esson 4

Called Christian Acts 9:26-31; 11:19-30

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

□ Good News Megaphone When we have good news, we want to tell it to everyone as loudly as we can! Using any color construction paper, roll it and tape the edge to make a megaphone. Before you roll the paper, have children decorate and color their paper with words like "Good News" and "Jesus Loves You!" Help children practice using their megaphones to tell about Jesus.

Sequence Pictures

Set out pictures of a seed, a small tree, and a full-grown tree with fruit and more pictures of a baby, a child, and an adult. Say, God planned for the tree to grow big and give us fruit. Today we heard how He planned for people to grow and show their love for Him by being kind to others. God uses His Word to make our love for

Him grow bigger.

□ Sharing the Peace Talk about how Jesus greeted His friends with "Peace be with you" on Easter evening. Jesus wanted His friends to not be afraid but to know He would be with them and care for them. Talk about how we use our hands in worship to share God's love and peace with others. Demonstrate. Say, This is a happy time that helps us remember that Jesus loves and cares for all of us too. Sharing God's peace means we also care for and pray for and help those in our church family.

Helping Song

2717 Say, God wants you to show love for others by helping and being kind. Let's think of ways to do this. Have the children pantomime helping scenarios (picking up toys, setting the table, giving a friend a hug) for the other children to guess. Sing to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot": I can be a helper and do my tasks. I'll answer Yes whenever God asks. (*Thumbs up*) Refrain with children: God gives us His strength in ev'ry hour. (*Finger cross*) Trust in God's amazing power! (Muscle arm)