

The Early Believers

ACTS 4:32-35

This week's theme is **SHARING**. Early Christians believed that following Jesus meant sharing all that you have with others in your faith community. Spend the week thinking about how you might share what you have with others.

PUPPET PRODUCTION

The first Christians were believers who formed church families to learn about Jesus together. Brainstorm a list of things you know about Jesus. Create a show with paper bag puppets to share these things with others.

SYMBOL OF FAITH

Search online for an image of the Christian fish. Sometimes early believers used this symbol to identify themselves as Christians. Bend chenille stems to make your own fish. Tie them together with yarn to make a chain. Hang it on your door to welcome others to your home.

SWEET SHARING

Make some cookies, cupcakes, or other baked item. But don't eat it—give it away to someone who is hungry. Now you are sharing your time, talent, AND food.

This week our family is praying for...

SPRING SHARING

As a family, collect clothes, toys, and other items from around your house. Take them to a donation center that supports those in need.

SHARE THE FAITH

Being generous and caring for the needy was a way of living for the early Christians. Make a poster for your home that says "We share because of all that Jesus did for us!" When guests visit, tell them about what the poster means.

SHARING CHANGE

Find out if your church has a special fund for disaster relief for people in emergency need. Gather spare change around your house or neighborhood this week and donate it to the special disaster relief fund.

TRAVELING TOGETHER

Imagine that you're traveling with another family for a weekend getaway. Talk about why sharing is important. What would it be like if everyone brought their own of everything. Why is it easier and better to share?

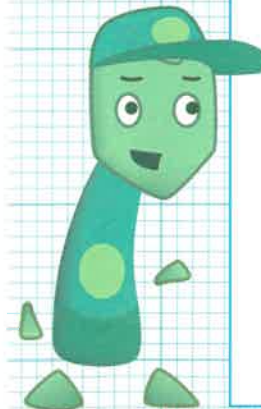
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Grades
5-6

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My
Living
Room

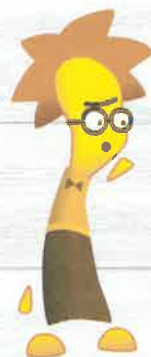


NEED

HOW WE
CAN HELP

1. Which region of the world has the largest number of people living with hunger?

- a. Africa
- b. Asia
- c. Europe
- d. South America



2. How many children under the age of five die each year because of poor nutrition/not enough to eat?

- a. 1.1 million
- b. 2.1 million
- c. 3.1 million
- d. 5.1 million

3. Worldwide, how many school-age children go to school hungry each day?

- a. 12 million
- b. 23 million
- c. 53 million
- d. 66 million



4. What problem can malnutrition cause for people?

- a. Low growth rate/seriously underweight
- b. Can't fight diseases
- c. Learning disabilities
- d. All of the above



5. How much would it cost to provide a meal for a schoolchild who lives with hunger?

- a. \$0.25
- b. \$0.50
- c. \$0.75
- d. \$1.00

Answer key: 1. B: More than 500 million people struggle with hunger in Asia. 2. C: 3.1 million, nearly 45% of reported deaths in children under age five. 3. D: 66 million, 23 million in Africa alone. 4. D. 5. A: \$0.25 will provide 1 cup of nutritious food. \$50 will provide that much food every day for a whole year. All statistics are according to the World Food Programme of the United Nations.