

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO
CELEBRATE WONDER™

May 16, 2021

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The Church Grows

Paul tries to join the other disciples when he arrives in Jerusalem, but they are afraid of him. They doubt Paul's desire to become a disciple of Jesus. Up until Paul's blinding experience on the road to Damascus, he was an enemy of Christianity and mean to those who practiced the faith. The disciples see Paul as a nonbeliever. They do not trust that Paul has changed.



ANANIAS

SAUL

It's hard to trust that people who have hurt us can change. How can we trust them when we have been harmed? This was the struggle of Jesus' followers in the story. However, Paul proved his faith and was supported by a witness, Barnabas.

There are times when it is not right to trust someone again, but there are also times when we can witness change. In these moments of conversion, we can see God at work and can be a witness for those who need our love.

After Paul's conversion, the church grew and people came to know the God of transformation through the Spirit. We can trust in God that people can change and that we can find ways to be part of God's transformative love.

Spiritual Practice

The stories of Jesus continued to be shared in all areas of the world. More and more people became followers and believers in Jesus.

Ask each family member what they love to do that brings them closer to God. Have them practice the action each day. Check in at the end of the week and share how you felt closer to God by practicing the action.

Faith Word



Wonder Question

Have you ever stood up for someone who wasn't being treated fairly?

Thank you for being a part of our virtual Sunday school.
Hope to see you this summer at VBS and in-person in the Fall!

AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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THANK YOU

Thank you so much for making space for God in your home this Sunday School year. Grace will continue to provide you with the resources you need to foster your child's spiritual formation.

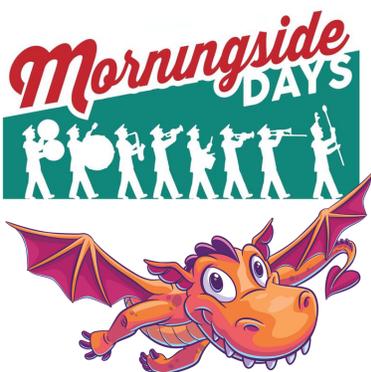
We welcome you to experience some of our in-person summer ministries with Faith Family Club, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups, and Adult Ministries.

It has been a pleasure being invited into your homes to provide weekly lessons for your families.

We hope to return to in-person Sunday this Fall with a NEW and exciting curriculum that we hope will open opportunities for Faith and Fellowship.

Adult Spiritual Practice

Controversy is hard. How do you respond in difficult situations? How do you interact with those who are different from you? This week, pray with others. Notice the words they use, their body language, and so forth. What do you learn about God through their eyes and their faith? God shows up for everyone in different ways.



Grace UMC would like to extend an invitation to participate on our VBS float on **May 20th, 2021** for the Morningside Days Parade gathering at 5:30 pm for the 6:30pm parade.

We would love some walkers to hand out candy and invites and join some friends to ride of all ages!

We will be looking for some help with having fun with the decorations on May 19 @ 6:30 PM.

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Spread the Word

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Session 11 • Ages 3-5



Instructions

1. Cut out the four churches.
2. Glue or tape each church image on a paper or plastic cup.
3. Make sure all sides of each church are well-secured to each cup so the cups can nest.

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Find the Church Words

Find all the words in the puzzle. Some words go across, some go down, and some go diagonally.

G	Z	K	L	F	B	G	T	D	E	C	F	H	L	K
F	C	U	L	X	W	B	Y	Z	B	Y	H	W	Q	E
U	A	D	Z	O	L	M	I	G	A	N	M	M	N	S
S	T	A	V	P	O	G	N	A	R	J	E	W	S	T
R	A	M	O	C	R	D	R	G	N	E	F	D	F	S
H	R	A	U	L	D	I	P	I	A	D	E	M	P	B
L	S	S	S	Y	M	S	C	Q	B	U	C	K	V	W
D	U	C	G	Z	B	C	E	M	A	D	E	M	A	H
T	S	U	O	I	F	I	D	I	S	U	I	D	F	A
B	U	S	D	S	I	P	N	P	R	P	W	K	I	C
J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	V	E	A	W	D	H
W	S	O	R	I	H	E	B	G	S	Z	T	U	D	U
K	K	H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	U	L	R
T	C	A	E	S	A	R	E	A	A	E	U	P	S	C
G	P	L	Q	O	P	J	P	K	X	H	U	E	K	H



Saul
Paul
Jerusalem
Damascus
Disciples



Barnabas
Caesarea
Tarsus
Greek
Jews



Lord
God
Church
Holy Spirit



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Bullying

Sometimes we do not treat people in loving and accepting ways. In the Bible story, the people did not want to forgive Paul. He had been a bully, but he had changed. Forgiveness and acceptance can be hard. Let's talk about bullying.

What does "bullying" mean?

Bullying can...

- Hurt feelings;
- Cause people to be afraid or feel unsafe;
- Take away joy and happiness.

What if I am bullied?

- Walk away and remove yourself from the presence of a bully.
- Speak up and tell a trusted adult. (Being bullied should never be kept a secret.)
- Act fast—tell an adult as soon as you are being bullied or see someone else being bullied.

