



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

What Does The Bible Say About Sharing?

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Acts 2:44-47 (CEV)

Chat

EXPLAIN: Sharing is an idea that God talks about through the Bible. Let's have a chat about what God has said in the Bible about sharing.

Activity

Make a picture or word list of the different things that can be shared. Write, draw pictures, or glue pictures from newspapers etc. You might want to include:

Toys, Ideas, Time, Feelings, Space, Parents, Friends, Affection, Food (although "food sharing" is discouraged in schools and preschools due to allergy concerns - many little children know this rule - be sensitive to them being obedient to rules).

Put a Happy face ☺ next to the items on your lists that you are happy to share. Put a Sad face ☹ next to the items on your lists that you feel sad about sharing. Talk about what is easy ☺ and what is hard ☹ to share.

SHARE: Tell a story about a time that was difficult to share, and what happened when you did.

ASK: Have you ever been told you HAD TO SHARE? How did that feel?

ASK: When do you like to share?

ASK: What happens when you do share? (Do you have fun playing, is your friend or family member happy etc.)

EXPLAIN: In the Bible, God says that it is very important to Him that we share. When we share, it is a way to show God that we love Him.

Read

Hebrews 13:15-16 (CEV) Our sacrifice is to keep offering praise to God in the name of Jesus. But don't forget to help others and to share your possessions with them. This too is like offering a sacrifice that pleases God.

EXPLAIN: God is pleased with us when we thank him for Jesus; when we sing his praise; when we give God gifts (like a money gift at church); when we use our talents and gifts to help others; AND when we share what we have!

The New Testament part of the Bible has stories of how God's family, the church, started. The Bible also tells us how those people who believed in Jesus were living and behaving. Here's a description of how they did "giving" and "sharing".

Read

Acts 2: 44-47 (CEV) All the Lord's followers often met together and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the temple. They ate together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

ASK: What do you notice about the people who followed Jesus?

Activity

I am going to read the verses from Acts again slowly. When you hear me talk about someone sharing I want you to give me a smile and a "thumbs up".

ASK: What do you think God would like about how these people were living?

EXPLAIN: Sometimes we don't want to share or we are not ready to share. God also tells us in the Bible that He wants us to decide what to share, and do it happily.

SHARE: Talk about a time when you were happy to share something and how that felt.

EXPLAIN: When we are children, we cannot share the same way adults can. We do not own as much, and many of the things that we use may belong to our whole family.

ASK: What do you have that you could share with others?

Application

Think about a time when you could share something this week. Who could you share with? What will you share? When the time for sharing comes, remember to do it with a happy heart.

Prayer

What would you like to talk with Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything that you are sorry about?

Is there something that you would like Jesus to help you with?

Who would you like to pray for?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the good things you have given us (list some from today's Little Chat). We are glad that you love it when we share. Help us to choose what we can share. Help us to share happily and freely with those who need to share what we have. Amen.

Journal

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