New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEET YOU AT OUR GRACE WEBSITE

GRACESIOUXCITY.ORG

Under the children's ministry tab, you will find Virtual Sunday School. Per the request of Cokesbury Kids in place of a registration for live stream, we are giving an easy code word for the kids of Grace to access it. We will be creating packets with our weekly letter that has materials for upcoming Sundays. If you are new to Grace and would like to participate in our Sunday school please send us a message and we'll reply with an invite. You will find materials on the next few pages with some fun games and skits.

WELCOME TO CELEBRATE WONDER

October 4, 2020

Access code for site:
Gracekids

Dear Families

Celebrate Wonder is centered around Bible stories and encourages children to explore faith through Wonder Questions using classroom tools, such as a Wonder Cube, Wonder Box, and Wonder Mat. These tools invite children into conversation, which helps develop deeper connections to the Bible and to faith.

God Creates Helpers

Spiritual Practice

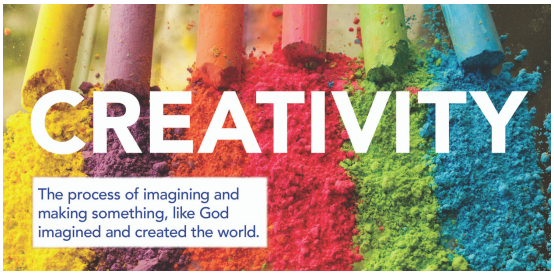
Imagining is the first step in creating. God imagined a world that was good, then God created it.

Lay on the grass and look for images in the clouds. Tell a story about an image you see.

This week continue to look for clouds. When you see a cloud, remember that God gave you the gift of imagination so that you could be creative.

Create something beautiful

FAITH WORD



Although we can't gather together we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

If you created the world, what would you want to be sure to include? would there be anything you would want to leave out?

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

CELEBRATE WONDER™

My Church Cares

My Church Cares Audit	*Yes, we've got it*	*Needs work*
Does your church recycle?		
Are recycling bins accessible?		
Are the lights off in empty rooms?		
Are there electronics or appliances plugged in that are not being used?		
Does your church use reusable plates, cups, silverware, glasses, and so forth?		
Does your church have a garden?		
Does your church use energy-efficient light bulbs?		
Do you collect items for others?		

Other ways my church could care for the earth—

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God Creates Helpers

Names

These animals sure do look strange. What do you think they should be called? Name the animals. Be creative!

Name me!

Name me!

Name me!

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Name me!

