

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Early Believers

from Acts 2:43-47, 4:32-37.



Easter 4

#### God's people are one big loving family.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Early believers
- Miracles
- Food
- Prayer
- Clothes

Biblical scholars believe that the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts were written by the same person. Together those two books tell the story of Jesus and then his first followers as they became the Christian Church. The stories in both Luke and Acts emphasize caring for others, being generous, sharing life together, and living in community.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 504-505

*Spark Bible* pages 1206, 1208

#### Family Prayer

Say this prayer while your family gathers around a family Bible.

**Thank you, God, for all that you have given us.  
Give us generous hearts that we may share all  
you have given so that everyone has enough.  
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What does it feel like to have enough of all that you need?
- 2 When do you like to share things? When is it hard to share?
- 3 What does it mean to be generous?
- 4 Create a "Family Tree" that includes all of the people in your family's life. Make branches for friends and neighbors, service workers, teachers, and church workers. See how big that tree can get when you add everyone in. What would it be like to bring all of those people together?



#### Eye Spark

When you see a lot of something, think about how that can be shared with someone who doesn't have much.



#### Ear Spark

When you hear somebody talking about Jesus, share what you know about Jesus and God, too!

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## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Designate a spot in your home where you can collect things in a Share Box. Perhaps you'll choose some food for a food shelf, some outgrown clothing, or a few favorite toys and books. Set this collection spot up so that it is easy to fill the Share Box and drop it off at the places where the things can be used.

### For younger kids

Go through your toys and find some to pass on. They might be favorite toys, they might be toys you don't play with anymore, or they might be toys that you have more than one of. Find a place to share them!

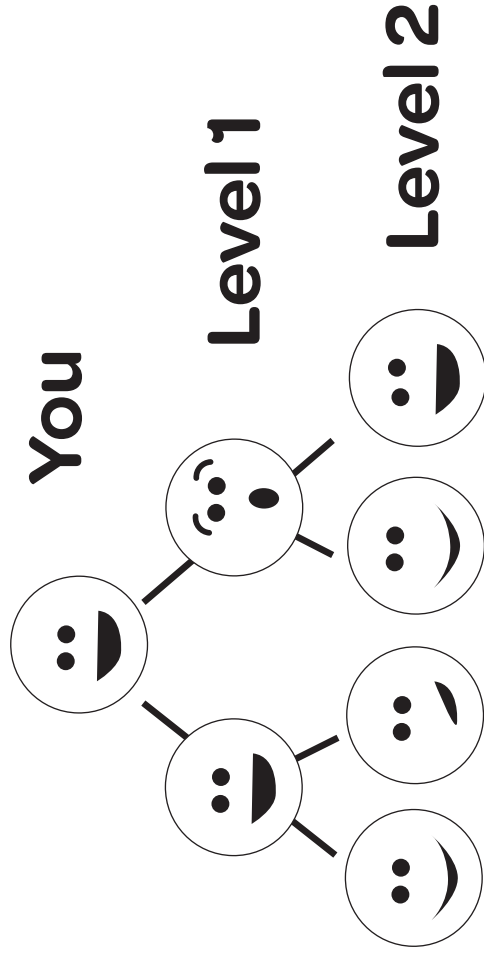
### For older kids

Organize a kid-garage sale or stand to sell lemonade or cookies. Donate the money to an organization that helps out those who need a little extra help. If you describe the organization on your sign, you'll probably get more donations!



# Multiplied Believers

If there was one disciple preaching in a town, and he told two people, and each of them told two people, and so on, the believers in Christ would grow at an amazing rate! The first two levels have been done for you. If you say that each person tells two other people, how many believers would there be after the 6th level? If everybody in your class told two people, how many people would know?

