



Godly Friends and Community

Parents: Community is a blessing we all may be longing for these days. We have been without our usual communities throughout this Covid-19 crisis. Perhaps it was a nice break for you to really have a chance to focus on the areas that are most important to you and may have been neglected in the hustle and bustle. Perhaps it was difficult for you to be away from the constant support of friends around you. God talks about the benefit and blessing of a community. Not just any community, a community of believers. When Jesus left the earth and his friends to go to heaven, the apostles devoted themselves to one another, encouraged each other, read God's Word together, and shared all they had. Today we are going to help our kiddos understand the beautiful blessing of having Godly friends and belonging to a community of believers.

Read: *Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Discuss: What did the people of God do after Jesus left to go to heaven? *They studied God's Word, spent time together, ate together and prayed.*

Who did God let perform miracles? *The apostles.*

How did the people of God help each other out? *They shared what they had with others, even sold their things to help get other people what they needed.*

How does God ask you to be kind and generous friends like the people of God in our verse? *He loves it when we share with others and show God's love to the world as we share.*

Key Point: God Gives Us a Community of People to Love

God gives us	(Finger pointed up to heaven)
A community of people	(Hands out in front)
to love	(Fingers make the shape of a heart)

Family Activity: Do the coloring sheet together. Think of the ways you can love the people around you this week. Can you donate clothes to a neighbor, a cousin, a friend? Can you make a meal for someone in need? Make a card? Can you pray for your church friends and family? You are part of a community of believers who love you and pray for you. Praise God!

Prayer: Dear God. Thank you for the many people in our lives that share God's promises and gifts with us. We all make up the community of believers at Crosswalk. Help us to pray for each other, and to share what we know about Jesus, and to share what we have with people in need. We thank you and we love you. Amen.

Next Steps: Pray for your community of friends and believers at Crosswalk Kids.



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