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# The Early Church , Sharing Everything (Nursery)

*Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37*

**Theme: God's family shares love and cares for each other like a big hug!**

*Nursery (Ages 0-2)*

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Free curriculum for small and rural churches

## Lesson Overview

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Jesus' friends shared everything with each other because they loved Jesus. We can share too. Optional reflection: children can draw a picture of Jesus helping their friends, then share one way they can help someone else this week. This extra activity supports the lesson's theme and gives teachers a simple, lowprep option for extending the discussion.

## Bible Story

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The early church was like a big family that loved God and loved each other. They shared everything, food, clothes, and even their homes, so no one went hungry or cold. Because Jesus died for them, they decided to help everyone who needed it.

## Key Verse

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**Acts 2:44-45 , 'They all shared their things, so no one was left hungry.'**

When we love Jesus, we want to help others just like they helped each other. Sharing is how God's love grows!

## Activities

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### Activity 1: Share & Hug Sensory Bag

Fill a small fabric bag with soft items (e.g., pom-poms, stuffed animals) and let babies/toddlers share and hug their favorites. Discuss how God's family loves to give love and care.

**Supplies needed:**

- *small fabric bag*
- *soft items (pompoms, stuffed animals, scarves)*
- *baby-safe fabric scissors (if cutting items)*
- *pictures of people hugging*

1. Fill the bag with soft, safe items (no small choking hazards).
2. Let each child take turns sharing one item from the bag and hugging it.
3. Say, 'Just like the early church shared love, we share love with friends and family!'

**Activity 2: Love Sharing Craft (Ages 2-4)**

Draw a big heart on paper and let kids color it. Glue on pictures or crayon hearts to represent sharing God's love.

**Supplies needed:**

- *cardstock or paper*
- *crayons/markers*
- *glue sticks*
- *pictures (optional: printed hearts or cut-outs from magazines)*

1. Fold a sheet of paper in half to make a heart shape.
2. Let kids color the heart and glue on pictures of sharing (e.g., a plate of food, a toy, a hug).
3. Read: 'The early church shared food, clothes, and hugs, just like God wants us to share love!'

**Discussion Questions**

- What do you think it feels like to have a big family that shares everything?
- How can we share love with others, even if we don't have much?
- What is one way you can help a friend today?
- Can you share your toys with a friend?
- Can you share your toys with a friend?

**Prayer Focus**

*Thank God for loving families who share and pray that kids will learn to give love too. Ask God to help them remember to share with others.*

**>> Missions Spotlight**

Some children around the world are brave for Jesus. Let's pray for them.

**-> To the Cross**

The early church shared because Jesus died for them and showed them that love means helping others, no matter what!