the church in Acts to see how the Gospel distinctively transformed these very first believers, also considering how the Gospel should continue to transform the lives of believers today.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [What is the Church?](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Give it Away](#)
2. [L-O-V-E Compass Bible Church](#)
3. [God's Love is Big \[Actions Video\]](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Stand Together](#)
2. [Give it Away](#)
3. [God's Love is Big](#)
4. [L-O-V-E Compass Bible Church](#)



FOCUS

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WARM-UPS

- ❑ *Who is part of your own household of faith/family? What makes it unique?*
- ❑ *Do you belong to other communities that are bigger than your family? (e.g. school, sports club, dance school). What makes them special?*

TEACHING TIME

Belonged to a Household of Faith

Today we're learning about how the early Christians became a new community – not like any other community that they'd ever experienced before! They were like one big household filled with very different people – but all learning together.

No wonder the Christians seemed strange: in the community there were rich people and poor; educated people and not; people who were Jews and people from many different countries. They would have even spoken different languages. But together they were all following Jesus as King.

In this new community, they were learning together about what it meant to be God's family. And it was very different from anything they'd ever experienced.

Let's see how it was different. They shared everything! Imagine what that must have been like! Sharing the things you owned with people who had been strangers not long ago. How easy do you think that would be?

And they shared their time with each other too. It seems that they did just about everything together.

They would meet together to pray, to eat, to worship, to talk, to learn, and to live. *Every day.*

And why? Because they wanted to learn more about Jesus together. It was all so exciting to be part of God's family.

And they wanted to share the Gospel with others around them – even the people who thought that they were strange. They were not doing this alone because they had each other. And even more importantly, they had the Holy Spirit living in them so they could be brave enough to tell people around them.

Even though they were different from one another, they shared the same mission.

Our church community might look a little different to this first church community. However, we have the same mission and purpose - to grow as disciples of Jesus and to introduce other people to Jesus too.

And like those early Christians, we continue to worship, pray, share, serve, and encourage each other in this mission.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

How can you share God's love with someone in our church family?

2. Lower Primary

How can you share God's love with someone in our church family?

3. Middle Primary

How can you be a loving member of our church family?

4. Upper Primary

How can you use your gifts to contribute to our church family?

Early Childhood



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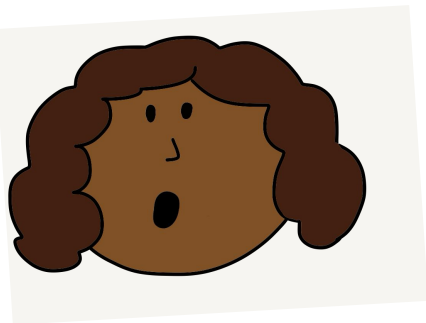


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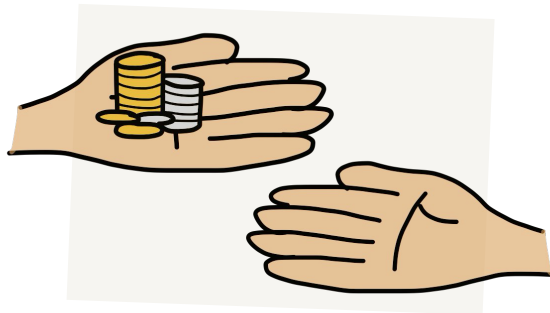


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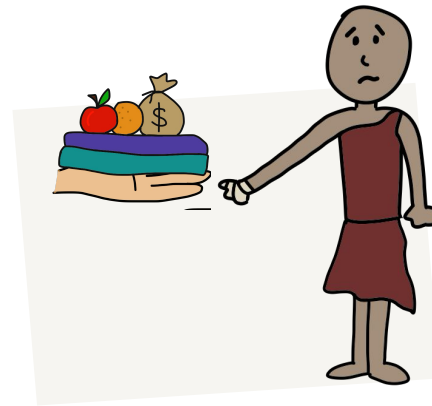
Early Childhood



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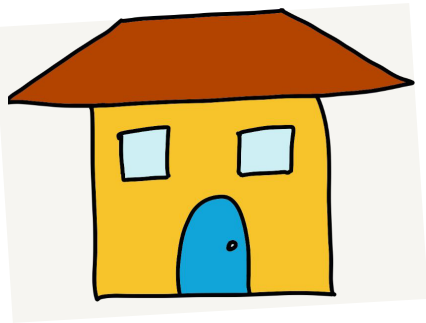


They shared everything they had.



And they gave to those in need.

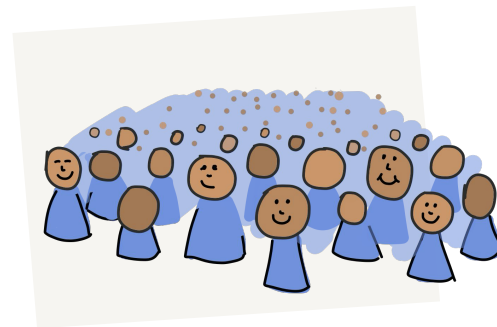
Early Childhood



Everyday they met to worship and eat in their home together.



Their hearts were full of praise to God.



Everyday the Lord added more believers to their group.

Lower Primary



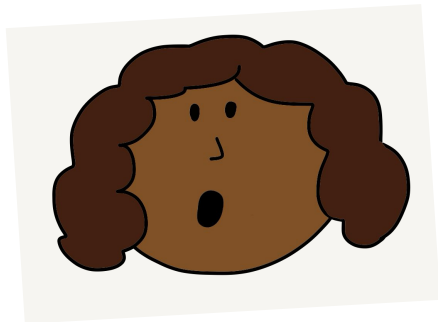
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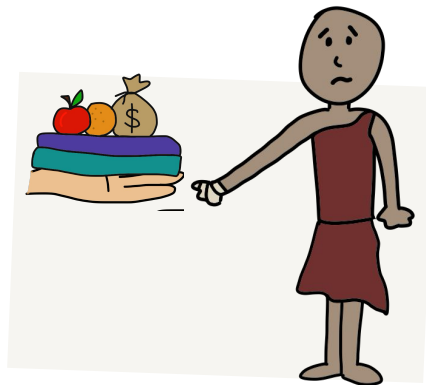


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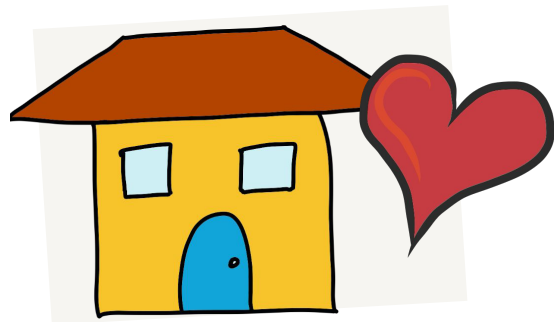
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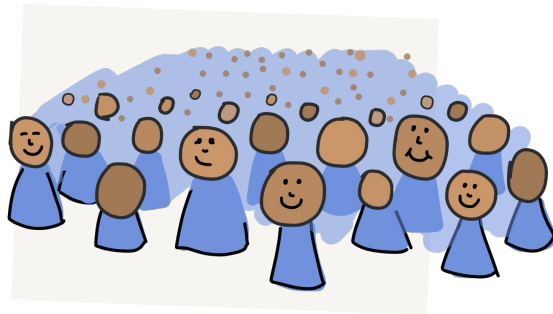
43 Everyone was filled with wonder at what God was doing and the miracles that happened.



