

City LG—March 27th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: One (Early Church Works Together / Believers Share Their Lives Together) • Acts 2:42-47

Today's Bottom Line: Make a habit of working together.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

Ice-Breaker Screen Game: Snow Day Memory Game VERSION 4 (Runtime: 7:00)

NOTE: Lead kids in the On-Screen Game, challenging them to follow along with the images and see how much they can remember. Keep the energy high for the entirety of the game and HAVE FUN!

WORSHIP: Every Beat and Shine a Light

CG: Camp Manitoqua Slide

CG: Camp Manitoqua Promo Video

"Camp Manitoqua is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends and learn more about Jesus! You don't want to miss it! Also, Parkview Kids, Camp is just for our 2nd and 3rd Grade friends here in the City. Don't worry 1st Graders! We'll still have Summer Jam coming up and all kinds of other fun things for you too! You can look forward to going to Camp next year. All of the information is on this card (*show postcard*). Make sure you grab one before you leave today!"

"Hi, everyone! This month, we've looked at some amazing stories of cooperation from the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) We've seen how different people worked together to do great things and help the people around them. Before we get into today's Bible Story, I have a question for you: "What are some good habits you have?" It could be reading your Bible, doing your homework, brushing your teeth, etc. Take some time to talk about it with your group. Go!"

CG: Question Video ("What are some good habits you have?") (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job everyone! For today's story, we're looking at the time after Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, and went to be with God in Heaven. Before Jesus went to Heaven, He told His friends to wait for special power from God's Holy Spirit.

"Sure enough, when the believers gathered together in Jerusalem, God sent the Holy Spirit to them—which looked like tongues of fire! Peter spoke to the crowds who had gathered for the feast of Pentecost, and he explained that Jesus had come to be the Savior of the world. That day, 3,000 people believed in Jesus! Through the power of God, the church was off to a really great start."

"If we look in the book of Acts (*hold up Bible*), we can find out what it was like in those early days of the church. Do you think the people knew how to cooperate with each other?"

Or do you think they argued and complained? Let's see what that looked like with a little help from today's Video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:30)

"Isn't that so cool? The things we're doing together today as a church are the same things the early believers were doing about 2,000 years ago. Those habits might look a little different now than they did back then. But together, we're learning about God. We're sharing what we have with each other and with our community. We're taking time to eat together, pray together, and worship God together.

"Back in the early days of the church, the believers valued ALL people—young and old, men and women, people who had a lot and people who didn't have much at all. Others could see that there was something very different and special about people who followed Jesus. They could see the difference that God's love had made in their lives. Because of this, God added more and more new followers of Jesus to the church. In the same way, we love to welcome new people at our church today!

"This is something we can all do as followers of Jesus. Let's learn this week's Bottom Line!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Make a habit of working together.

"We can cooperate to make a difference in this world and share the love of Jesus everywhere we go. Let's pray."

PRAY: "God, thank You for this amazing example set by the early believers. They knew what it meant to love and serve each other and to make habit of working together. Help us to be a church that does that, too. Show us how we can honor You and share Your love with the way we live every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"That was so great! What amazing pictures! I love seeing how the things our church does today are the same habits that people had when they were just starting to follow Jesus . . . all those years ago.

"For those early believers, it was very normal for them to cooperate. That was just the way they lived. They ate together, prayed together, and shared what they had. It was clear that God was doing amazing things in their lives and working through them in all the different ways they gathered together.

"And that's not all! Other people noticed, too. They wanted to put their trust in Jesus so they could experience the same kind of love, joy, and peace that was so clear in the lives of the believers. I'm so glad to be a part of a church that's in the habit of working together. Aren't you?"

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Make a habit of working together.

“It’s important that we cooperate and **treat others the way we want to be treated** because we can truly make a difference in each other’s lives. And the people around us will see what God is doing in our lives, too. We can follow the same habits of the people in the early church by sharing what we have . . . giving to people in need . . . and praying for each another. We can look around to see what other people need, then ask how we can help. I’ll see you later!”

Dismiss kids after leading offering.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri // New Lenox: Daniel // Homer Glen: Victor