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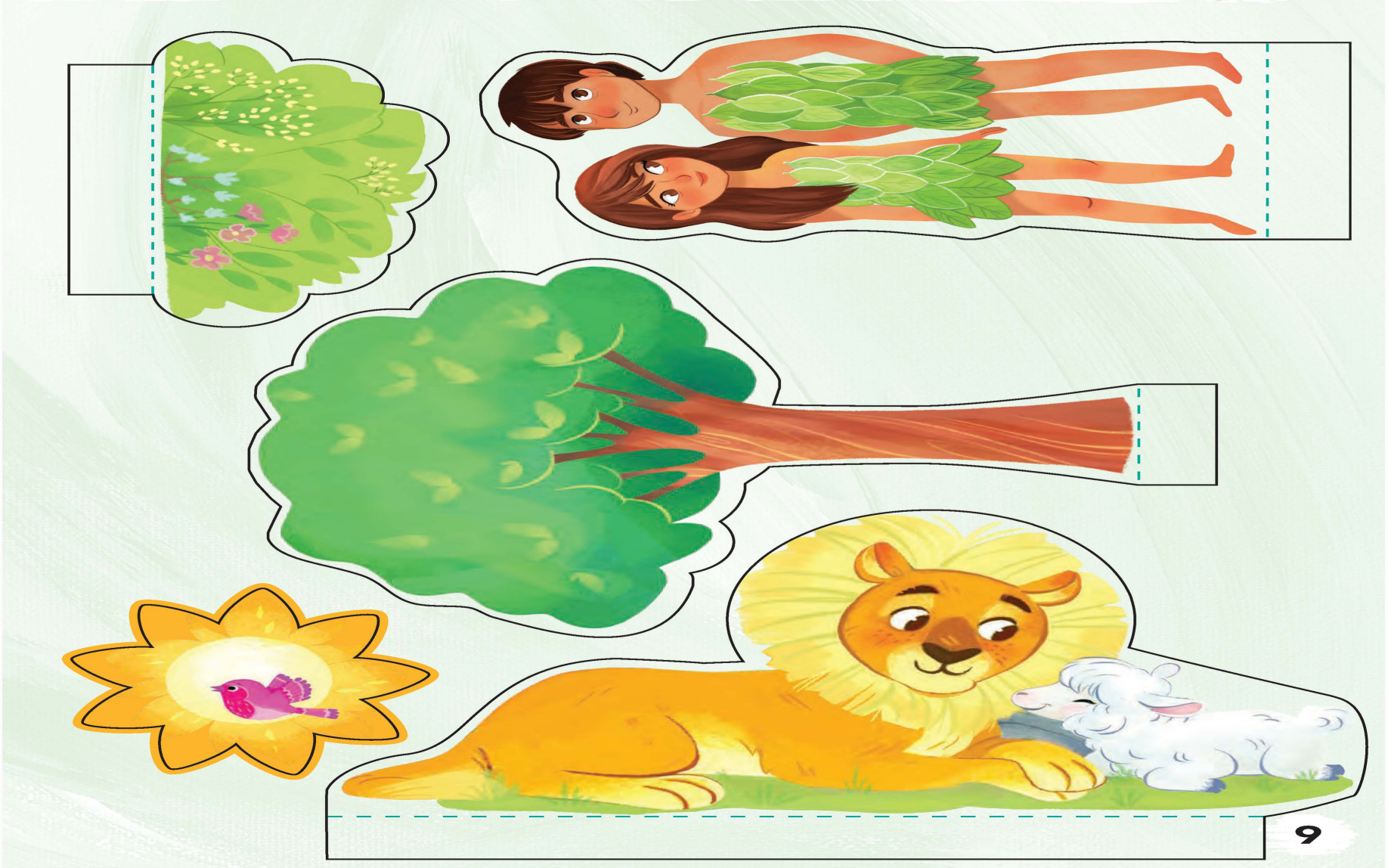
Adam and Eve

CELEBRATE WONDER
Session 4 • Ages 3–5



Instructions:

1. **Cut out figures and fold tabs back**
2. **Glue or tape the tabs of each figure onto a shoebox top to create a diorama.**
3. **Use additions supplies to decorate the garden.**

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Name Game

Roll one die. Move your playing piece to the correct space. Follow the instructions on the game space by naming the items. The first player to reach FINISH, wins. Play with a friend or a group.