44-45 They shared things together so that nobody needed anything.



46 They met together everyday at church. And often had meals together in somebody's house. They were happy together and honest with each other.

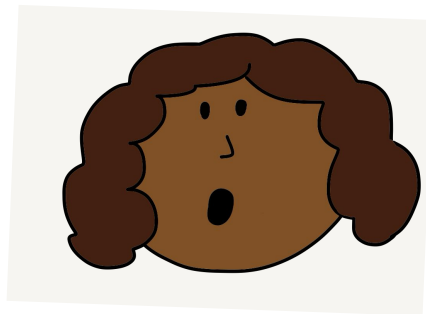


47 They praised God together and everyone in town appreciated them. Their group kept growing as Jesus saved people day after day.

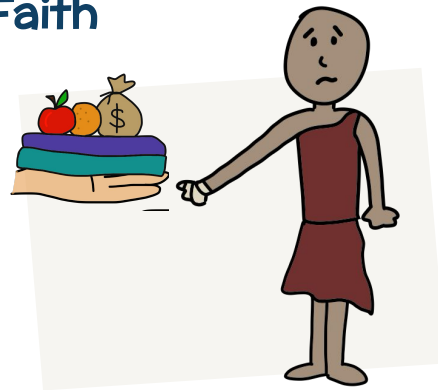
Middle Primary



42 All the Christians studied what their leaders taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together.

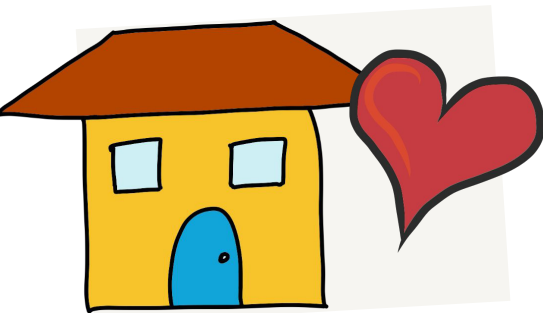


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44-45 They sold some of their own things and gave that money to those who needed it.

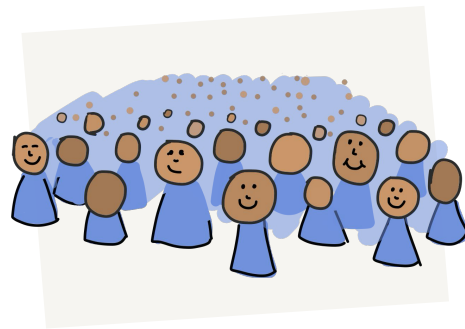
Middle Primary



46 They met together everyday at church. And often had meals together in somebody's house.



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Their group kept growing as Jesus saved people day after day.

FOCUS

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Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
THANK YOU that we get to be a part of your big family.
HELP US to be like Jesus and love each other.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook: [Belonged to a Household of Faith \(Acts 2:42-47\)](#)

1. **Can you name 3 things the early church did together?**

Eat, pray, worship, share belongings, share money.

2. **What sort of things do you share with others?**

Toys? Food? Cuddles?

3. **Did the early church community get smaller or bigger?**

Bigger! It continued to grow as more people learnt and trusted in Jesus..

4. **What do you like about being a part of your church community?**

Allow the children to share. Also share your thoughts on why you love belonging to this community.

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Thank you for making us part of your big family.
Help us to love each other, by sharing, encouraging, and caring for each other generously.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 2:42-47 (from SBK Lower Primary Scripture)

- Who do you look to as someone who teaches you about God?**
- In this new community (the first church), who did the early Christians learn from?**
Their leaders who understood the Bible and had been with Jesus.
- Can you list the type of things the disciples shared with each other?**
their lives (v.42)
meals (v.42)
prayer (v.42)
everything they had (v.44)
property and belongings (and gave to those in need) (v.45)
praise (p.47)
Imagine what it was like living together like this!
- Why did they share what they owned?**
Because Jesus had reminded them that they must love their neighbour. When they shared, no one would have to go without something that they needed.
- Did the early church community get smaller or bigger?**
Bigger! It continued to grow as more people learnt and trusted in Jesus and cared for each other
- Why is it important for us to meet together in KidsChurch?**
We get to all use our gifts and encourage others to use their gifts that God has given them.
We worship God and learn more about him together.
Church community is a wonderful example of God's family working together.
- Let's think about our big church community. Who is someone who encourages you? How could you thank them for their encouragement and support?**

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BIBLE FOCUS

Acts 2:42-47

THEME

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 2:42-47 (from SBK Middle Primary Scripture)

- When the first Christians starti.g meeting together, they shared in all sorts of ways? How many ways can you find in these verses?**
studying God's word (v.42)
their lives (v.42)
prayer (v.42)
everything they had (v.44)
property and belongings (and gave to those in need) (v.45)
praise (p.47)
- Which of these things surprises you?** These might include
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Sharing *everything* they owned
- Why was it so important for this new community (the early church) to meet for teaching and prayer - and just to be together?**
Point out that they were all from different backgrounds – but they were all new Christians They were learning and growing *together*.
- How easy do you think it would have been to share their possessions?** How would you have felt? Why did they do it?
- Why do you think that people who were not Christians really respected the new community of believers?**
They must have been amazed by how excited they were to meet together and how generous they were with one another.
- How does learning *together* here at KidsChurch, help us to grow as disciples?** We can share ideas around the Bible, pray together, care for one another.
- What's something that we might do in this small group that would encourage each other to follow Jesus every day?** We can genuinely rejoice when we gather and see each other. Ask each other how things are going and encourage others to return to KidsClub if they have missed it. Encourage each other to use the gifts God has given.
- Let's think about our whole church community.** Who is someone who encourages you? How could you thank them for their encouragement and support?

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Middle Primary

PRAYER

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In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 2:42-47 (from NIRV New Adventurer Bible)

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Amen.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for making us part of your big family.

Help us to love each other, by sharing, encouraging, and caring for each other generously.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

TIPS

Give thanks to God for the wonderful church of which you belong and pray for opportunities to encourage and care for each other within this community.

Early Childhood

Dear God,

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Amen.

Sunday School

Lord Jesus,

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In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Home Corner: Kitchen Play
- Sharing (objects)
- Tallest Tower
- Alphabet Puzzle (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Puzzle Match (Prep)
- Memory Discs (Yrs 1-2)
- Picture Sudoku (Yrs 3-4)
- Word cloud (Yrs 3-4)

GAMES

- Pass the Ball (Kindy)
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (Yrs Prep-6)

Home Corner - kitchen play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Plastic toy kitchen equipment
- Children's table and chairs
- Small tablecloth

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STEPS

1. Demonstrate how to 'set a table' to the children. Help them gather all of the play cutlery, plates, cups, etc and then using one of the tables, set out a table for dinner.
2. Then encourage the children to play 'cook' and serve up a meal.



