

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose: With the first Christians at Antioch, we saw a community that loved and cared for one another and was full of faith and joy because of Christ. And the reason this community was so loving was because God's Holy Spirit was with them. God's Spirit is with us today, too. Let's think about this question: How can we let God, through his Spirit, lead us to love others? Prayer is one way that God leads His church! Take time to pray over the nations today!

Supplies Needed:

- Journal or piece of paper (an older person can write for younger children)
- Pen
- Markers or stickers
- Map (online or see below)
- **Optional:** A parent or guardian who can look up information about different countries

Activity:

- On your own, look at the map provided below or a map you might have at home of different countries around the world!
- Take a minute or two to pray. Ask God to reveal to you the country He wants you to pray for this morning and for the rest of the week.
- Put a sticker or a colored star/circle on or around the country you are going to pray for.
- Write down or draw your prayer for that country! Keep this sheet of paper somewhere you can see for the rest of the week and be mindful to pray over this country whenever you can!



Family Activity Elementary

Purpose:

This activity will give you a visual for the scripture found in John 13:35: *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

The first disciples stood out in their culture because of how loving and kind they were. Other people created a name for the disciples because they saw a difference in them: Christians. They were different because they were filled with God's Holy Spirit.

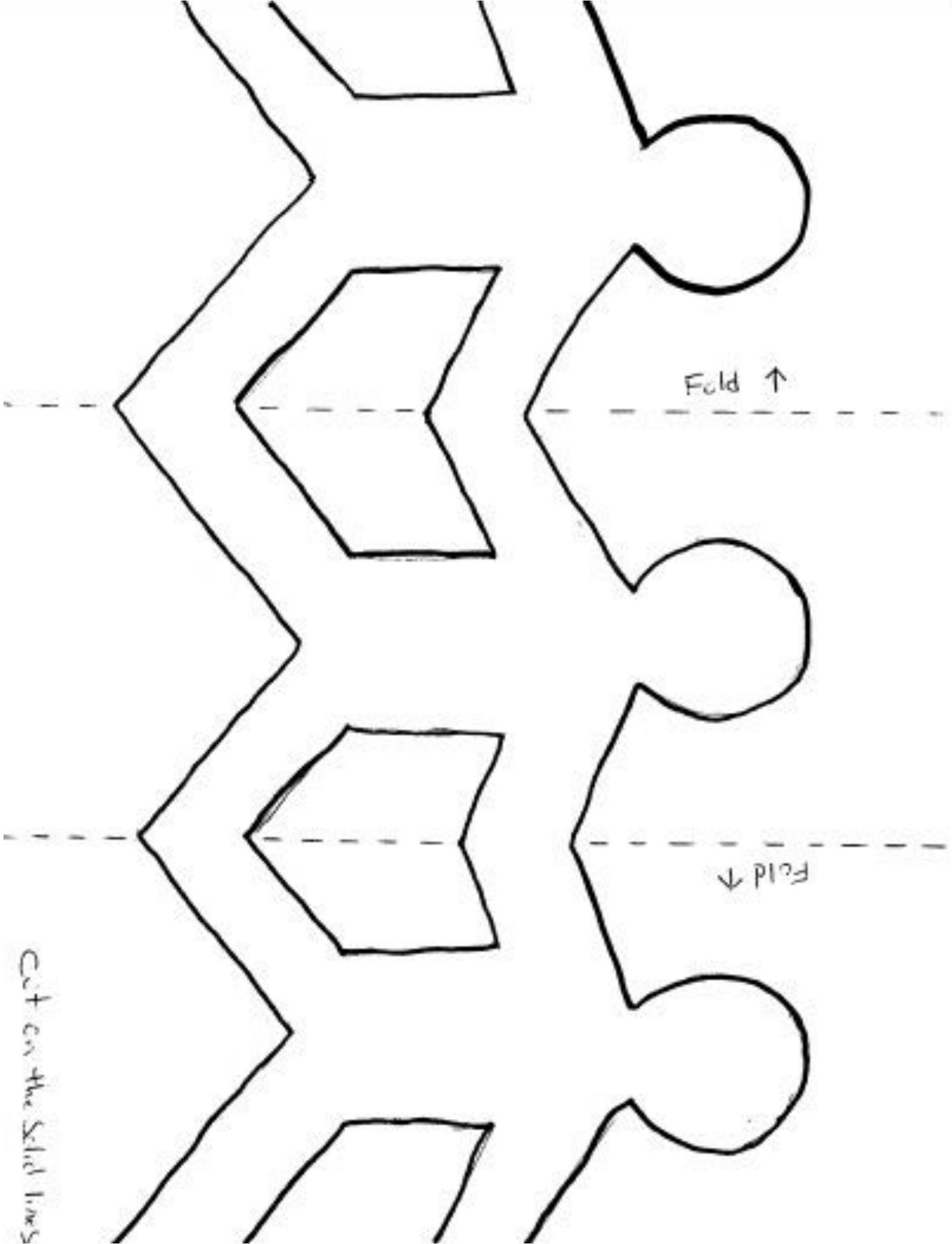
God wants to lead us, as the church, to be His hands and feet in the world. He wants to work through us to serve others. He wants to fill us with His Holy Spirit so that other people will notice and desire to have what we have, which is a relationship with God. God wants all people to know Him. He wants to use you to show His love to the world

Supplies Needed:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Things to decorate people (ex. Markers, crayons, glitter)

Action:

- Go to this link <https://pin.it/3eKDKzY> to see how to make paper dolls holding hands.
- Have the kids write names of people and groups of people on the dolls that they can share God's love to. (ex. Mom, dad, sister, brother, friends, the homeless, the bully at school, people who don't follow Christ, etc.)
- With the help of an adult, if necessary, cut the paper dolls out!
- Have the kids hang their paper dolls somewhere so that they can be reminded that every day God calls them to love one another but not out of their own strength but by the strength of the Holy Spirit.
- We've included a template below. 😊



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Family Discussion

Elementary

God Statement: God Leads His Church

Family Verse: *Psalm 24:4-5* "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior."

Blessing: May you know that you are part of the Body of Christ - the Church! May the Holy Spirit lead and guide you as you follow Jesus. May you use the gifts God has given you to love like Jesus and build His Church.

Discussion Questions: (*Acts 11:19-30*. Encourage children to look up the Verses!)

1. Why did people call the first believers Christians? *Acts 11:26*
(They were called "little Christs" because they were followers of Jesus.)
2. Why did many believers leave Jerusalem? *Acts 11:19*
(They were scattered after the persecution that began following the death of Stephen.)
3. What did the Jerusalem prophet Agabus predict would happen? *Acts 11:28*
(There would be a famine (lack of food) in the entire Roman world.)
4. How did the first Christian Church respond to the prophetic Word? *Acts 11:29-30*
(They gave as much as they were able to help the believers in Jerusalem.)
5. How does God lead the Church today? *1 Corinthians 12* (especially verses 7-11)
6. What is one way you can build Jesus' Church today? (See *Romans 12*)

Prayer Time: Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.