

# Salford Elim's Kid's Church

## Acts Chapter 2:42-47

Hi everyone, how's this week been for you? A confusing one, no doubt...! I hope you've been able to get any clarity where you might have needed it. And so, on we go with another week and another set of resources for you to work through with your children 😊

This week is slightly different in that the videos, etc are being made available earlier so that you can use them on a Sunday morning while the service is on, if that's more helpful in enabling you to have the time to use them/show them to your children. There are some things included in this resource that are not in the videos, as some things are more interactive/impossible for me to do over a camera!

We will also be encouraging any children that do use them on Sunday to share something that they have done. Hopefully, this will help them still feel a part of church a bit more 😊 If you plan on using it on Sunday, here is a list of things you will need during the service:

- Paper- plain or coloured
- Pens, pencils or crayons
- Print out of the Scripture Doodle- option for older children
- Print out colouring page for younger children

We're looking at the final section of Acts Chapter 2 this week, where it is outlined how the early church devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, fellowship with each other, the breaking of bread, prayer and that they saw 'many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.' It also tells how they sold possessions and property to give to those in need, met daily in the temple courts, met together to eat and praised God.

GAME: A few ideas to introduce the idea of sharing.

- Any age: Perhaps you could play a game with a tune! If you have a whistle, a recorder, a mouth organ or anything that your child/ren can make a sound with, try a game of 'copy me do'. Have one person play, whistle or even hum a bit of a tune/pattern and then take turns to copy and repeat it! This highlights the act of taking turns in which we share our time helps children learn about sharing and giving.
- Ages 3-6: Or, with a quick bit of preparation, you could play 'Shall I Share my Ice-cream'? For this game, you'll need as many pieces of card as

you will have players and a ball (a ball-pit plastic ball would be great, but if you don't have one, adapt and overcome- even a pair of socks in a ball would work! Then draw out horizontal and vertical lines on each piece of card before folding it to create a cone for your 'ice-cream' ball. Each player has a cone and the children can take turns to 'share their ice-cream', by asking 'Shall I share my ice-cream?', before passing the ball into the other person's cone.

BIBLE BIT: Below is the passage from the Good News Bible. Older children can read it themselves, or you can read it together 😊 If you don't have time to read together or go through the questions or ideas below, here is a very short video that quickly tells the story and gives a brief overview of the application: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g74r8q9gjh4>

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'42 They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

#### Life among the Believers

43 Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. 44 All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. 45 They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. 46 Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, 47 praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.'

Ages 3-6: Recap the story so far for your child/ren. You might want to re-tell the passage above in a way you know they will understand, drawing out the main points that the disciples continued to meet daily, pray together, share a lot, eat together and that more people became Christians.

- Talk to your child/ren about sharing. Do they like it? Do they like sharing toys or sweets? Do they like sharing their favourite things? Ask them why or why not? Ask them if they like it when others share with them and why or why not. Ask them if sharing is a good thing to do. Highlight the level of sharing in the passage and that when everyone was sharing equally, and shared their time in fellowship, food and hospitality in meals etc, everyone was joyful.

- For the older end of this age group, talk about the times when sharing is more difficult, for example, when others don't return the gesture, or when it seems unfair, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do our best to share and see the goodness in what we are doing. Tell them that in our bible passage today, other people saw the goodness the new church were sharing with each other and it showed them the goodness of Jesus and they became Christians because of it.

Ages 7-11: Recap the story so far for your child/ren. This passage is one that they will probably be able to follow but explain anything they might need help with.

- Ask them if anything stands out to them, or they have any initial thoughts. I find this is useful for children as they get older to start to get into a habit of doing their own thinking first.
- Ask if they've ever needed anything and someone else gave them what they needed. How did that feel? If your friend needed something, what would you do?  
Ask how easy they find it to share all they have. Is it ever more difficult to share or even to give? Talk about that in this passage in the bible, people shared what they had by giving to those who had need and that when we remember how fortunate we are to have something that others don't, it can help change how we feel about sharing and giving.  
It's also worth pointing out that some things were shared in such a way as that the previous owner would never get it back. Sometimes we share what we have through playing together and sometimes we share and don't get the thing back, like sharing sweets or even giving what we know someone else needs more than we do. Sometimes the hard part can be keeping a happy attitude to sharing and not expecting anything in return.
- Talk about the reason why these members of the early church did what they did- they wanted to share the good news of Jesus with others around them. They had something good but they didn't want to hold onto it, they knew that wasn't the point of God's message or blessings. Through the way they acted with each other, those around them could see how good God was.
- Is there anything you think you might want to do in order to 'share' more? Have you got any toys that you don't use or need anymore that someone else would benefit from? Maybe have a chat with your parents/carers about if there is a charity or person you could bless in this way.
- Maybe there is an opportunity to commit to doing something to raise money for a charity?

## CRAFT/ACTIVITIES:

All ages: Talk about how flowers and trees spread their seeds so that more can grow. Think of a dandelion- it blooms it's yellow flower, but then it starts to 'give up' it's seeds as it turns into a dandelion clock and the wind blows and carries the seeds all over so it can grow in other places too. If the dandelion held onto it's seeds, they wouldn't spread so far. We might think we don't have a lot to share with others, but it's not just the things we have that we can share with others. We all have things we are good at, time, skills and talents other people don't have, and it's just as important to share these things and help others see Jesus in us through how we act with each other in these ways.

- Have a go at drawing a large flower with petals on a piece of paper or cutting out coloured petals and sticking them down to form a flower. On each petal write the things you have, talents, skills and gifts that you can share with others to help the good news of Jesus spread. For example, you might be really good at drawing so you could use pictures to bless others. Or maybe you're great at sharing your toys, or maybe you always notice when someone is left out and you make sure they get included. Decorate your flower and be ready to share this with the rest of church on Sunday 😊
- For older children, I've found a detailed 'Scripture Doodle' that you could print out for them to colour in, if they'd like to.
- For younger children, I've found a print-out for them to colour in.

SONG: Here's a link to another song by Ian!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6\\_\\_EWEOZxs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6__EWEOZxs)