

# Early Believers

## Lesson 3 in the Spark Family Magazine

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, the community of Christians grew and grew. Many of the early Christians lived together, sharing all that they had and making sure that no one needed anything. When others saw the way that the early believers lived, they too believed in Jesus and decided to join with them.



Martin Luther says, “God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and live a godly life on earth now and in heaven forever.” God’s Spirit came to us at our baptism. Now we are called to seek a godly life.

Read the story about the early believers from your Spark Story Bible on page 504. Using a regular Bible, look up Acts chapter 2:43-47 and chapter 4:32-37 in the New Testament. Here is a link to someone reading this story from chapter 4.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=early+believers&docid=608035011353579176&mid=83881B35D9079CF60A9783881B35D9079CF60A97&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Here are some questions and activities to supplement your Spark Family Magazine learning. Remember you can explore these texts without the magazine as well.

1. Discuss the questions What does a godly life mean? What is God calling us to do and how does he call us to live each day?
2. The early Christians supported and helped each other. During this time when we can’t be together at church very much, find some ways to reach out to some of your church friends. Make a phone call, send an email, or write a letter or card. We don’t know how people may be lonely, overwhelmed or sad. Hearing from you may brighten their day. (Call the church office if you need a copy of the church directory!)
3. The early believers met outside the temple and also in people’s homes. There is a song that says “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.” With that in mind, how can you get a group of your church family together safely during this time? Could it be a socially distanced picnic at a park? Could it be a zoom gathering of one or two families?