Link

The early church met and ate together. They shared meals and served each other. Can you help set the table and serve some (play) food to your friends today?

Sharing

YOU'LL NEED...

- Plastic cups
- Pom poms
- Tweezers

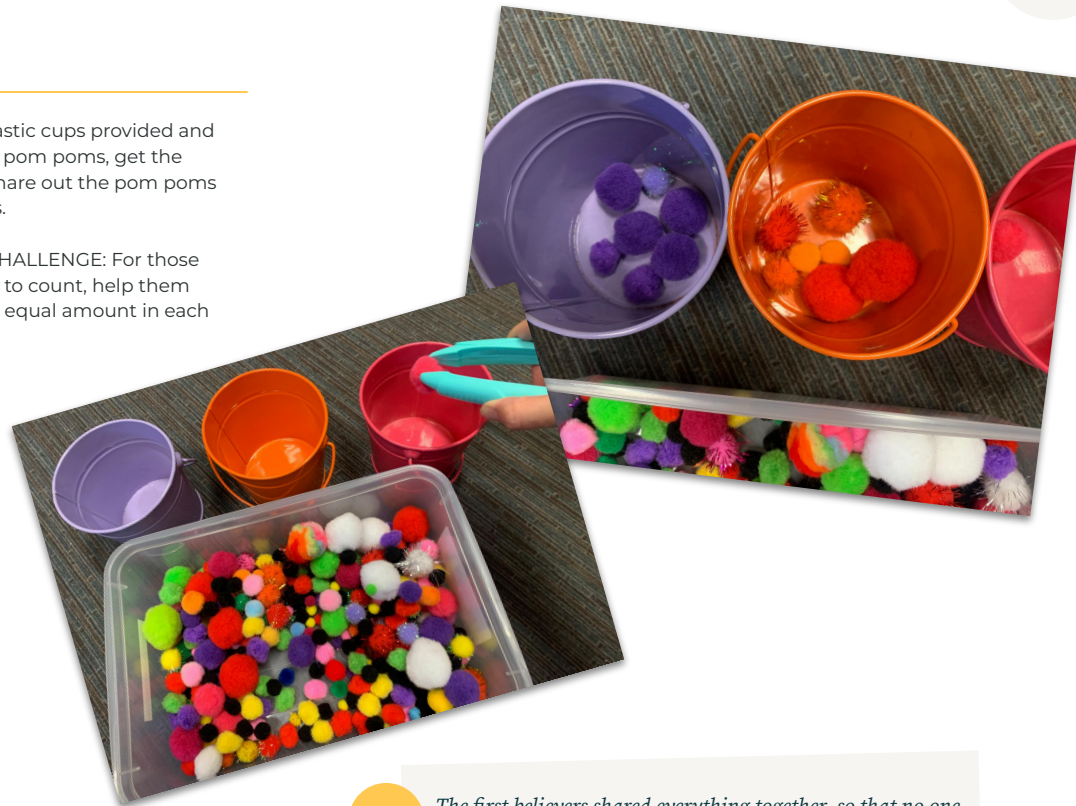
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STEPS

1. Using the plastic cups provided and the coloured pom poms, get the children to share out the pom poms into the cups.
2. OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: For those who are able to count, help them count out an equal amount in each cup.



Link

The first believers shared everything together, so that no one went without. Can you share the pom poms so that everyone gets some?

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STEPS

1. Have the building blocks available for the children. Begin by forming a base for a tower.
2. Next, ask the children to work together and take turns to place a building block onto the base. Continue building to see how tall the tower will be.

YOU'LL NEED...

- Building blocks of choice



Link

God asks us to work together and support each other to do his work in the world.

Alphabet Puzzle

YOU'LL NEED...

- Large Alphabet Foam Mats

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STEPS

1. Mix up the alphabet foam mats (for an added challenge, take out the inside of the letters as well).
2. Encourage the children to work together to complete the entire alphabet, in order.



Link

God asks us to work together and support each other to do his work in the world. Can you work with others to complete the alphabet puzzle today?

Puzzle Match

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of worksheet #1
- Scissors

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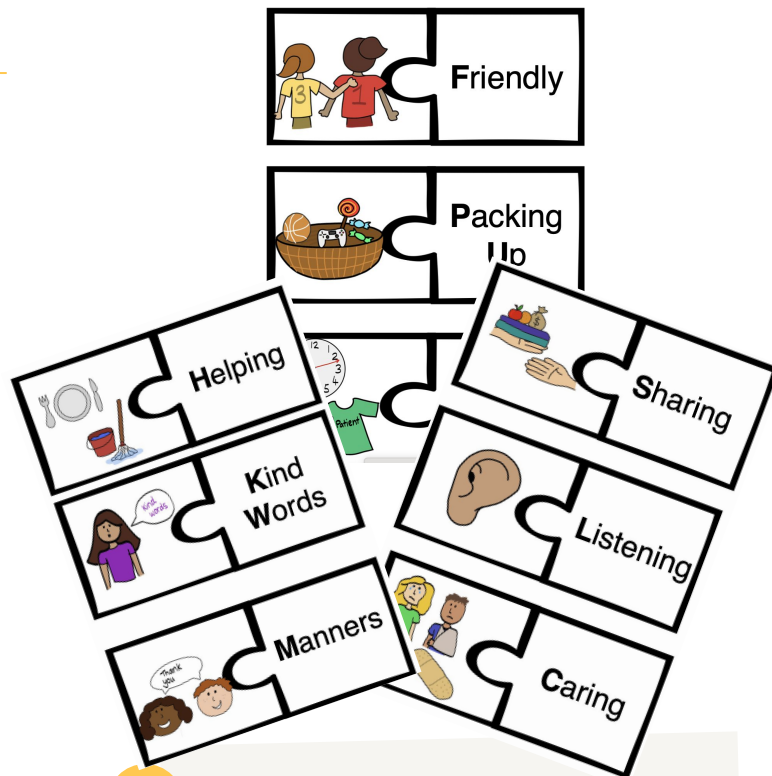
THEME

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STEPS

1. Print and cut out the individual puzzle pieces from Worksheet #1.
2. Hide these around the room and have the children find all the pieces and bring them back to the group (scavenger hunt).
3. Then work together to try and match all the pieces of the puzzle.
Note: the words all have a bold letter at the start to help younger children sound out the initial letter. Provide assistance with reading the rest of the word, as needed.

Additional ideas: This activity can also be played as a MEMORY game or GO FISH.



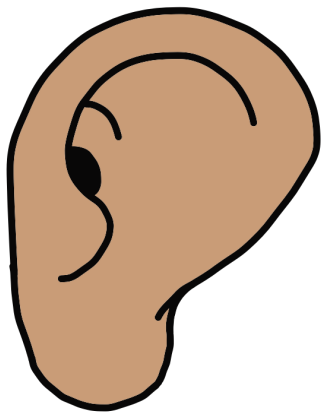
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Each of the images and words used in this activity are examples of how we might show goodness in our everyday life.

