

## Lesson 128: Christians Care for One Another

[Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/BndzEmwRm04>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/K4mMpNfTDzo>

**Worship Theme:** God wants us to care for one another.

**Memory Verse:** "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. To Dwell In Unity <https://youtu.be/8K1SSE4KGYM>
2. Go And Make Disciples [https://youtu.be/\\_VLCbTBViyY](https://youtu.be/_VLCbTBViyY)
3. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Game: "Passing the Ball"

Materials Needed: 2 balls, round fruit

1. Divide the children into to 2 groups. Help each group to stand in one lone line with their legs apart.
2. The first child will roll the ball through the legs of all the children.
3. The last child will grab the ball and run to the front of the line and roll the ball through the legs of the children. Repeat this until everyone had a chance to play.
4. The first group to finish the cycle wins the game.
5. After the game, explain to the children that the cooperation was very important to play this game. In the same way, we need to cooperate and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



### Introduction:

God created everything that we see - trees, birds, animals, river, flowers, and many other beautiful things. God also put people in our lives who cares for us and help us grow. And God also wants to use us to help other people! Let's learn about how the disciples cared for each other after Jesus ascended into heaven!

### Bible Story:

After Jesus died, resurrected, and ascended into heaven, the apostles and all believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were brave about telling others about Jesus and how people can be saved by believing Jesus who died on the cross for them and came back to life! The disciples and many believers of Jesus also took care of each other. How did they take care of each other?

Acts 2:42 tells us that they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching. We can learn more about God by reading the bible, but the Christians at this time did not have the New Testament. So, they learned more about God through the teachings of the apostles. The apostles taught the Christians so that they could grow in God.

Acts 2:42 also tells us that they had fellowship, broke bread, and prayed together. This means they were good friends and ate together and talked to God together. Do you spend time with other Christians and pray together? God wants Christians to care for one another by spending time with each other.

Acts 2:43 says that "everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles." God is powerful and he can do amazing things through us. God did amazing things through the apostles and other Christians and many people began to learn about the awesome God.

Acts 2:44-46 explains to us that all the Christians shared everything that they had so that everyone had enough to eat and could get things that they needed. The Christians really took care of one another. Are you good at sharing your things with others?

Acts 2:47 says that everyone always praised God. When the people praised God, they told God how wonderful he truly is and how much they loved him. When people outside of the church saw how all Christians took good care of each other and the wonderful things happening in church, they wanted to join the church and become believers too! The bible says that “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” This is great news!

Let us love and take care of each other in church and in our lives so that we can encourage more people to join church and become saved. Remember that God loves us and wants us to show this love to others!

### Questions to discuss:

1. What are some things that the believers in early church do to show that they care for each other? (learned about God, had fellowship, ate together, prayed together, shared everything, praised God)
2. What are some things that your church can do to show that you care for each other? (let the children answer)
3. What are some things that you can do to show that you care for each other? (let the children answer)

### Game: “Christian Care for One Another”

Materials Needed: Papers

1. Divide the children into two groups and have each group stand in one line.
2. Everyone in the group must step on two different papers.
3. When the game starts, the last person will lift one foot and pass their paper to the leader in the front. Then the leader will place the paper on the ground and everyone moves forward to reach the end of the classroom.
4. If anyone in the group steps on the ground (and not the paper), they lose the game.
5. The first team to reach the end of the classroom by passing their paper will win the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that just as we had to be patient and help each other to play this game, we need to always be patient and help people in our lives.



### Memory Verse:

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### Craft: “Christians Love One Another”

1. Print the craft sheet and give to each child.
2. Color and decorate the image.
3. Fold the paper along the dotted line and cut out the image
4. Open the paper and write “Love One Another” in the heart.
5. Remind the children that Christians should care for one another.