God Creates Helpers

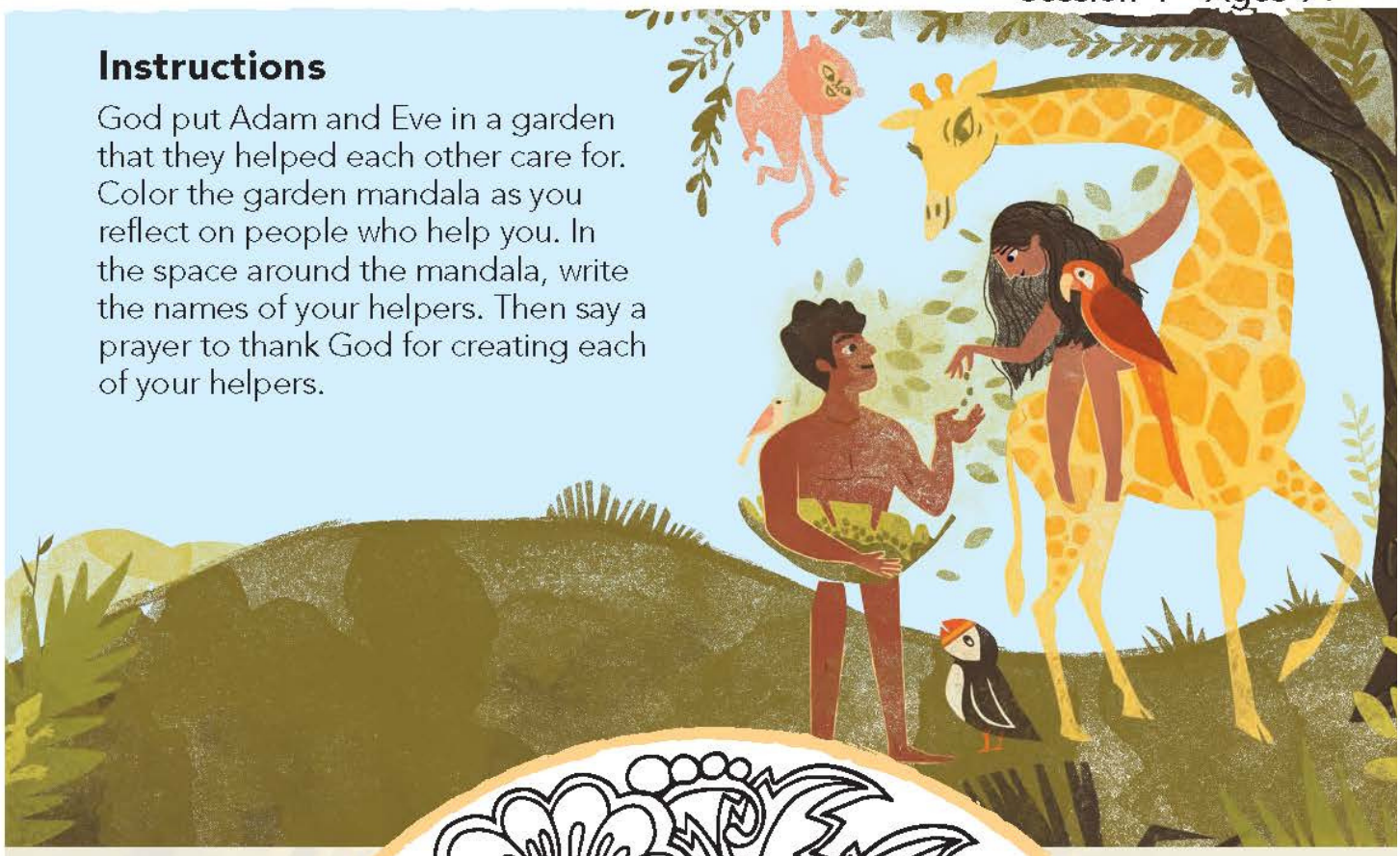
Who Are Your Helpers?