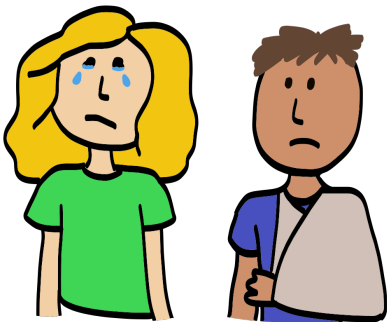
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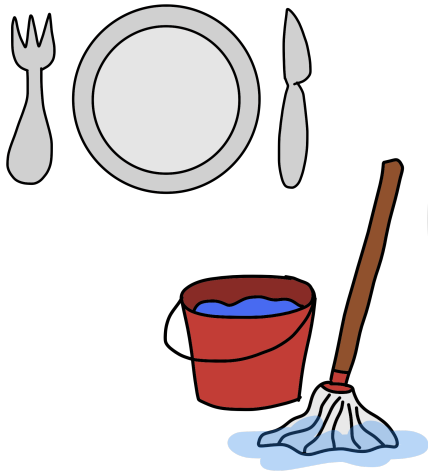
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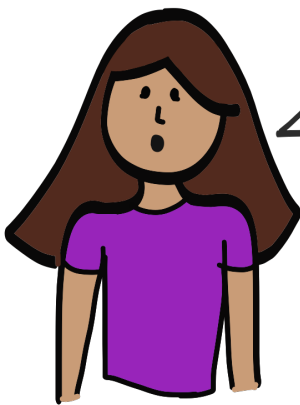
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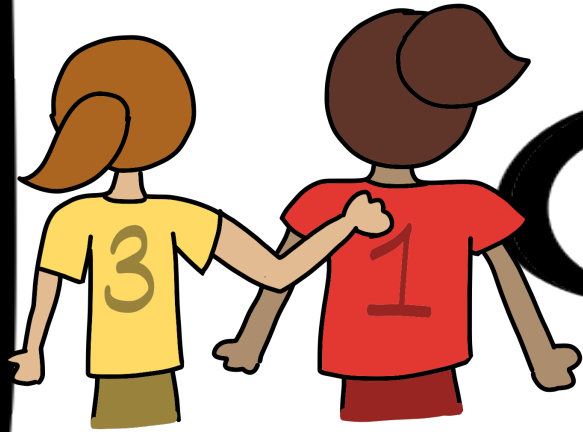
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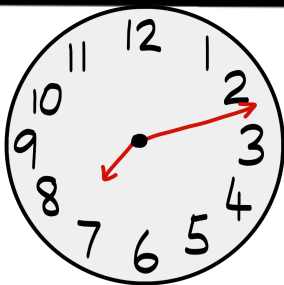
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**Packing
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Memory Discs

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #2 - stuck onto round wooden discs (optional)

STEPS

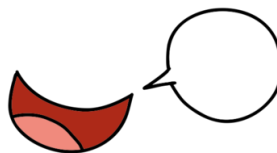
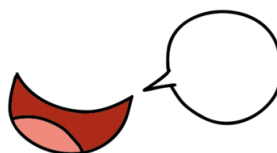
- Show the children all of the different images on the discs - talking through what they are and how they connect to today's story. Ensure they are familiar with each one.
- Place all of the discs face down on a flat surface in front of the group. It is best to lay them out in a grid format.
- Taking turns, each person flips over 2 discs, revealing the images. If they match (identical), they keep those discs and have another turn. If they do not match, flip them back over and the next player has their turn.
- The aim is to remember where each of the images are located so that you might find as many pairs as possible on your turn.



Link

The early church met together, prayed, ate, shared, cared, talked, listened, and did life together. Each of the images used in this activity summarise the actions of the early church.

The printout of the MEMORY DISCS) is available on the following page.



Picture Sudoku

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #3
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

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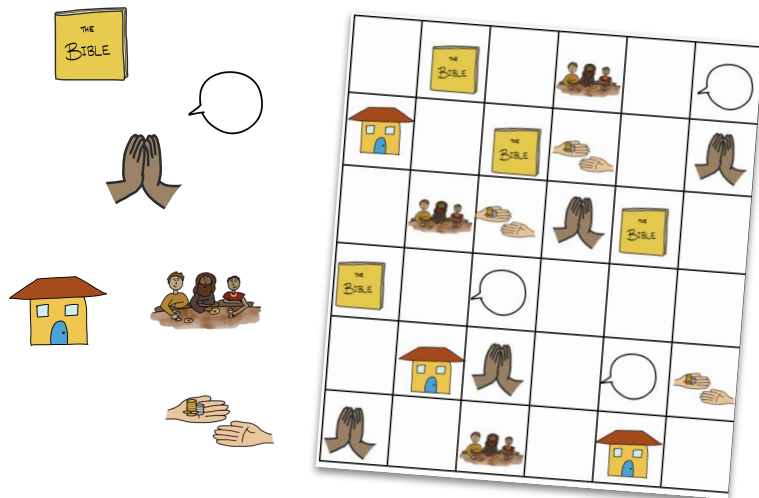
THEME

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STEPS

1. Ensure each child/pair have a copy of one of the Sudoku activity grids as well as a matching picture sheets. The picture sheet will be used to cut out each individual visual and paste into the appropriate blank squares onto the grid.
2. Note:
 - not all images may need to be used
 - Each image may ONLY be used once in each vertical column and once in each horizontal row

There are two different versions of this activity, offered for variety. If children complete one, you may offer them the second as a challenge.



