



**The People Are the Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 2:42-47**

*During the Easter season the Old Testament readings are replaced with selections from the Book of Acts. We hear about the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord so that we too may know how to proclaim the good news of Jesus with similar joy and conviction.*

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Lord, fill our hearts with awe and wonder at your power to change our lives and make them better. Amen

**The Story:** Acts 2:42-47- Story Telling Options

- Tell the story from reading it from your bible (be sure it is age appropriate)
- Watch this [video](#)
- Use this short Story

What an exciting time to be a follower of Jesus! The people that Peter baptized were so happy and full of joy. No one had to be lonely or afraid or hungry anymore. Every day the new followers went to the Temple together to pray. They studied with the apostles to learn more about Jesus. Everyone shared everything they had. If someone had a lot of extra things he would sell them, so that the community could buy food and clothes for the poor. Many neighbors and friends would share meals together where they would remember what Jesus did and said in his life on earth and especially at the Last Supper. This is something like what we do at communion on Sunday. Every day and in every way they praised God and showed their gratitude for Jesus by trying to live good lives. Peter and the other eleven apostles were filled the power of God's Holy Spirit. They were able to heal people and do other amazing signs and wonders that pointed to God's awesomeness. Everyone who saw them was filled with awe or fear. Every day the Lord brought more people into the community of followers of Jesus. A church is not a building. It is the people who pray, worship and work for God together. This church was growing.

- Read from the International Children's Bible

They spent their time learning the apostles' teaching. And they continued to share, to break bread,<sup>[a]</sup> and to pray together.<sup>43</sup> The apostles were doing many miracles and signs. And everyone felt great respect for God. <sup>44</sup> All the believers stayed together. They shared everything. <sup>45</sup> They sold their land and the things they owned. Then they divided the money and gave it to those people who needed it. <sup>46</sup> The believers met together in the Temple every day. They all had the same purpose. They broke bread in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. <sup>47</sup> They praised God, and all the people liked them. More and more people were being saved every day; the Lord was adding those people to the group of believers.



### Discussion

During this time when we are unable to gather together in the church building, we need to understand that we are still the church! Explain to your child the ways we can be the church without actually going to a church building. What are you doing as a family? Are you watching services online to pray and worship together, attending Zoom Sunday school, helping your family or neighbors, praying for those sick or in need? When the people work together to pray and serve each other, we are better together! We are the church.

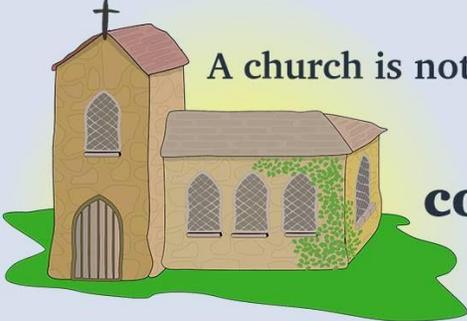
### Activity



Using the Be the Church BINGO sheet provided, try to get a BINGO this week and submit to Ms. Brielle at [ceckids@cctx.org](mailto:ceckids@cctx.org). These types of activities are ways that we can be the church, without going to church. Use the FREE space to come up with your own ways to be the church.

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

*Read More: Acts 2:42-47*



**A church is not just a building.  
It's a community.**

talk amen



## Be the Church

**B I N G O**

Sing or listen to your favorite worship song	Play outside	Write a kind note to a teacher	Pray for those who are alone	Help prepare a meal
Do a chore without being asked	Create driveway chalk art	Pray for the sick	Leave a secret kind note	Call a family member or friend
Watch online church	Make someone laugh	<b>FREE</b>	Tell someone your favorite Bible story	Pray for those who are scared
Make a card or art for someone	Pray for teachers	Attend Zoom Sunday School	Find a butterfly that represents new life in Jesus	No complaining for one day
Pray for doctors	Do something for someone in need	Compliment someone	Go on a scavenger hunt looking at God's creation	Learn something new

When you complete your BINGO be sure to email Ms. Brielle at [ceckids@cctx.org](mailto:ceckids@cctx.org).  
Send pictures of some of your BINGO activities and we will share them in our Gallery!