

# Community

Church Shares | Acts 4:32-37

**Big Idea**

We are the church together.

**Music**

We are the Church – The Meeting House Kids

**Key Verse**

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Start: Sharing Hunt!**

Supplies:

- Found items around the home

Invite your child for this time together:

- Tell them they are going to go on a sharing hunt; they will find 10 different items that they could share with someone
- Help them go around your home and find different items to share (toys, snacks, etc)
- Have one main location for all of the items to be brought.
- Explain that in today’s Bible story the church friends share everything they have together.

**Watch:**

Watch this week’s video.

**Prayer:**

Draw the name of a person you want to pray for (maybe in bubble letters). Help younger children by drawing the name in bubble letters for them and allowing them to colour in. For children who are able to print, help them by spelling out the name of them. As they colour it in, pray for that person.

“Dear God, thank you for our church friends and family. Thank you for loving us. Help us to love each other well! In Jesus’ name we pray, AMEN.

**Craft: Sharing Collage**

Supplies:

- Piece of paper
- Magazines/printed pictures of shareable items
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

Prep: find magazines or print off pictures of shareable items.

- Invite your child to look through the pictures for different items that could be shared.
- Help them cut out the items.
- Help them glue onto paper to create a sharing collage.
- As they work ask: who would you share that with?
- Talk about the Bible story as they work on the page.



### Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Large craft sticks (6) – if you do not have craft sticks at home use strips of paper instead

Prep: before the activity, write the Key Verse onto the six craft sticks divided up as follows: Stick 1: Encourage, Stick 2: each other, Stick 3: and build, Stick 4: each, Stick 5: other up, Stick 6: 1 Thess. 5:11.

Review the key verse together.

- Place the craft sticks out of order on a table.
- Place the Key Verse sign so they can see.
- Help them match the order of the sticks with the order of the verse and help them by reading the words aloud to them.
- For children who are completely pre-literate, put a symbol on the craft stick and a symbol above the words on the sign to help them create the order. (E.g. use a star, heart, cross, etc.)