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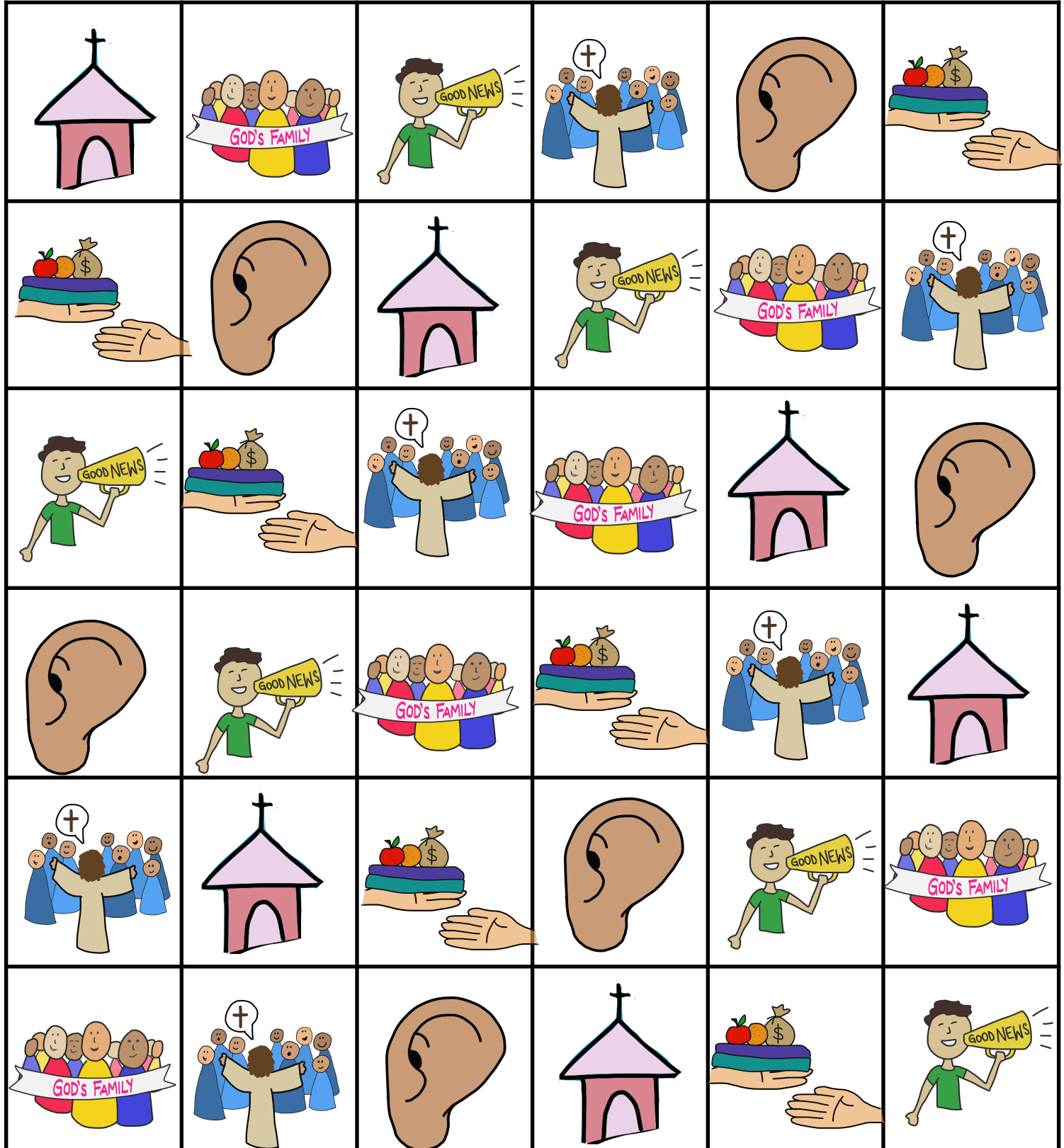
The early church met together, prayed, ate, shared, cared, talked, listened, and did life together. Each of the images used in this activity summarise the actions of the early church.

The printouts of the PICTURE SUDOKU are available on the following pages.

Picture Sudoku

Aim: Try and complete the grid with only **ONE** of each kind of picture in each row, and each column.

