

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

Acts 2:42-47



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## INTRO

Share about a time you witnessed or benefited from an act of kindness that had a big impact on you and inspired you to do the same.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

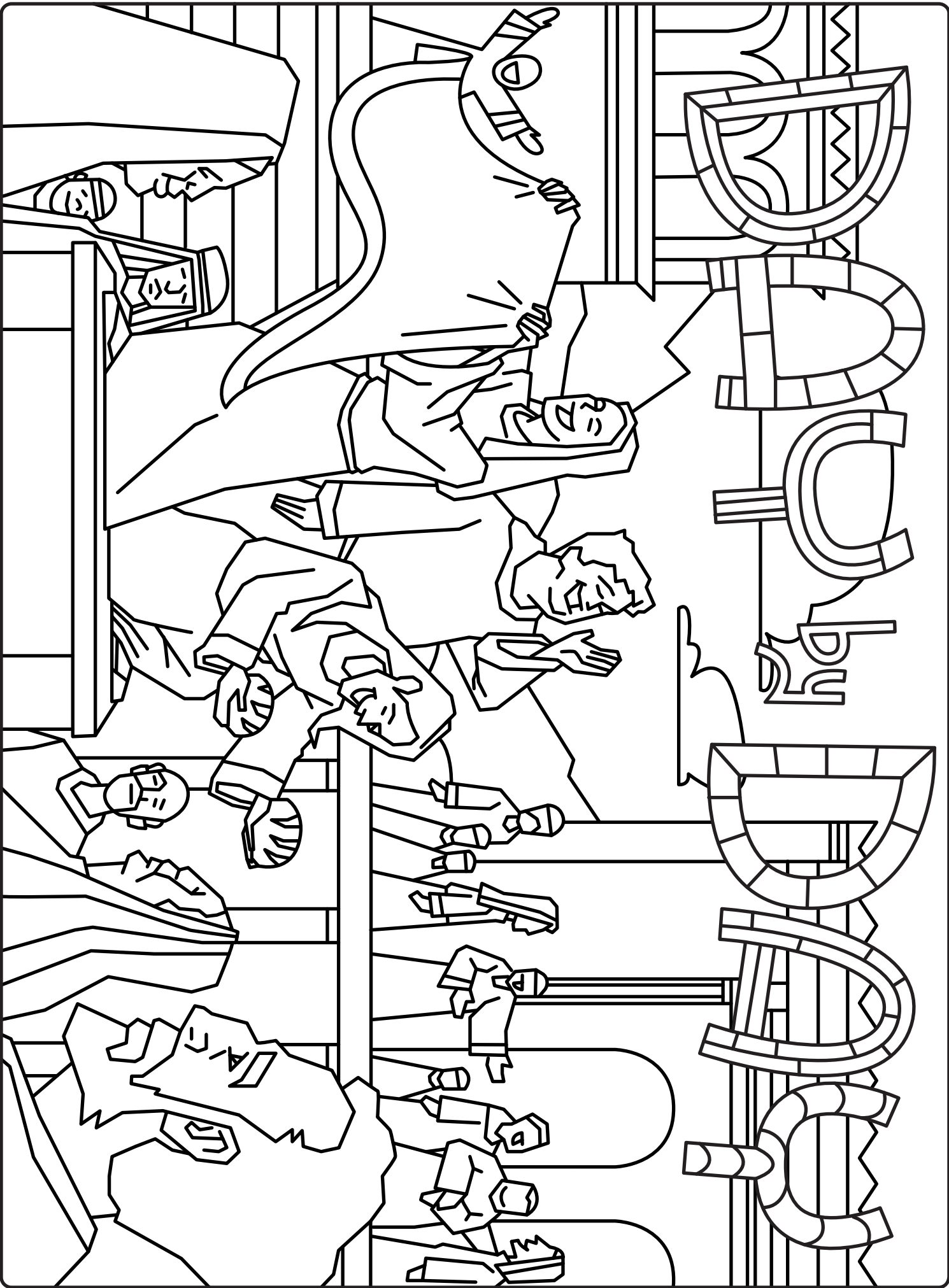
- Can you think of a time you saw someone doing something kind for someone else, or for you? What was it?
- How did it make the other person feel? How did it make you feel?
- Can you think of something kind you saw someone else do which inspired you to do the same?

## WRAP-UP

Explain to the children our scripture for the day is about the early church. People saw all of the good things Jesus did for others, and they were inspired to do good as well. Then other people were inspired by them, and the church grew and grew. Describe some of the kind acts Jesus did for others (i.e., feeding the 5,000, healing the sick, etc.). Show the children the illustration for this morning, and invite them (with help) to name what kind acts are happening in each image. Point out that all these years later, we are inspired by Jesus to help others just like these early Christians were. Invite the children to think of some ways they can follow Jesus' example in their own lives. Explain to them learning something new isn't automatic. We have to practice until it becomes natural to us. Tell them that's what the early church was doing in our story for today, and it's what we can do too. It takes time to notice needs, make the space to respond to them, and practice it again and again, getting better all the while. Invite the children to pray with you as you close.

