Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy Fruit Cups: Gather fruit cups, spoons or forks and napkins. Give each child a fruit cup and a spoon. Talk about how fruit cups are popular in food banks and food pantries because they don't need to be refrigerated.

Older Children

Create Food Banks: Provide shoeboxes or other small boxes, scissors, scrapbook paper or construction paper, glue sticks and markers. Encourage children to work together to create banks to put around the church. Cover the boxes with paper and make signs asking for donations to support your church's (or local) food pantry. Talk about how food banks and food pantries will use these donations to give food to people who don't have enough to eat.

All Ages

Stock the Pantry: *Option 1:* If your church has a food pantry, help sort food or put it into bags. *Option 2:* Stock the Pantry Relay Race: Gather canned goods and two baskets. Divide the class into two teams, with a set of canned goods and a basket for each team. In this relay race, children will pass the canned goods, one at a time, over and under to the person closest to the basket, who will put it in. Then, they will go to the back of the line, grab the next canned good, and start passing it. The first team to finish wins!

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Acts 2:42–47

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Session Outline

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "Have you ever had an idea that seemed too big to do?"

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the Story, "Turning a Dream into Reality."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Turning a Dream into Reality

"Hi Devita, thanks so much for taking a few minutes to chat about your food pantry today," Jennifer said. "I know our CBF readers are going to love reading about how you guys turned a big dream into reality!" "Thanks, Jennifer," said Rev. Devita Parnell, pastor at First Baptist Church of Morrow, GA. "It's still amazing to me to see how much we do to help feed our community! My little church of 70 members faithfully serves 100 people each month through our food pantry. We've partnered with Midwest Food Bank, and that food makes up a large portion of what we give out, but it's not enough. We have an ongoing collection at church. Some people bring items every week. Others donate money, and some serve as our shoppers. During the month of October, we decided to make churchwide collection a focal point in worship. We asked people to bring their food pantry donations to the altar table as part of worship. These are gifts to others and a way to share God's love with our neighborhood. Seeing all that food was so inspiring. Our church has really stepped up to help our community. Everyone participates in some way. We are a small church and it's easy to be discouraged. But our food pantry makes such a difference in the lives of people in our community. It's amazing to see this big dream that we had—to care for others—become a reality!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How does FBC Morrow help their community?
- **Ask**: Does it surprise you that they can help as many people as they do? Why or why not?
- **Ask**: How can our church help others in our community too?
- **Say**: FBC Morrow provides a food pantry that serves 100 people each month. They offer appointments and allow people to come monthly. This allows them to build relationships with the people they are helping, and to find ways to share God's love with them. This small church of 70 people works hard to partner with others and with each other so that they can do big things.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for giving us big dreams and then helping us accomplish them. Help our church to dream big dreams for how we can share your love. Amen.

First Baptist Church of Morrow, GA

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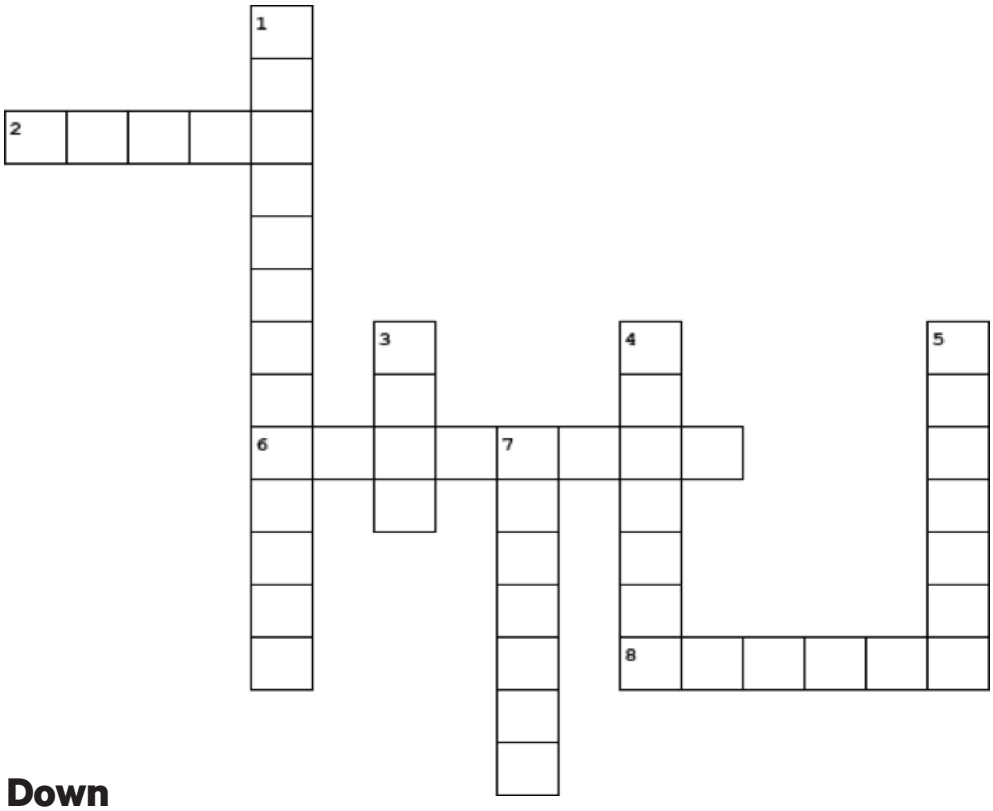
Faith Lived Out Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. FBC Morrow hopes to build _____ with people who are coming to get food.
3. First Baptist of Morrow offers a _____ pantry, a place for their community to shop for what they need.
4. God has a _____ for each of us.
5. The church wants everyone to know that they are _____ .
7. Midwest Food Bank is a what for FBC Morrow?

Across

2. FBC Morrow is a _____ congregation, with only about 70 members.
6. Some people from the church bring items to the food pantry. Others give money to purchase groceries, and others are the _____ .
8. The _____ congregation of FBC Morrow has gotten involved in helping with the food pantry.

Word Bank

ENTIRE	SHOPPERS	PARTNER
RELATIONSHIPS	SMALL	WELCOME
PURPOSE	FOOD	