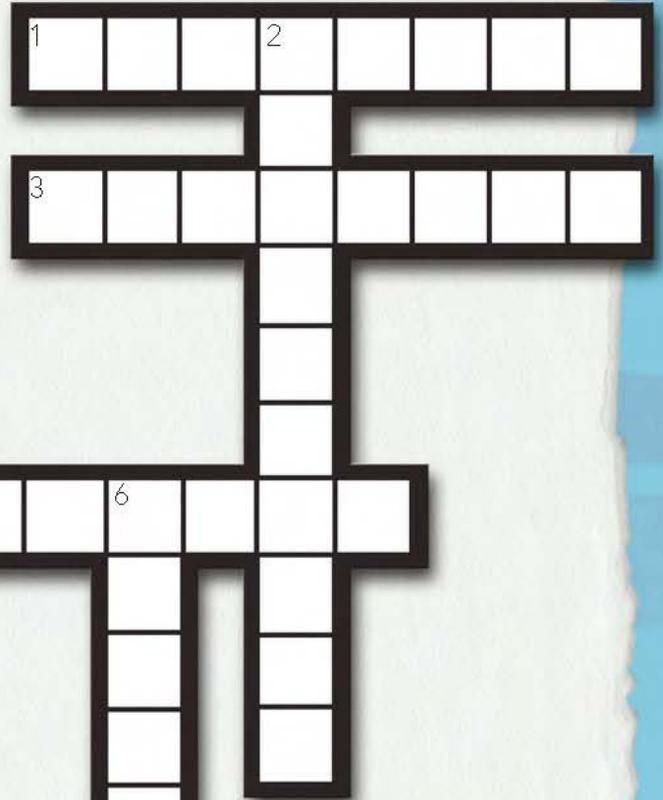
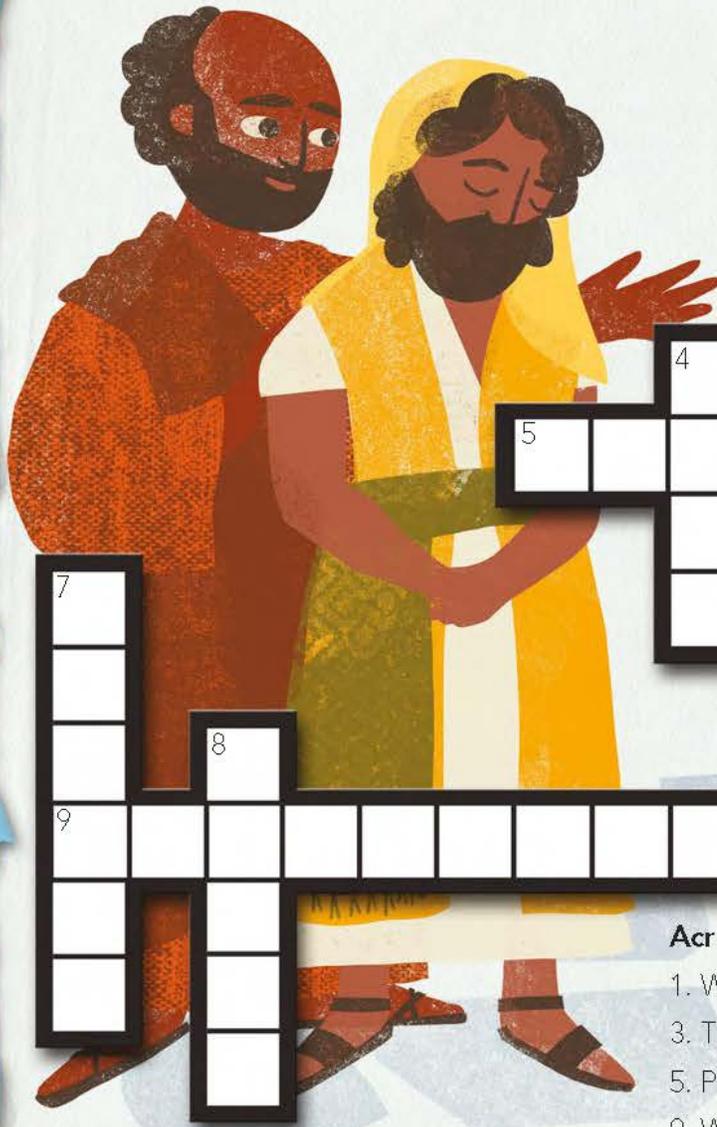


Bullying is not the way God wants us to treat others. God wants us to love everyone, even when it's hard. No matter what, God accepts us and forgives us. We are called to follow God in this example and accept and forgive others.

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Learning About Saul

Look up Acts 9:26-31 in your Bible to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. What other disciples didn't believe Saul was
3. The person who spoke up for Saul
5. Place where the story begins
9. What God did for the church in this Scripture

Down

2. Word used to describe how Saul preached in the name of the Lord
4. What happened to the number of Christians in the Scripture
6. How the other disciples felt about Saul at first
7. Where the family of believers sent Saul after he got into conflicts in the community
8. Language spoken by a group of Jews Saul got into conflicts with

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Journal About Saul

Respond to the journaling prompt below.

Saul was clearly an imperfect person. Why do you think God uses imperfect people to serve and do God's work?