## PRAAYER

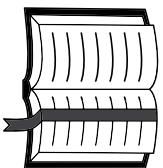
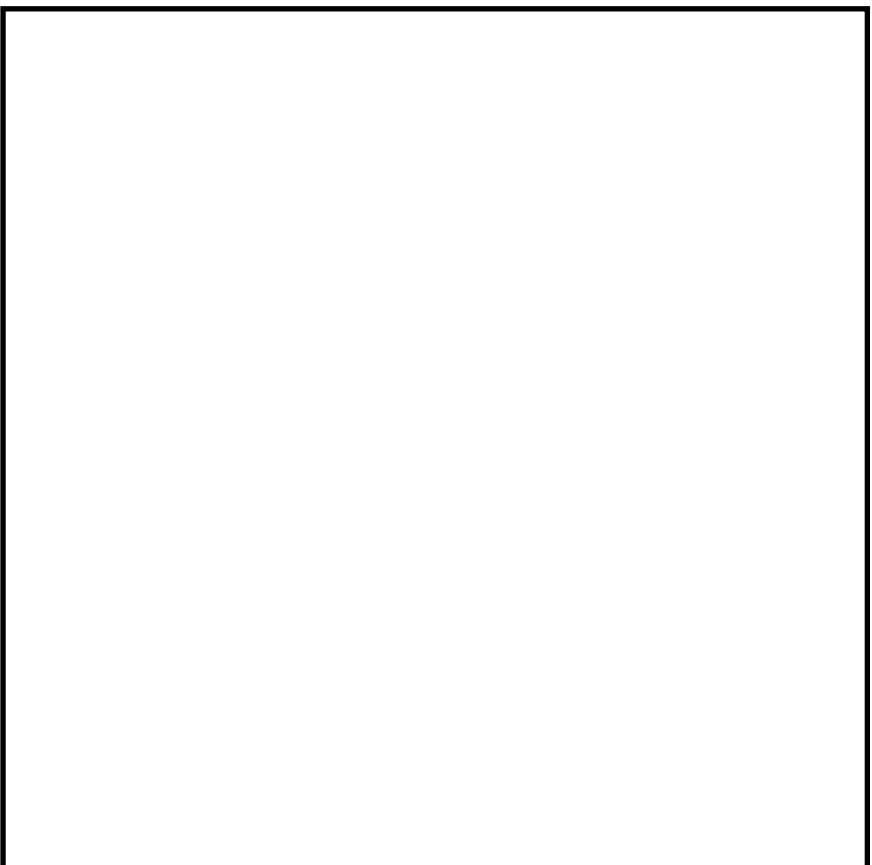
Dear Jesus, thank you for setting such a powerful example of kindness and love. Help us follow your example by helping others and practicing kindness. **Amen.**





# DRAW IT

Can you think of a time you were punished or felt pain for doing something right and good? 1 Peter talks about this, and how Jesus faced that too. Draw your memory of your experience here.



