

ACTS 8:1-4
5TH JULY



Crofton Parish
during Covid19

GATHERED & SCATTERED



THE EARLY CHURCH WAS SUDDENLY SCATTERED AND SO COULDN'T MEET IN ONE PLACE ANYMORE. PEOPLE LIKE PHILIP USED TO HELP AT A FOODBANK AT THE CHURCH BUT WHEN PEOPLE COULDN'T GATHER THERE ANYMORE, PHILIP WENT ABOUT TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS. GOD LED PHILIP TO DO A NEW AND EXCITING THING!

From Gathered to Scattered

You will need:

rice

newspaper / hair dryer



Gather a pile of rice in the centre of a table, and put a few grains here and there towards the edges. Explain that each grain of rice in the pile represents a follower of Jesus and each grain towards the edge of the table is someone who doesn't yet know Jesus. Now flap some newspaper over the pile of rice to move the grains all over the table! Did any end up touching the grains on the edge? (You could even have a go at trying to flap rice into bowls on the floor from the table, and other fun games! Try using a hair dryer!) Jesus's followers were scattered just like the pile of rice and were able to meet other people.





Church life

Read out this list of aspects of church life and ask your child / children to do actions to see if they think each one is directed towards God (UP - hands in the air), towards us, God's church (IN - hands on your heart) or towards helping others (OUT - arms stretched wide).

If your child / children think an aspect of church life warrants more than one action then they can do more than one. Some aspects of church life happen outside the building. What are they do you think?

Singing

Playing games

Praying

Listening to / watching a talk

Serving or helping people

Reading the Bible / listening to a Bible story

Sharing Communion (bread and wine)

Talking about our faith to those who don't know

Jesus / go to church

Add your own!



THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SCATTERED PREACHED THE WORD WHEREVER THEY WENT - ACTS 8:4