**Song:** Select songs from the list above

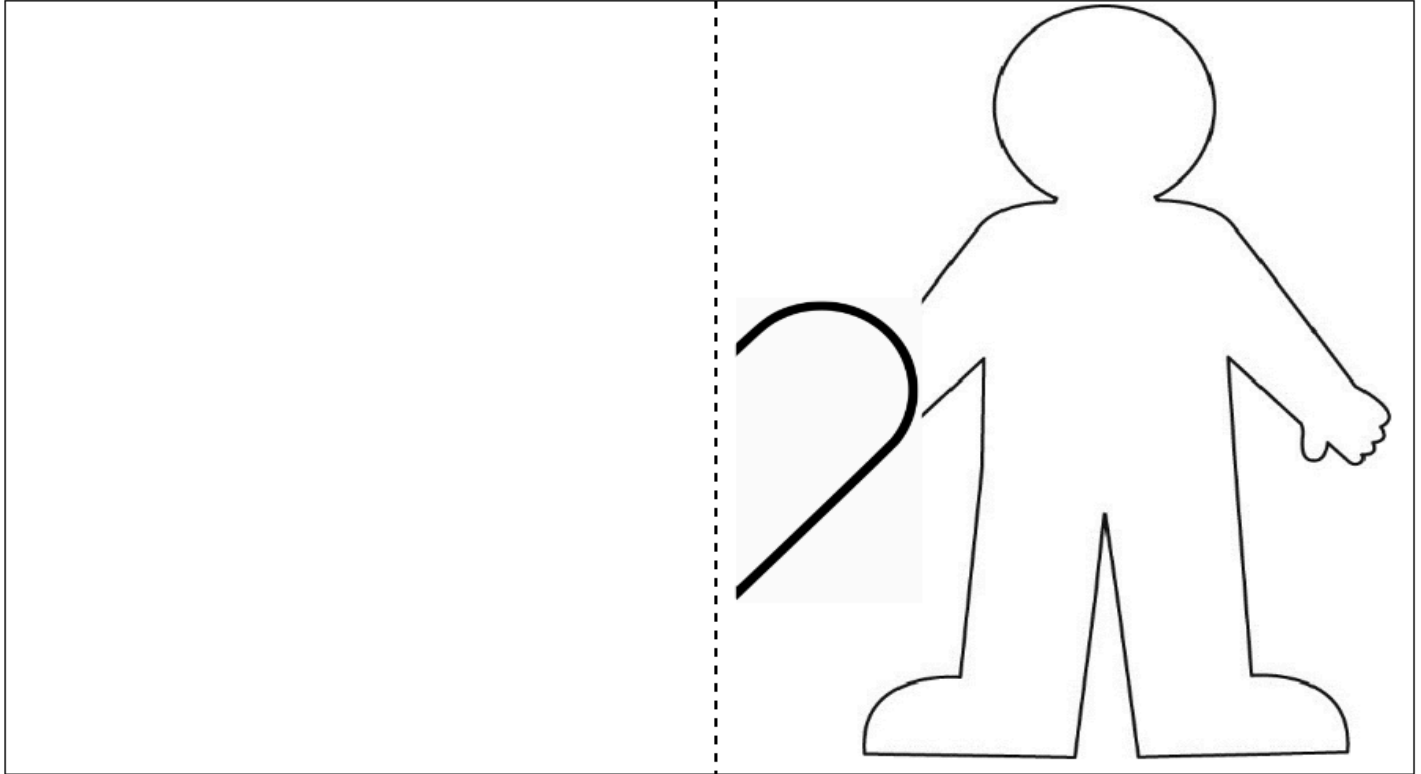
### Pray

#### Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

It’s impossible to grow in faith—or help others come to faith—without the influence of Christian community and genuine love for others. Take a moment to read and reflect on Psalm 23. Read slowly, pausing after each phrase. What kind of life is the psalmist describing? This is the life Jesus offers you and everyone you know! How can you simplify your relationships with Jesus and others, focusing on what Jesus wants? Our relationships with other Christians should reflect our relationship with Jesus.

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