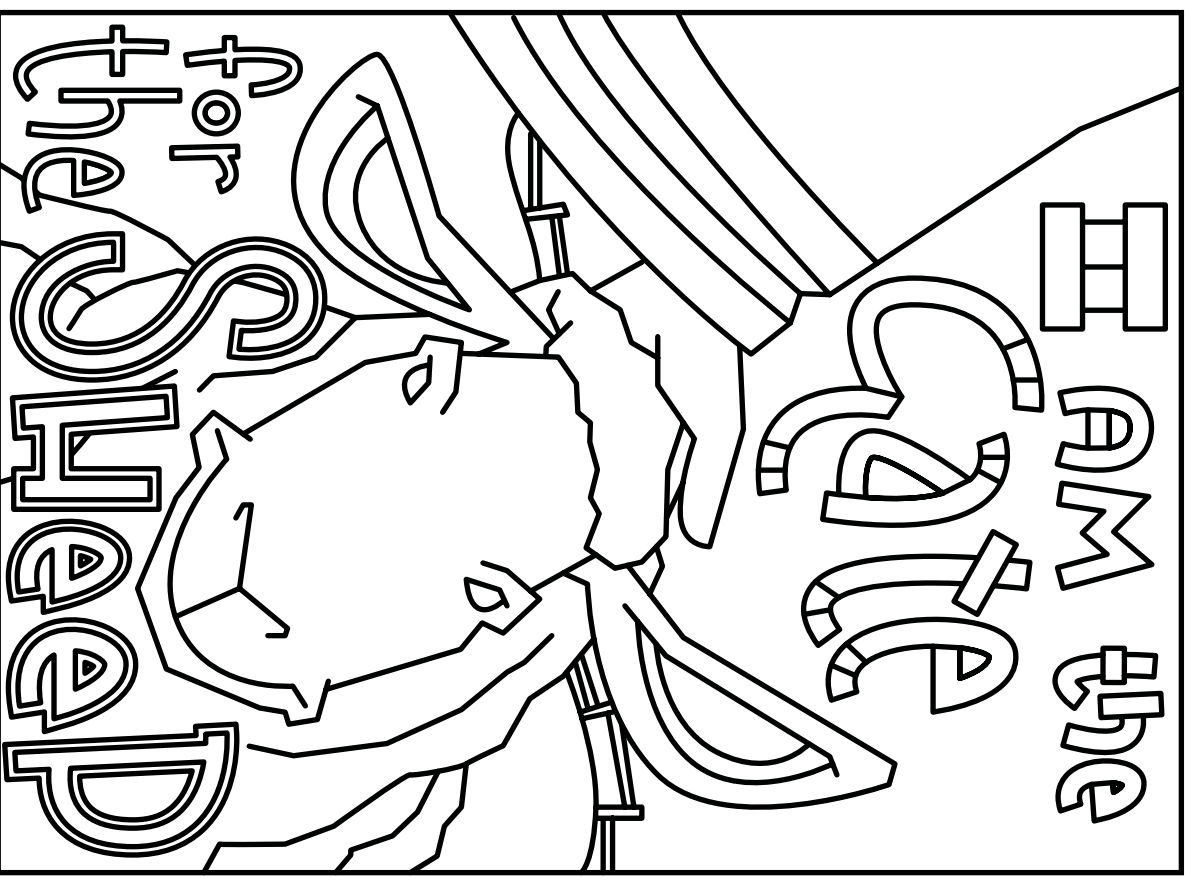
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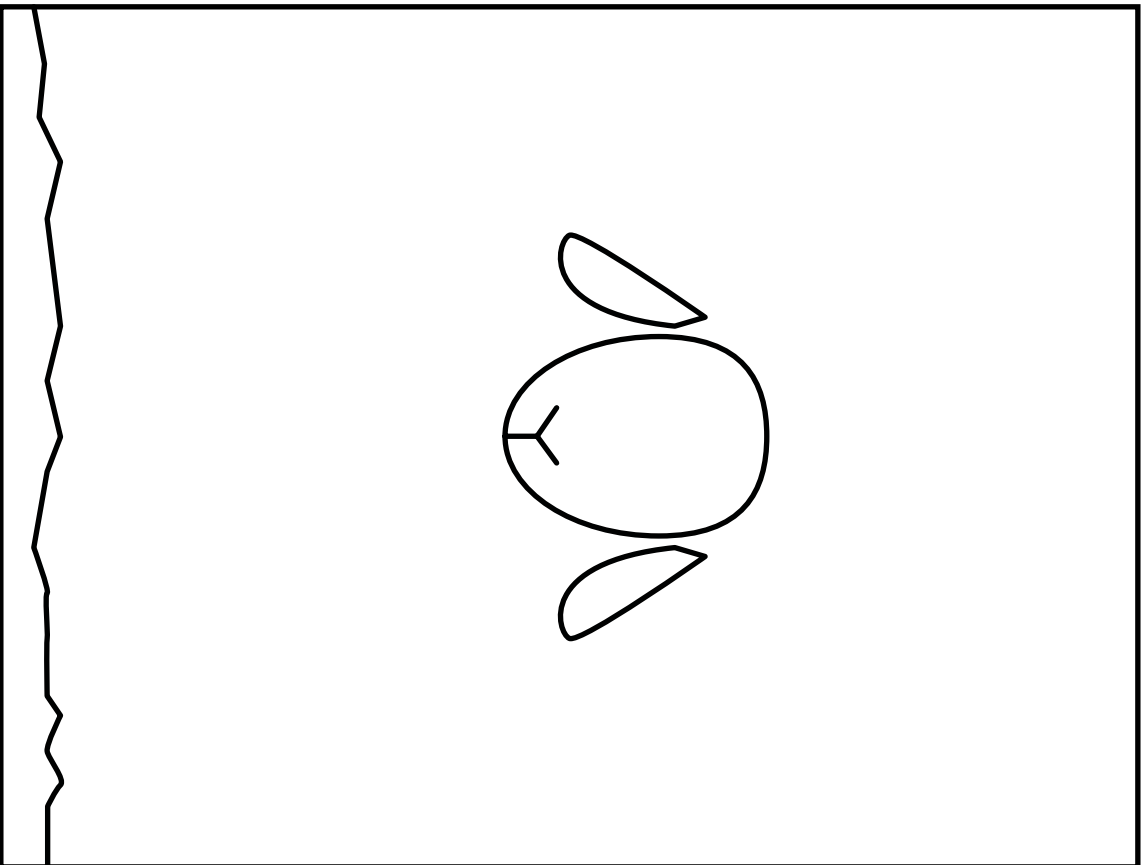
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2:12-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10.



# FINISH the DRAWING

Psalm 23 describes God as a loving Shepherd who takes care of us, protects us, and blesses us. Finish the drawing of the sheep. Inside the sheep, write or draw some ways God takes care of you.



# UNSCRAMBLE IT

How does the book of Acts describe the early Christian community and the way they lived together? Unscramble the words to find out!

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