

Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the early church feeding the widows.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 6 v 1–7

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story the early church, thank you that we can read about the amazing things they experienced but also the challenges.

Help us to look out for those who are not being treated fairly or equally. Show us where there are people who need help and support. Give us wisdom to make good decisions so that we can help others.

Thank you for all our food banks that are helping those in need during these difficult times.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Who was being treated unfairly in the story? How does it make you feel when you are not treated fairly?

In the story the Greek-speaking widows complained, they said that they were not getting a fair share of the food that was being given out each day.

It can be very upsetting or even make us feel angry if we are being left out or treated differently from others. God loves justice – that means everybody being treated fairly, so he feels upset and angry when situations are not fair for everybody. As God’s church we can play a part in sharing with others and treating all those we meet fairly, sharing God’s love equally with everybody. We can play a part in making sure nobody feels they are treated differently because of how they look or where they come from.

A question for children to ask adults

What do we do as a church to help those in need?

Family Activity 1

You will need: a game that you can all play together

Play a game together, it could be a board game you enjoy or any fun game that everybody can understand and join in with.

Before you begin think about what makes the game fair and makes sure that everybody has an equal chance of winning. If one person has an advantage or disadvantage is there something you can do to ‘level the playing field’?

Encourage everybody to celebrate, whoever wins – this is easier when you know that you had an equal chance of winning.





A verse to remember

Micah 6 v 8

“The Lord has told you, human, what is good; he has told you what he wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly, obeying your God.”

Just like the widows in the story, God does not want us to remain quiet in the face of injustice. Just like the early church in the story God wants us to actively seek solutions and change. Can you learn this verse together? You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

Play a game of ‘follow the leader’ – the disciples recognised that they needed to put the right people in charge of managing the food so that it was shared out fairly. Leaders are people who set a good example for others to follow, who look out for everybody and make sure everything is done fairly.

Take it in turns to be the leader that everybody must follow – encourage the leader to choose actions or movements that everybody is able to follow, that are not too difficult or too fast for others to follow.



Helping Older Children

The world is full of hurting and angry people at the moment crying out for Justice. The story of the widows is one of injustice – but the church took action to make sure that everybody was treated fairly and equally.

You could use this story as a starting point for a conversation about Justice. Our God is a God of Justice – and God’s love, mercy and provision are for all. He hears our cries, our prayers and our thirst for Justice in this time as well.

Just as the early church sought to bring Justice into the situation we have a role to play in seeking Justice in our world today.

Active Prayer

In a time when many are struggling to provide for themselves and their families it is good to pray to our God of provision. Just as there are many stories in the Bible of God multiplying food and providing for others why not pray while you prepare or eat food and ask God for his provision for your family and for those in your community.

Why not actively seek to share from your own provisions with those around you – drop off a meal for a neighbour, share some baked goods with another family, buy some extra goods and donate them to the foodbank.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