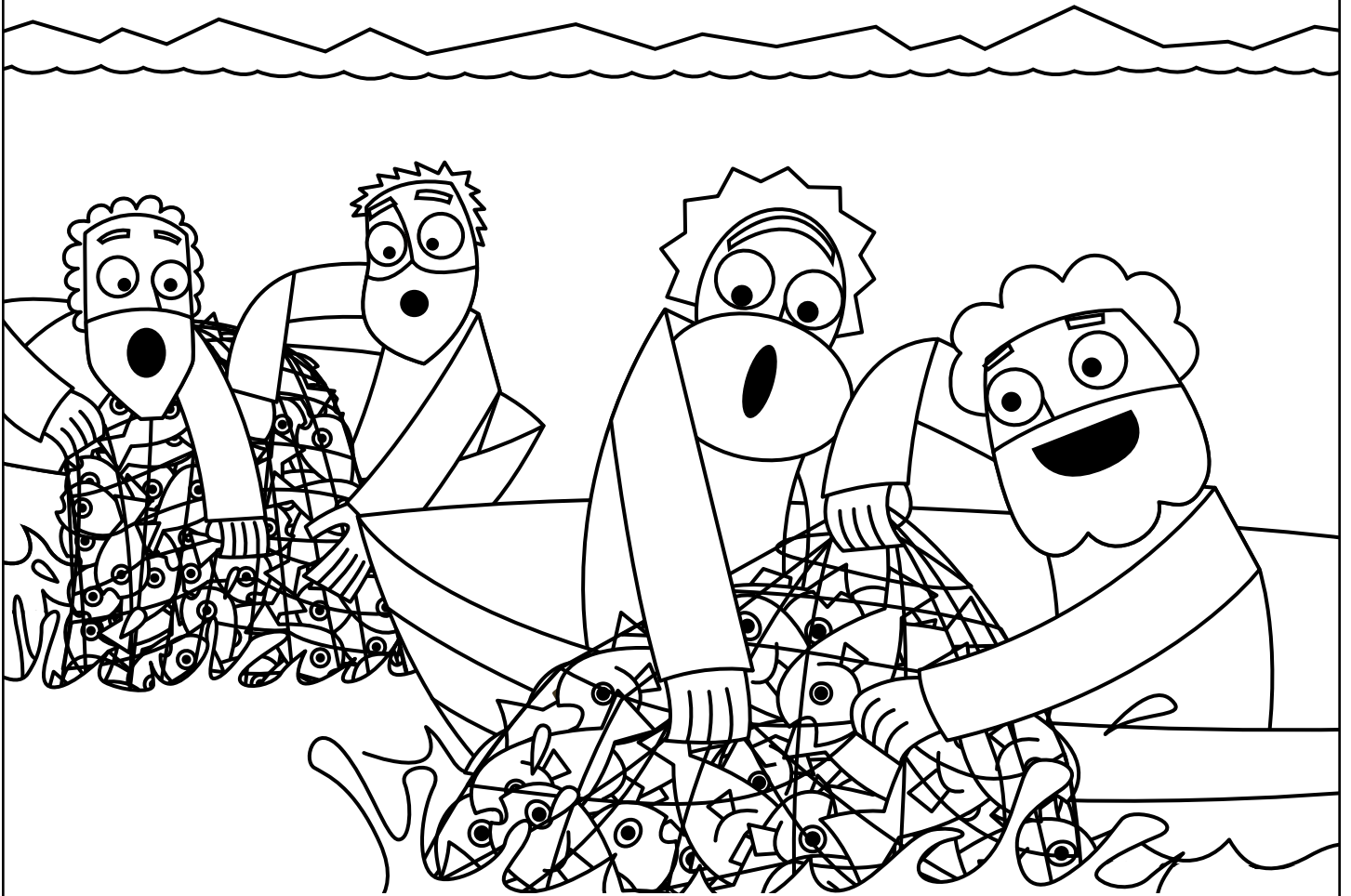


# Early Believers



The early believers were great at sharing.

# Jesus Calls Disciples



Jesus filled the fishermen's nets with fish and told them, "God's miracles are for EVERYONE!" What other miracles has Jesus performed?