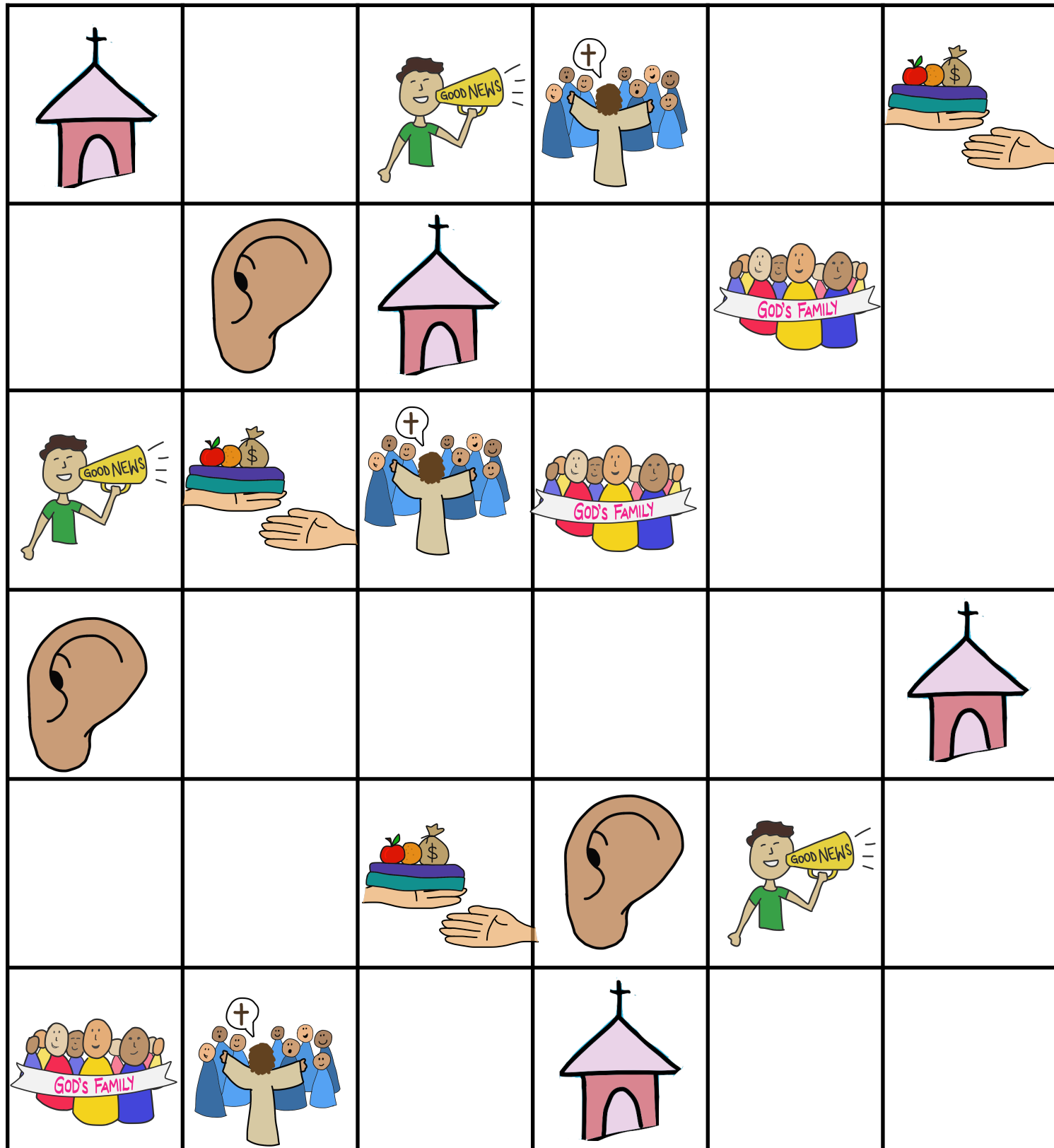
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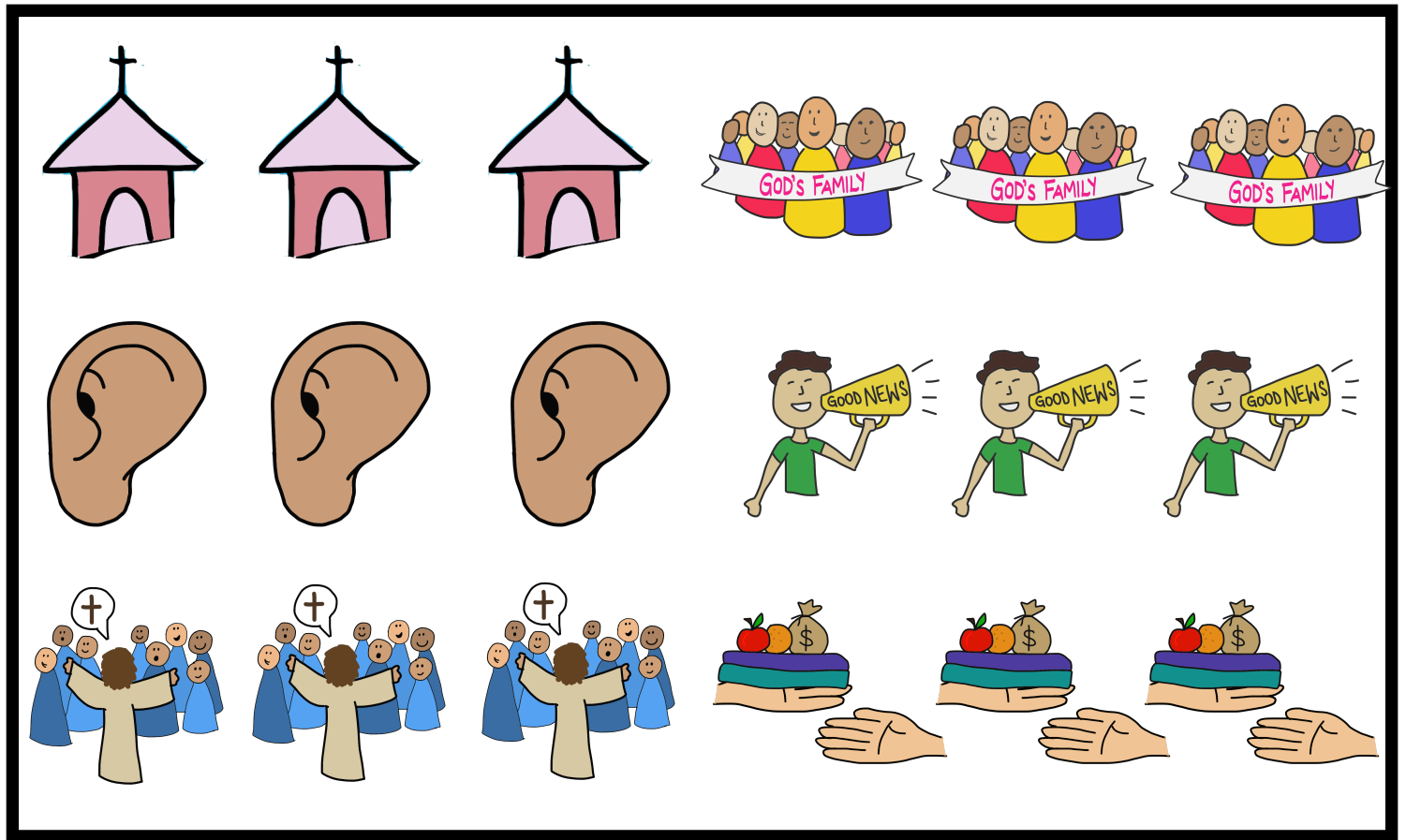
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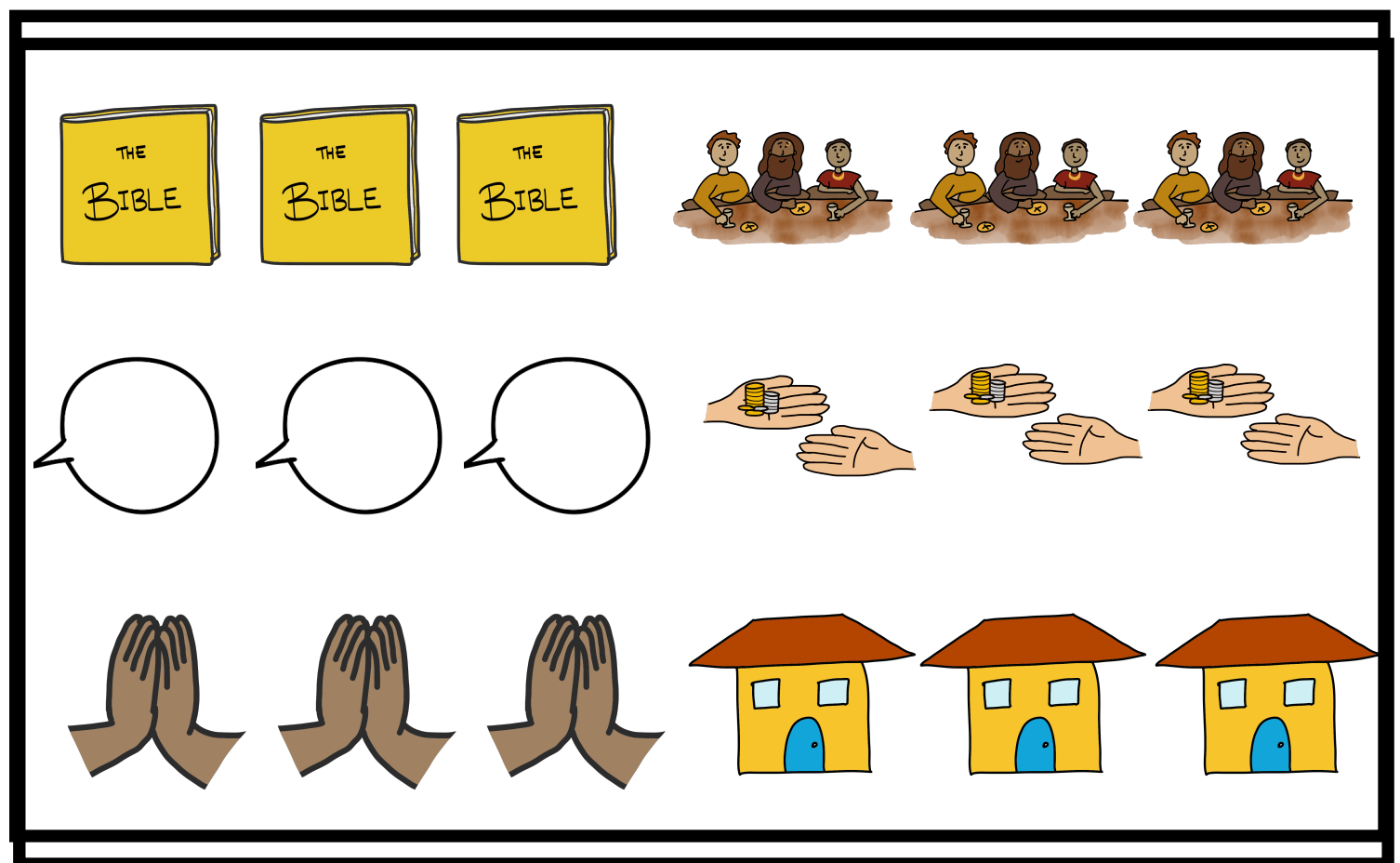
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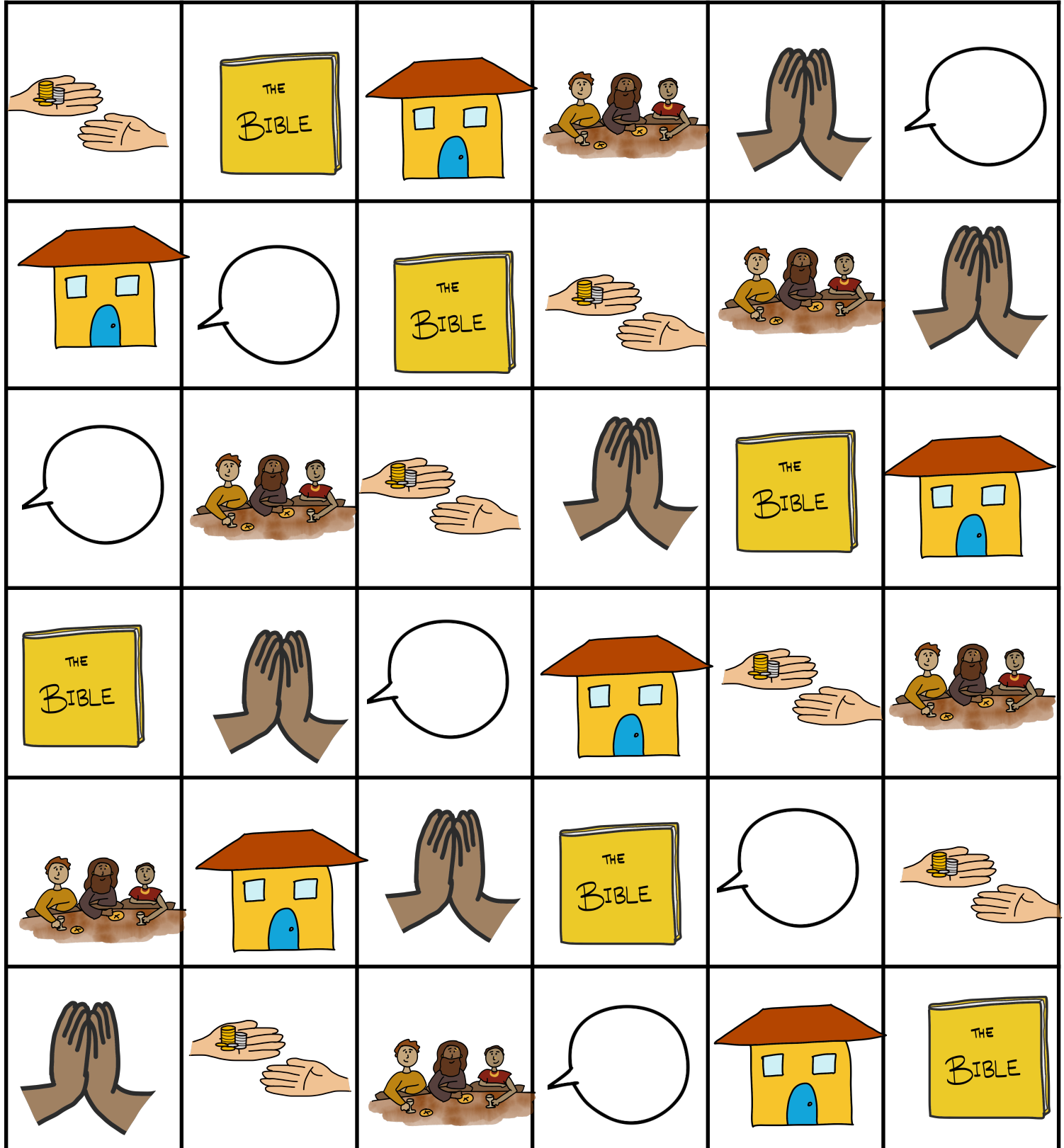
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Picture Sudoku