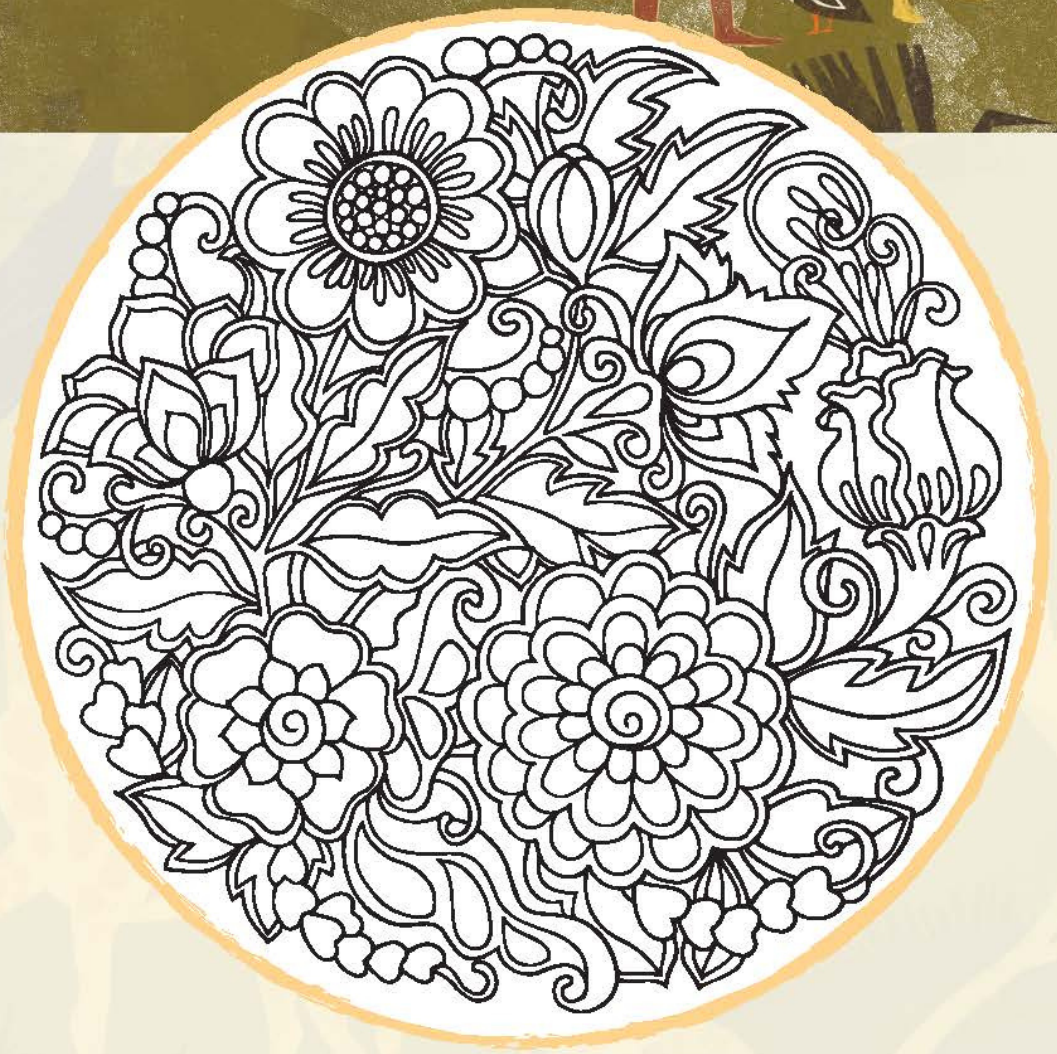
CELEBRATE WONDER

Session 4 • Ages 9+

Instructions

God put Adam and Eve in a garden that they helped each other care for. Color the garden mandala as you reflect on people who help you. In the space around the mandala, write the names of your helpers. Then say a prayer to thank God for creating each of your helpers.





WE WELCOME TO FAITH FAMILY CLUB!

Combining

Spirituality, Community and Fun

You are welcome to be part of Faith Family Club. Children will learn about God's love for them and about the Bible, and they'll have fun experiences with their families.

Monthly Spiritual Activities

Our Strength is United through Faith Family Club

Below are 4 different categories for fun at home activities to try with your family. Each month, we will give a suggestion for a spiritual based activity for each of the following categories: Outdoor, Artistic, Movie & Innovative. The purpose is to enjoy spending quality time together through creative & intellectual projects, while sparking family & faith based discussions. These activities are just suggestions. We encourage your family to do at least two within a month's time span.

Outdoor: Picnic—Find a nice place away from your home, where the whole family can enjoy a nice homemade meal outside.
Artistic: Family Portrait—Have the entire family draw/paint a picture of a family portrait or how have everyone free hand how they think the family looks. This will be a fun way to see how everyone in your family views one another to compare portraits.
Movie: The Princess Bride—This 1987 film is a great way to spend time being lazy & inactive. There's plenty of romance, drama, action & fight sequences to keep everyone entertained to the end.
Innovative: Mini Golf—Create your very own at home Family mini golf course. This can be indoors or outside. The goal should be for everyone in the family
to design at least one hole, and some should be harder than others. Then the whole family will play through all the mini golf holes. Tying Faith to Family:

What to think about when doing each of these Family Faith Based Activities

Outdoor: Picnic—(Take the opportunity to thank God for the food we eat & world in which we live)

Artistic: Family Portrait—(Thank God for everyone's creativity and that we may see the positivity & strength in the differences of one another's creative abilities.)

