

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Eutychus

WHAT YOU NEED

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- Chairs, small table (*please use whatever you have around the house to set up your "church service"*)
- Bibles, notebook/notepad & pen
- "Going to Church" Sheet

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Acts 20:7-12

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Paul had travelled from Greece to a city called Troas. On the first day of the week (Sunday) Paul and all of the Christians met together to take the Lord's Supper. They met in a room on the third floor of a building.

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Eutychus, a young man, was sitting in a window sill, listening to Paul preach. Paul's sermon went on and on. He kept preaching until midnight! Eutychus got so sleepy that he couldn't stay awake and he fell out the window!

This was very serious. When the people went down to him and picked him up, they found that he was dead. Everyone was very sad. Paul took Eutychus into his arms. Through the power of Jesus, Eutychus came alive again. Paul told everyone, "Don't be alarmed. He's alive!"

Everyone was very happy and they went back up stairs and continued their time together. They took the Lord's Supper and Paul talked with them all through the night. In the morning, Paul left to continue his journey.

Have you ever fallen asleep in church like Eutychus? Or have you had a hard time listening? It is sometimes very difficult to sit still and quiet for a long time. But it is good manners and very respectful to try your best. That way you can listen and everyone else can listen. We want everyone to hear the Good News about Jesus!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Who preached so long that it was past midnight?
- What happened to Eutychus?
- What did Paul do when he found Eutychus dead?
- Why is it important to listen to the word of God being preached?

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NOW WHAT?

- How can we show respect to everyone who is listening to the preaching of God's Word? (*Brainstorm and try to come up with as many answers as possible*)

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Today we are going to practice going to church. Please help your children by being as enthusiastic as possible about this exercise and setting up your "church service" as creatively as possible. Use the "Going to Church" sheet as your guide.

Church, or the gathering of God's people, is a very important part of what we do as Christians. We want help our children learn how to behave and act appropriately in a church service so they will grow up loving church and knowing how important it is.

NB: Remember to praise your child for good behaviour the next time you attend a church service together

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