

# Christians Care for One Another

## Acts 2:42-47

Today's Bible passage is all about the first Christians in the early church. After Jesus went back to heaven, his disciples began to teach people about Jesus. More and more people came to believe in Jesus, so the early church grew bigger and bigger. The Bible tells us how these first Christians in the early church treated one another. The Bible passage, Acts 2:42-47, tells us how these first Christians in the early church treated one another. It takes place not long after Jesus went back to heaven.

**Gather some blankets and your bibles and invite everyone to get comfortable. Let's read and look into this Bible passage and imagine we're Christians in the early church!**

Read aloud Acts 2:42-47:

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

**What do you think the Bible is telling us?** The apostles were teaching the people all about Jesus and how much he loves us. They were being nice and friendly to one another and they ate together and prayed together.

*"Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common."*

**What do you think the Bible is telling us?** The apostles had been given power by God, and they told everyone that their power came from God. That way, more and more people believed in Jesus. And all the believers in Jesus had everything in common, which means that they shared what they had with one another.

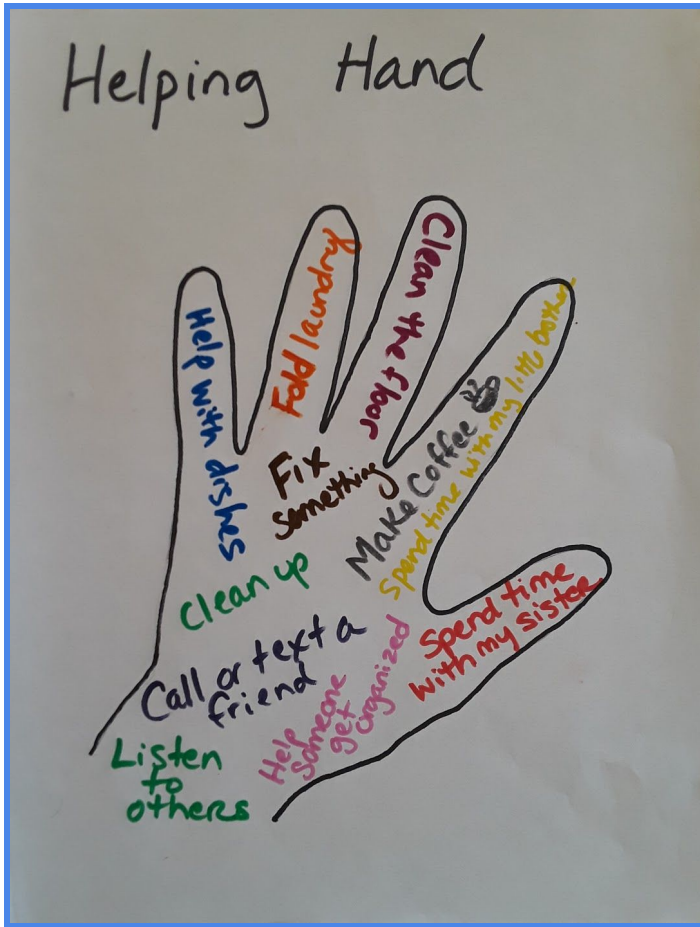
*"Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

**What do you think the Bible is telling us?** Jesus wants us to care for others and share what we have. God wants us to tell others about Jesus. When we believe in Jesus, he forgives our sins, and we can live with him forever.

Now we know how the first Christians cared for one another. This bible passage tells us they cared a lot for each other. But what about today? It can be as true today as it was in the early church. God's family takes care of each other.

## How can we care for one another?

**Let's make a Helping-Hands Craft!**



SUPPLIES: paper, markers

Everyone gets a piece of paper. Help each other to trace one hand on their paper.

Now think about how you could help others this week. How can you help your family? What can you do to help others?

Then write your ideas in your handprint and choose one of these helping things to do this week. God is happy when we care for others!

**Here are some ideas:**

Help around the house: fold laundry, help with doing dishes, take out the garbage

Help cook a meal

Listen to others

Clean up your room

Wave hello to others

Check on a friend: text, email, or call

Write a letter

Help someone with their homework

Help fix something