

Chew Chew Snacks



DAY 5



BIBLE POINT

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Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Bible Story: The church is united. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

Bible Verse: “Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”
(John 15:12)

Consider This...

- ▶ The book of Psalms mentions prayer more than 60 times—more than any other section of Scripture. The book of Acts comes in second, recording the importance and occurrence of prayer about 34 times. Clearly, the early church relied on prayer for hope, communion, healing, provision, and unity. Communication with God became a critical part of their community.
- ▶ Scholars believe that the early church probably met in Solomon's Colonnade, a porch along the inner side of the Temple wall.
- ▶ Many of the first Christians came from Jewish backgrounds, meaning they probably already followed God's command to give to the poor (Deuteronomy 15:4-8). Uniting and caring for others may have been a natural connection with their faith family.
- ▶ Acts 4:33 records the great power with which the apostles testified about Jesus' resurrection. It's likely this refers to a boldness given by the Holy Spirit but might also indicate that their life of unity and joy became a powerful witness to those around them.
- ▶ While Acts shines a light on the rapid growth of the early church (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31; 21:20), in a city of around 200,000 people, they still represented a minority of the population. This small band of believers needed to stick together and support each other!



Why It Matters...

Is your child like or unlike the early Christians? Why? Do they have a heart to serve, share, and bear one another's heartaches? What would happen if kids today had the same spirit of that first faith family? What would the church of tomorrow look like? You have the opportunity to create in your child a passion for sharing Jesus' love in powerful and practical ways! With Jesus' power, we can transform tomorrow's faith community into an environment of belonging, sharing, caring, and community. Today, help your child discover how Jesus' power can help them be faithful friends who truly care for each other.

SUPPLIES

- ▶ graham crackers
- ▶ strawberries
- ▶ blueberries
- ▶ clementines
- ▶ whipped topping



TODAY'S TREAT GOOD FRIEND FRUIT PIZZA



Chew on this!

It's awesome to see how we can help each other right now and think of how we can be a good friend to others. A good friend has lots of good qualities that together make them someone wonderful you want to be around. They might be kind, helpful, and trustworthy. In the same way our fruit pizza has lots of good fruits and together they make something wonderful.

Remember

In today's special Bible verse, John 15:12, Jesus says, "Love each other in the same way I have loved you." **Jesus' power helps us be good friends! (*Trust Jesus!*)**

Pray

Dear God, we thank you for being our friend that loves us no matter what. Help us to be a good friend to others and share your love with them. Amen.

Build it!

Build a fruit pizza on a graham cracker. Spread whipped topping and add any choice of fruit on top.



Alternate Snack Tracks

- ▶ Friendship snack mix: could use goldfish, cheerios, chocolate chips, raisins
- ▶ Friendship fruit salad
- ▶ Friendship vegetable salad