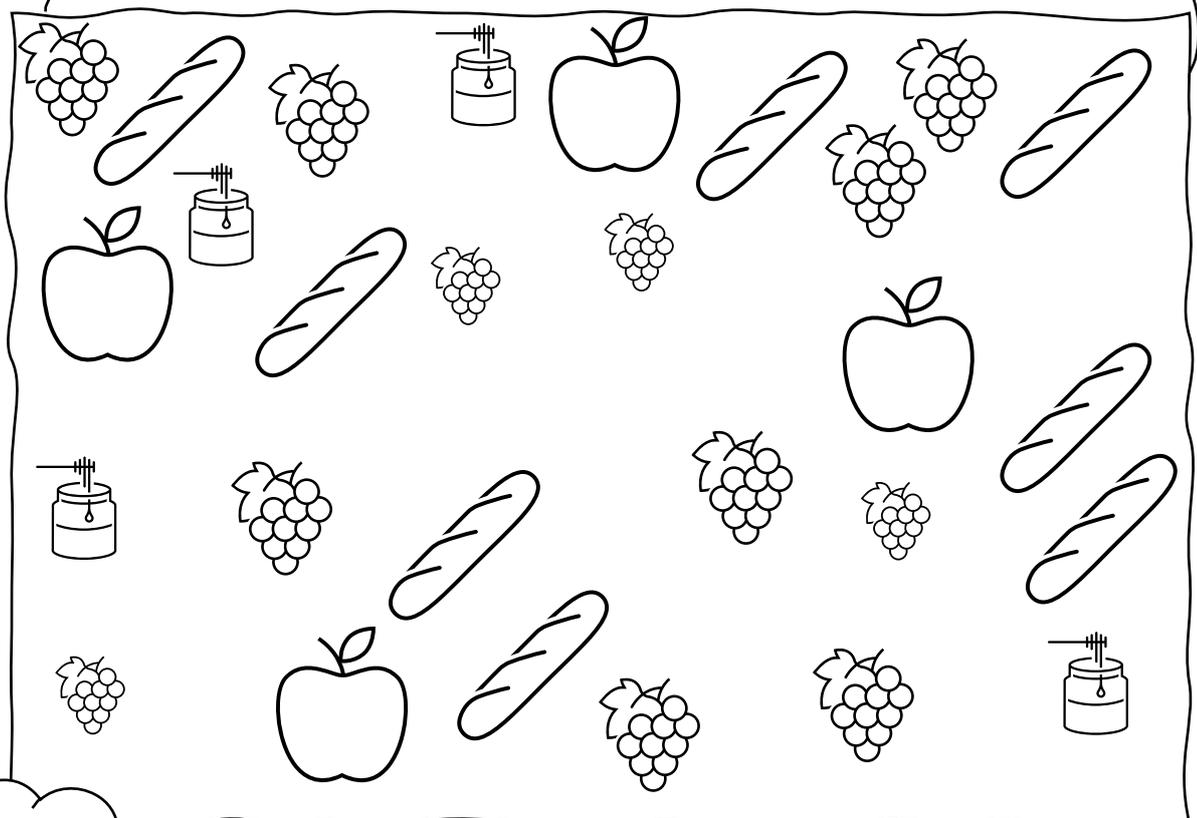
This colouring page was designed by Kayann Ausherman, you can find more of her artwork at www.fromvictoryroad.com

"AND WHAT
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MICAH 6:8

PUZZLE SHEET

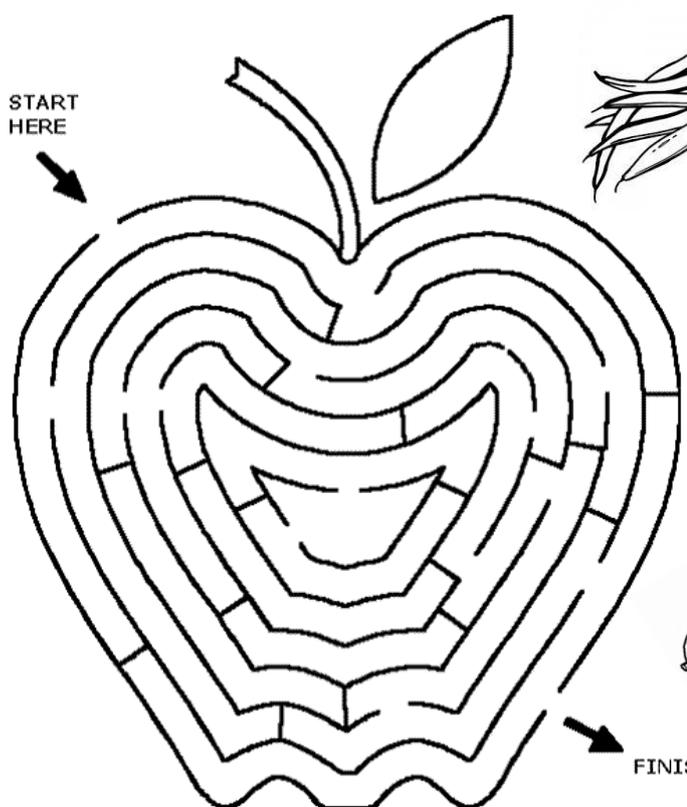
Leaders were chosen to make sure the food was shared out equally.
 Can you divide the box into 4 sections so that each everything is
 share out equally?
 You should be able to do it using only 2 lines.



Can you find
 your way
 through this fruity
 maze?

Can you unscramble these different fruits and
 vegetables? Once you have unscrambled it draw
 a line connecting it with the picture of that fruit of
 vegetable on the page!

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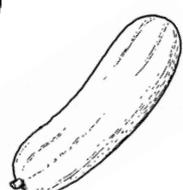
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