

Explore It FOR LEADERS



TRUST IN CHRIST

Acts 2:42-47 The believers share

Each child will need:

→ Pens/pencils and paper

You will need:

- Your corps/church leaders if possible – see Action It section
- An image of the cross
- Images of your corps/church activities (optional)

Start It

Play a game of reverse charades. Use the chat to share with everyone the word to be acted out, except for one person who will be the guesser. The word is acted out for the guesser by everyone at the same time. Give points for creative acting.

You could play the game with a range of actions, and then a game focused on ways we worship and serve Jesus using words such as: sing, act, listen, pray, share, read, give, help.

Sing It

This song was written during the first lockdown. When life is confusing or we're starting to worry, we can have hope and trust in God, because we know he's always by our side.

'Hope' by Allstars Kids Club (3 mins 50 secs)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_t5xitQjlc

Tell It

● **Say:** This week our story takes place after Jesus has returned to Heaven and he has sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Ask: How do you think the disciples felt knowing they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

Video

Watch *Kid Bible Story: Early Church* by Crossroads Kids' Club (1 min 46 secs)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F034m5Xa_8

Bible reading

Read Acts 2:42-47 (NLT). You may wish to screen share.

'All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshipped

together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.'

Discuss:

- I wonder what miracles and wonders the disciples did.
- I wonder how they felt selling their property and possessions.
- I wonder what the disciples' worship was like.
- I wonder why sharing food is repeated in so many stories of Jesus and his followers.
- I wonder why these things were important to the disciples.
- I wonder which of these things are important to us.
- I wonder what helped the disciples keep their faith and trust in Jesus.
- I wonder how you show trust in Jesus today.

Action It

Ask:

- Do some of the things the disciples did then sound familiar to things you do today as a follower of Jesus?
- Are there things they did that you don't?
- Are there ways you worship, pray, talk about and share Jesus which are different?

🗨️ **Say:** The way we worship, meet and share about Jesus has changed in the last year.

Ask: How has it been different for you?

Discussion

Have a discussion with children and leaders about what the future looks like and what is important.

You might choose to use questions such as:

- What have you missed?
- What are you looking forward to?
- Is there anything you are worried about?
- Are there things you want to happen which haven't happened in the past?

Drawing

Children could draw an image of your corps/church building, the local roads, places they go to and their home, and write and draw on them the things they and others share.

Pray It

Screen share an image of a cross. Ask children to share what the cross means to them.

🗨️ **Say:** The cross is the most well-known symbol of Christianity and a reminder of Jesus' death for us. We should keep Jesus at the centre of all we do.

Around the cross, if you have some, place images of activities and things your corps/church does and particularly those involving children. You could also place words.

As you pray, children could circle/write the things they are thankful for, the things they are hopeful for, the things they are worried about.

Explore It

Remember to send home the Explore It (For Me) and Explore It (Together) ideas for children and families.