Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast: Gather buttered toast (or bread), pretzels, jellybeans, popcorn, plates, napkins and water. Tell children that you will be enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast, Charlie Brown and Snoopy style! Give each child a plate with their snack on it. As they eat, talk about how FBC Front Royal serves meals every week to people in need. They share God's love by feeding others.

All Ages

Find the Food: Provide plastic food or pictures of food. Hide plastic food items or pictures of food around your room (or in other rooms!) and encourage children to find them. Talk about how the folks who run Dinner Together reach out to restaurants and businesses to get the food they need. They go on a food scavenger hunt!

Older Children

Do the Turkey Waddle: Gather and inflate several small balloons (or use balls) and set up two chairs. Divide children into two teams. Give each team a balloon or ball. Tell children they must walk with the balloon or ball between their knees so that they waddle like a turkey. Walk to the other side of the room and around the chair and back. Give the balloon or ball to the next person. Continue until one team is finished!

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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**: "How does our church help others in need?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Dinner Together."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Dinner Together

"Welcome to First Baptist Front Royal, Ellen," Rev. Christy McMillin-Goodwin said as she welcomed Ellen Sechrest. "We're so glad you've come for a visit. I can't wait to show you Dinner Together," Christy said. "I would love to hear the history behind that wonderful program," Ellen said. "You guys are an older, small congregation, but you are making such a huge difference in people's lives!" "It's really been amazing to see, Ellen. I came here because this church wanted to be more involved in the community and more connected to missions. We started by saying yes to small things, but then we met with two other churches, and we all said that we wanted to feed people. And Dinner Together was born. We originally served about 20 people, three nights a week at three different churches. But now, we host it all the time, Monday–Thursday, and serve about 80 meals a night. We have 14 partners and counting, including other churches, local restaurants and even businesses willing to help provide food, pack meals and serve. Together we have created a place where people in need can come and get a hot meal, feel loved and valued. I am so proud of that!" Christy said. "Wow," said Ellen. "What an amazing thing you guys are doing for the kingdom of God! I can't wait to see it in action. The churches of Front Royal, VA, are certainly living out their faith. It is great to see how God is providing!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How is First Baptist Church Front Royal living out their faith?
- **Ask**: How are they able to do so much?
- **Ask**: How can our church help people in need in our community?
- **Say**: FBC Front Royal works with 14 other partners, including churches, restaurants and even businesses, to help feed unhoused, homeless and low-income men and women. Thanks to this program, 80 meals are served each night, Monday–Thursday. They are helping people in need to see that they are valued and loved. They are also forming relationships with the people they serve and helping them to see and feel God's love.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for churches who are working together to help others in need. Help us to find ways to help others as well. Amen.

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Create a Gratitude Jar

Items needed: mason jars (one per child); scrapbook paper; glue sticks; scissors; pens or pencils

1. Give each child a mason jar. Encourage children to pick out a piece of scrapbook paper to use to cover their jar.
2. Help children cut the scrapbook paper to fit their jars.
3. Direct children to use their glue stick on the back of their piece of scrapbook paper.
4. Place the scrapbook paper on the mason jar and smooth it down.
5. Cut out the gratitude slips located at the bottom of this sheet.
6. Write down something you are grateful for on each slip of paper.
7. Put your filled out slips of paper into your gratitude jar.
8. Encourage children to add slips of paper with things they are grateful for every week.
9. When they are feeling discouraged, encourage children to pull out their slips of paper and remember all that they have.

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