

Community

Church Prays | Acts 3:23-31

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: Pray together!

Supplies:

- Stuffed animals

Invite your child for this time together:

- Encourage them to gather a whole bunch of stuffed animals.
- Then invite your child to put them in a circle and sit with them in the circle.
- Encourage your child to pretend the stuffies are friends and pray for them in the circle.
- Explain that in today’s Bible story the church friends pray 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: Prayer Activity Page

Supplies:

- Prayer activity page
- Crayons or markers

Prep: print the Prayer activity page.

- Invite your child to decorate the activity page.
- Encourage your child to colour and write in their answer (help them as needed).
- 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.)