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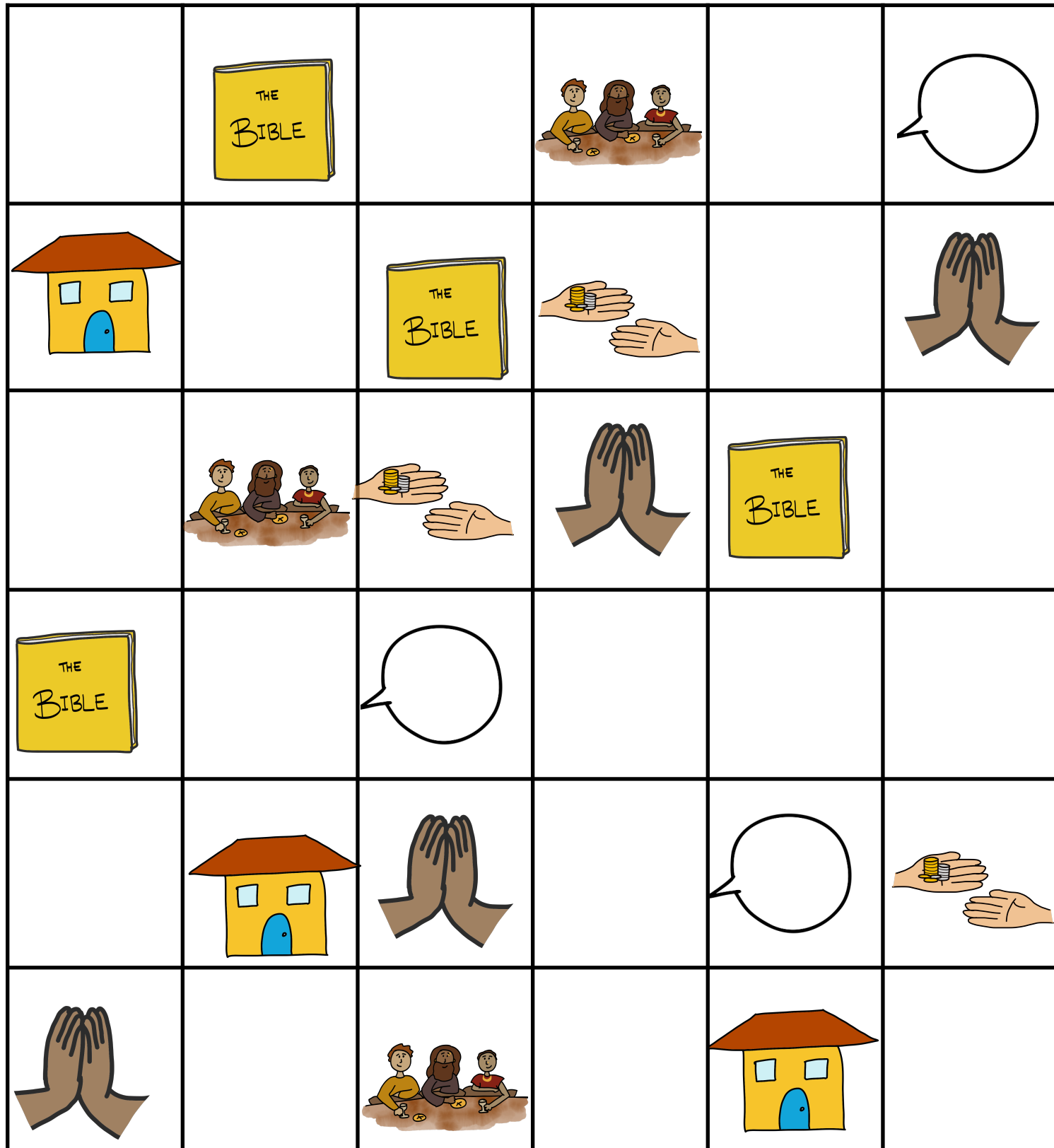
ANSWERS #2



Picture Sudoku

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#2



Word Cloud

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet 4
- Clipboards
- Paper
- Pencils

STEPS

1. Provide the children with a copy of the Word Cloud from Worksheet #4.
2. Explain that this word cloud has been produced using all the words from Acts 2:42-47 (NIRV version, as shown below). Explain that a word cloud words by counting the different words and enlarging the font based on the frequency of the words used. *I.e., together is the word that is used the most in this passage as it is shown as the biggest. The next group of frequently used words are shared, believers, amazed, apostles, etc.*
3. Use this as a prompt for discussion:
 - a) What do you notice about how the early church lived their lives?
 - b) Are you surprised by anything in this word bubble? Explain.
 - c) What stands out to you as the most challenging feature of the how the early church lived?
 - d) How is this word bubble the same as how Christians live today? How is it different?
4. Have the children flip the page over and design a new word cloud based on what our church looks like now. I.e., what would be the largest words based on the actions of your own church? Would it be TOGETHER? Or LOVE? Or CARE? Other?

