

# Together @ Home

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Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together what is most important in life: the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Read the story together--choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the "Good News" of the Gospel: that you love us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to show us that love through His life, death, and resurrection.

Thank you that through Your forgiveness and grace we can have a way to be with You forever.

Help us to share this Good News with others, that they, too, would come to know Your love and grace.

Amen.

## Discussion

Questions to talk about together:

*Q: What does the word gospel mean?*

Literally, the word "gospel" means "Good news!" The early Christians in Corinth had become confused about what was most important in life. In 1 Corinthians 15:1 Paul reminds them of what he had already taught them and what they had already received: The Gospel!

*Q: What are some examples of "good news" that you have heard about?*

*Q. What is the Good News of Jesus?*

Jesus came to show us God's love through His life, death, and resurrection (coming back to life).

*Q: Why is this "good news"?*

In 1 Corinthians 15:2a it says, "By it we are saved!"

*Q: What does it mean to be saved?*

It means you are rescued from something dangerous! God is holy and perfect and our wrongdoings (sin) separates us from God. But if we choose to believe in Jesus and follow Him, we can be with God forever!

## Family Activity

In today's Children's Message we discussed how even though Paul had once persecuted Jesus' followers, after he encountered Jesus and received God' forgiveness and grace, God was able to use Paul to tell others about Jesus.

Use the instructions on page 4 to create a recycled bird feeder like the one discussed in today's Children's Message. More examples can be found on page 5.



## A verse to remember

### 1 Corinthians 15 v 10

**But God's grace has made me what I am, and his grace to me was not wasted. I worked harder than all the other apostles. (But it was not I really; it was God's grace in me.)**



To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

## Family Activity--Discuss the Apostle's Creed

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 contains the core of what Christians have believed for over 2,000 years: that Christ has died, was buried, and rose again. This idea is central to something called the Apostle's Creed--a statement of beliefs thought to be written by early Christians (maybe even the first Apostles) that many churches around the world say each week during worship.

As you read the Apostle's Creed (printed in **bolded** sections below), discuss the *italicized* questions:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Why do you think the first part of the Creed deals with belief in God?*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does the Apostle's Creed say about Jesus? Circle the words from 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

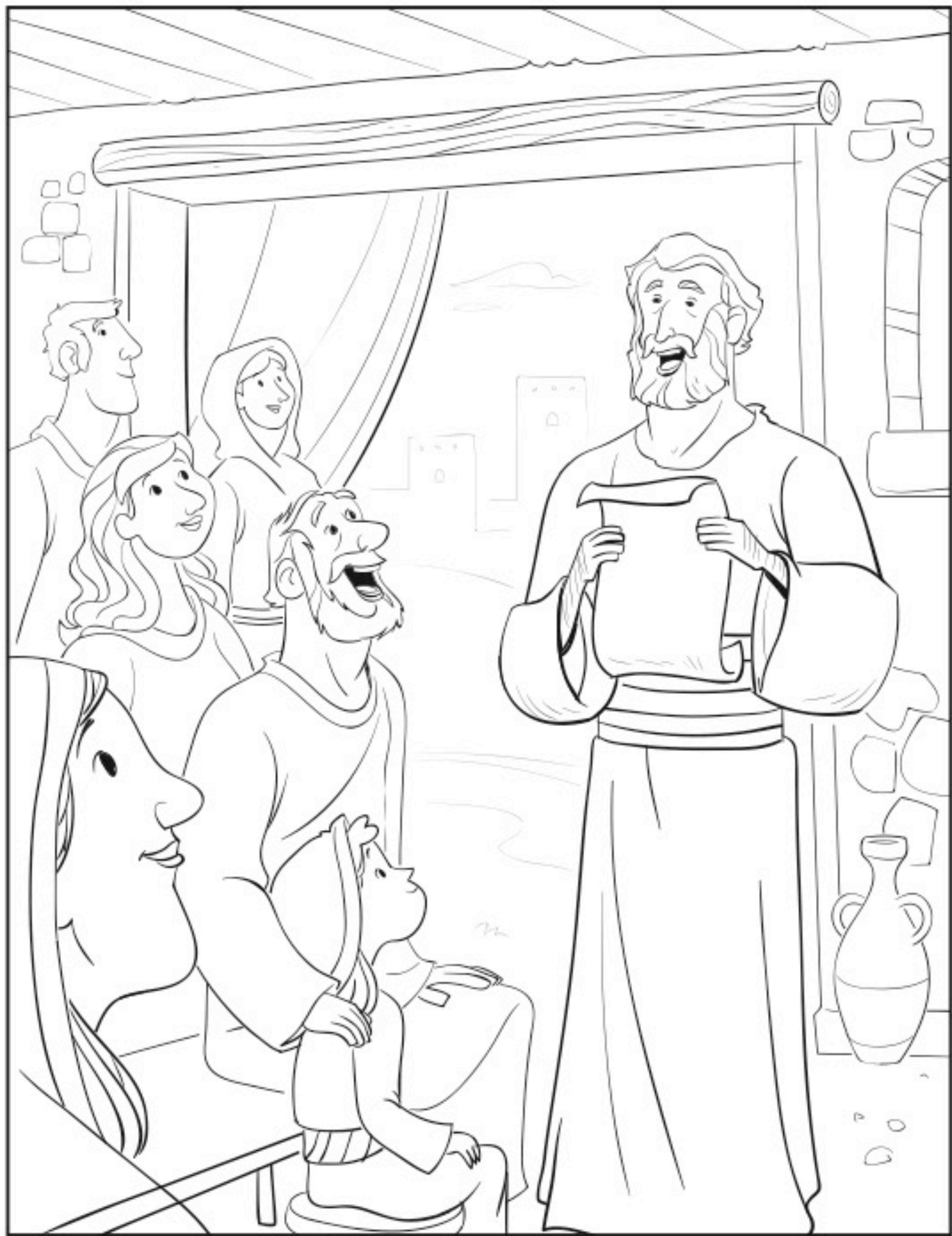
*There are several statements to discuss in this final section:*

*Who is the Holy Spirit? (The third person in the Trinity that is within every believer)*

*What is the Church? (The community of believers around the world and across time--not a building)*

*\*Note that the word "catholic" used in the Apostle's Creed means "universal."*

*The last three lines discuss "forgiveness of sin, resurrection, and life everlasting." When we choose to believe in Jesus (2nd section) and ask God for forgiveness for our wrongs (sin) then we will be able to live forever with God.*





# how to make a **RECYCLED** bird feeder



## Materials

- Empty Milk or Juice Carton
- Scissors
- Pencil/wooden dowel/chopstick/skewer
- Ribbon/Yarn/Twine
- Paint (optional)
- Permanent Markers, stickers, etc. for decorating (optional)

## Instructions

1. **Wash Out Your Milk Carton**  
Squirt a little soap into your milk carton, add warm water, and shake. Rinse out the carton until it's no longer soapy and let dry.
2. **Paint the Bird Feeder (optional)**  
Use any non-toxic craft paint to paint the outside of your carton. Let dry. Add a second coat if needed. Let dry. You may also wish to spray with a clear protective coat.
3. **Cut an Opening in the Carton\***  
Using scissors or a utility knife, cut a large "window" at least one each from the bottom of the carton.
4. **Poke a hole below the window and insert pencil/skewer/dowel to create a "perch"**
5. **Poke holes through the top side of the carton and insert string/ribbon/ twine for hanging.**
6. **Fill bottom of the bird feeder with birdseed and hang outside.**

*\* When working with sharp objects, always ask an adult for help\**

