

Children's Sunday School | Sunday, September 6

Acts 17:22-28 Forest Sunday

Opening Family Prayer

Loving God,

The forest teaches us that you have spoken, from the dawn of time, through many voices.

We hear you in the wind, the leaves of the trees, the moss, and the forest canopies, speaking to us from Eden.

Your wisdom and presence grow roots of love across the earth. We listen and we hear you. We thank and praise you, Holy and awesome creator!

Amen.

Read Scripture [Acts 17:22-28](#)

Family Discussion

- Is that you, God? Paul taught that we too should look for God in unexpected places, like forests!
- Paul was a hero, adventurer, and teacher. In this week's Bible story, we find a sermon that Paul preached in Athens.
- Trees, like our God, are wise and grounded and they hold mysterious knowledge unknown to us.
- Trees communicate through their root systems and they house living creatures.
- Today is Forest Sunday. What do you think the forest teaches us about God?

Create a Prayer

Draw a picture of your favorite tree. Add this to your Praying in Color prayer. Why is this tree your favorite tree?

Create a family prayer thanking God for the shade of God's trees. Say this prayer outdoors underneath the trees.

As a Family Take a walk with your walking sticks and walk where there are trees. What do you notice about the trees? Gather some leaves, seed pods, cones, feathers, and bark, then bring it home and create a centerpiece for your dinner table. Say your family prayer together before dinner and pray for God's will and the healing of the earth. As a family, make a list of the paper that your family uses and then brainstorm ways that you all can use less paper.

Help Others

As a family, bring some trash bags, gardening gloves, and go to Swansboro Elementary School to help weed the flower beds that Reveille has been working on. Take a picture of your family doing this and send it to Tammy, children@reveilleumc.org.

Watch This Video

[Sing Jesus Loves Me](#)

[Create LEGOS with Andy Glascott](#)

After the Video

Sing and create a new LEGO scene, take a picture of it and email it to Tammy, children@reveilleumc.org.

Respond

Say this [children's version of The Lord's Prayer](#) together. Choose a prayer word or phrase, then repeat this phrase through the day and week. For example, come Jesus, bless my family, or bring world peace, Lord.

Closing Prayer Video [Watch the Christian mindfulness family prayer for September 6](#)