The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together. Everyone was amazed at what God was doing. They were amazed when the apostles performed many wonders and signs. All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold property and other things they owned. They gave to anyone who needed something. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. They ate meals together in their homes. Their hearts were glad and sincere. They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 NIRV)



Word Clouds can easily be created using a Word Cloud Generator such as:
<https://www.freewordcloudgenerator.com/generatetowordcloud?id=6892aa36f735f07c0ff04467>

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The believers did everything.....together! They were a real community and village of God's people.

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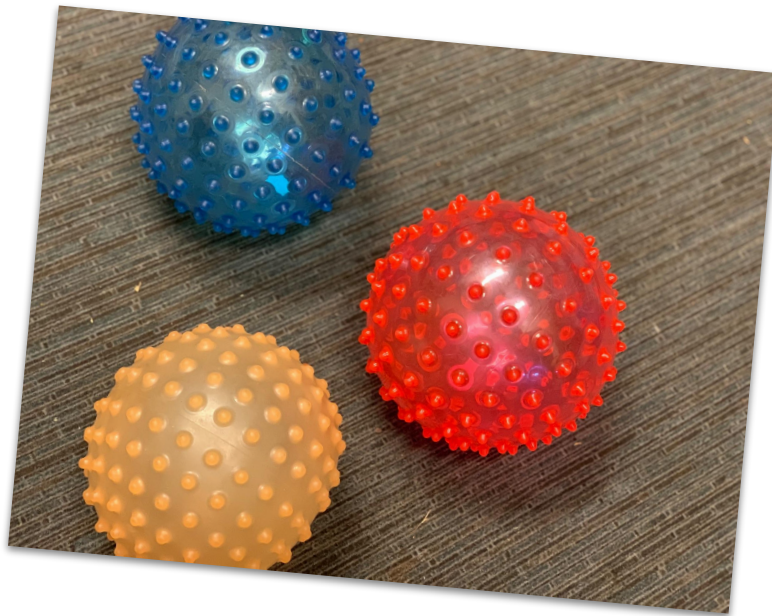
GAME: Pass the Ball

YOU'LL NEED...

- Nobbly ball
- Portable speaker and music source
- Printout of Worksheet #5
- Scissors
- Small bucket/container

STEPS

1. Have the children sit in a circle together.
2. Give one child the ball and play some music. When the music plays, the children must pass the ball around the circle. When the music stops, the last person to hold the ball must complete a task by selecting a card from the bucket.
3. Once they have completed their challenge, they sit down and the music resumes and the ball gets passed around once more.



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In a community, we share, use our gifts, and take turns.

Pass the Ball Challenge Cards

Do 5 star jumps	Stand up and bend down to touch your toes	Run around the outside of the circle	Sing the alphabet song	Count to 10 out aloud
Run on the spot as fast as you can	Run and touch something blue	Run and touch something red	Draw a picture of a smiley face on the chalkboard	Name 3 animals
Name 3 people who are playing this game with you	Show how to do the roly-poly	Show off your best dance move	Draw a pictures of a tree on the chalkboard	Name 3 people from the Bible
Tell the group what your favourite food is	Balance standing on your left foot	Balance standing on your right foot	Turn around 4 times	Run and touch something yellow

GAME: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

THIS SUNDAY

10th August 2025

BIBLE FOCUS

Acts 2:42-47

THEME

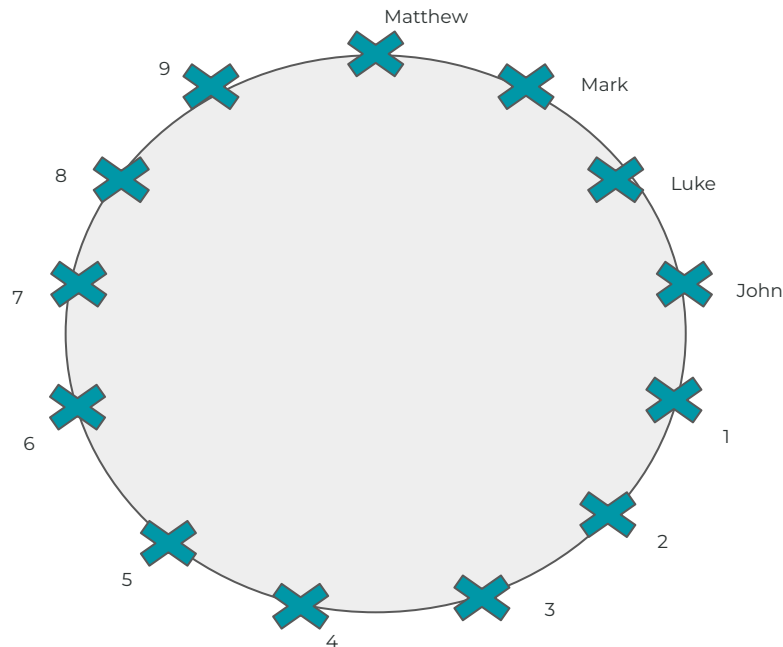
Belonged to a Household of Faith

WEEK

3

STEPS

1. Sit everyone in a circle. Each seat is assigned a name or number, starting with Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, then numbering off in order (one, two, three, four, etc until everyone has a number).
2. 'Matthew' starts everyone off with a clapping rhythm, which is done together: slapping knees then clapping hands, and repeat. Ensure you do this quite slowly (approximately 80bpm).
3. Once the rhythm has been established, 'Matthew' begins by saying their name (Matthew) on the downbeat and then a different name or number on the next downbeat.. E.g. Matthew, (clap), 2 (clap).
4. The person who is named (i.e., 2) must then call their own number on their first beat, followed by the name/number of another's position on their second. (E.g. 2, clap, 16, clap).
5. If someone misses the rhythm, or fails to properly calls their own name or number, etc., they must move to the very last position in the circle. Then start the clapping rhythm again.
6. The objective of the game is to become 'Matthew', and stay in that position as long as possible. (A bit like handball - the desire is to become 'ace' or for the other players, the desire is to knock any of the Apostles out of their spots).



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The Apostles were the primary and first disciples of Jesus. This began as the 12 disciples, but there became many more than can be counted.