

# STORIES WITHIN THE TRUE STORY



## Week Thirty Five - A New Community

### A Note to the Parents/Teachers

*We often look at the ways the early church lived as a model for how we are to live now. There are certainly things we can learn from how they lived in community — but we also want to remember that they did this through the power of the Spirit, not by trying harder. Pray we would see this way of humanity is possible only through a partnership with the Spirit of God!*

- **Big Idea:** God forms a new kind of humanity for His Kingdom, and wants us to live in it!

### Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

*Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything, big or small, which is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.*

- **Partner Up**

*Have the kids do an activity like building a room with legos (we can bring some in). Then give them the same task to do but with a partner this time. Ask if it were easier with a partner. Why or why not? Ask how much easier it would be if they partnered with God. That's what today's story is about.*

### Sing Together

### Story - from Acts 2:42-47

That day that the Spirit of God breathed upon Jesus' followers and Peter and the rest went out to speak to the crowd about who Jesus was, about three thousand took them at their word, were baptized, and began to follow Jesus as King. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, living life together in community, sharing meals together, and prayer.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and brought their resources together so that whenever anyone needed anything they could take care of it.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home — every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

*[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]*

- What do you think it would be like to live in a community like this?
- Do you think the church is still supposed to live like this today?
- How can we? Why do you think the first church was able to do this?
- What things were people committed to?
- What things did God's Spirit do?

### Breakout Time

• **Prayer:**

God, thank you for making us into a new community. Help us, by the power of your Spirit, to live in a way that honors you and cares for one another. Amen.

• **Craft:**

- Use the coloring sheet attached
- OR use the activity page attached

• **BLESS Activity:** *\*For kids to do during the week\**

*Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask Spirit to help us Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.*

This week, focus on the **Eat** rhythm.

Who can you and your family share a meal with this week as you celebrate the life God has given you?

They devoted themselves  
to the apostles' teaching  
and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Acts 2:42**



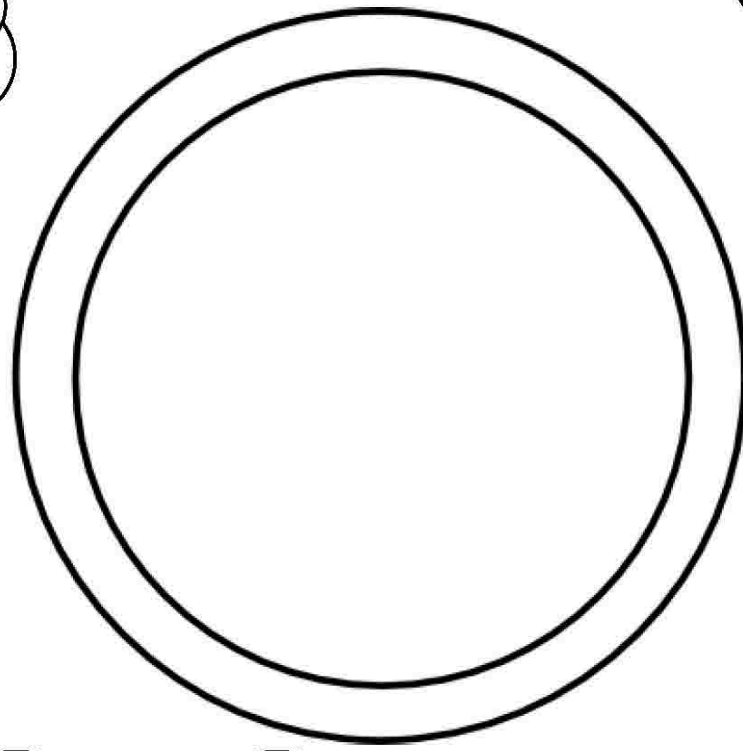
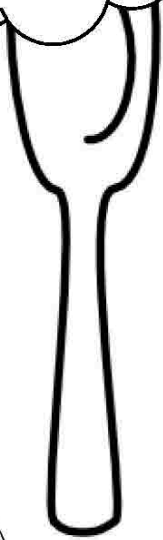


# Puzzle Sheet

There are coins like this one hidden on the page... how many can you find?



Finish the picture... draw the perfect meal to share together

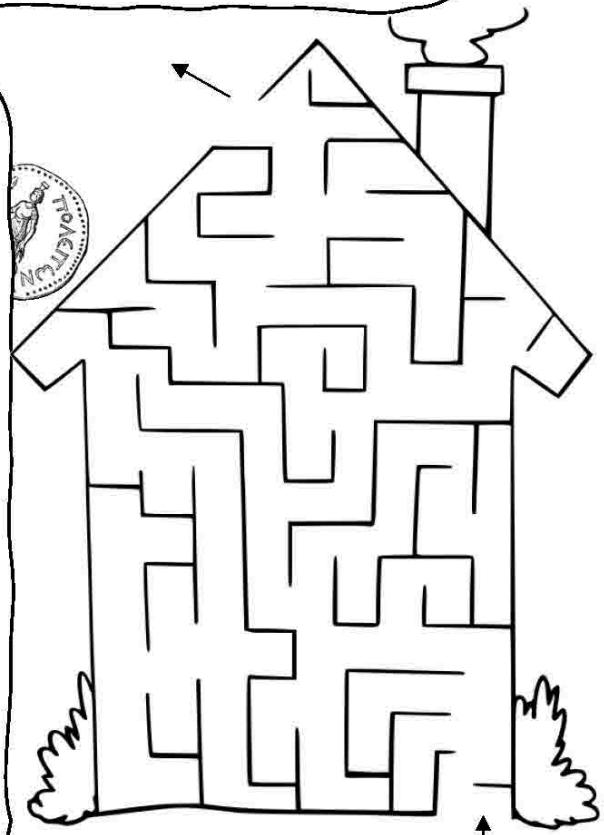


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BREAD  
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DAILY  
DIVIDED

DOCTRINE  
FELLOWSHIP  
POSSESSIONS  
PRAYERS  
SAVED

SIGNS  
STEADFASTLY  
TOGETHER  
WONDERS



Find your way through the maze from the bottom to the top

Answer: There are 8 coins hidden on the page