Movie: The Princess Bride—(Discuss the differences between the characters and what they want most out of life. Which character are you [each family member] most like? Do you see any themes from the bible in this film?)

Innovative: Mini Golf—(Which holes were harder than others? What type of things do some people struggle with that others don't? Think of the differences & hardships that people go through. How can we try our best as Christians to mend that gap?)

Please send our Christian Education Team (christianed@gracesiouxcity.org) pictures of your family doing any of the Monthly Faith Family Club Spiritual Activities.

Out in the Community:

Your family might be going for walk to watch the leaves fall. While you're out bring some gloves and a small bag to pick up some litter along the way. Yes, it may be obvious — and it's certainly not glamorous — but litterbugs are still on the loose. By improving the space around you for others you are making a big difference indeed.

AT HOME WEEKLY
CHILDRENS MINISTRY
Grace United Methodist Church

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Weekly Spiritual Practice for Adults

God made humanity from the very dirt beneath our feet. Each of us is an intricate part of God's creations. This week go outside and place your hands in the dirt. Feel the dirt in your hands. Consider planting something and watching it grow. Think about ways you have grown in your spiritual life. Being a person of faith requires us to attend and to nourish our faith. Sometimes, we forget this includes ourselves. This story might be about helping others, but we cannot participate in creation if we are not rooted in our selves. Plant something like you love in your own life, and watch your faith grow.

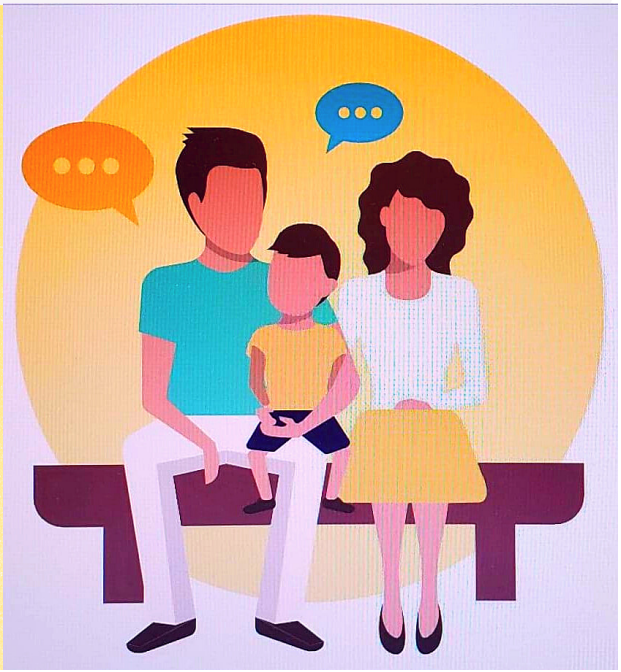
Christian Education Parent & Student Confrence

A much needed conversation between the Youth, Parents & Christian Education Directors. During this short meeting, discussion will be about changes in Christian Education, what families would like to see and what Christian Education can do differently.

This meeting will be live on October 4th @ 2:00pm via Zoom.

The link code is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973509773

Emails & Reminders will be sent out prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact our Co-Directors of Christian Education at **christianed@gracesiouxcity.org**



October 11th 1-3 PM

Faith Family Club invites you to join us for some fun for the whole family.

With Pumpkin Painting & Teen to Adult Pumpkin Carving.

REGISTER YOUR FAMILY EARLY FOR PUMPKINS, A TABLE, AND A TIME SLOT.
To help observe with social distancing each family will have their own table will and Masks will be required.
Those wishing to carve need to bring their own tools.

Contact our church office to inquire and register at 712-276-3452.