

Turning Points 2020 VBS

Overview: 1895 in Riverton, PA

Theme: In 1895, a group of people were moved by the Holy Spirit to found a Lutheran congregation in what was to become Lemoyne, PA. Lemoyne was very different in 1895.

- ❖ Chill: 1895 in Riverton, PA
- ❖ Create: Pressed flowers/ Paper dolls
- ❖ aCt: Parlor games
- ❖ Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing
- ❖ Chew: Pickles/ Butter
- ❖ Take-home Menu

Chill: 1895 in Riverton, PA

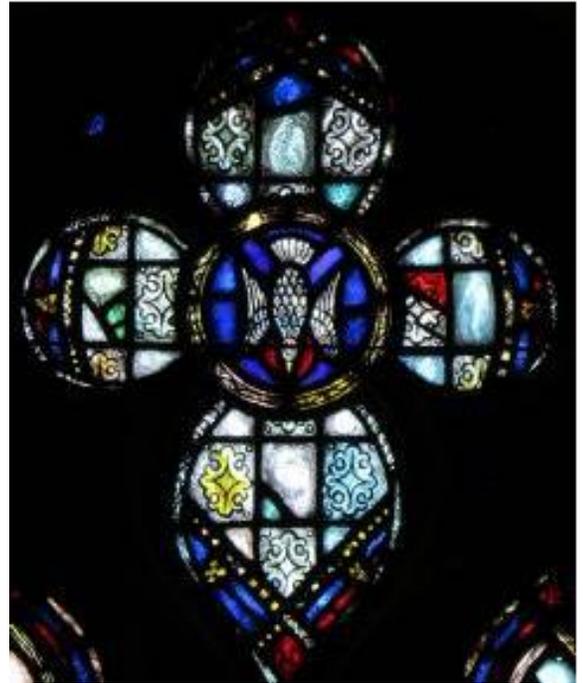
Create: In large, heavy old Bibles you can sometimes find stains on the pages where their owners had slipped flowers between the pages as a remembrance. The weight and absorbency of the pages would press them flat and dry them out. Please, try this instead, and save your Bible for reading.

- ❖ **Messy:** Pressed Flowers: You need: 6x6 pieces of light cardboard--cereal box weight; white paper; white cotton cloth; flowers, ferns, or small leaves (Pick these in the afternoon on dry days. Flowers with one row of petals work best.) To do: Stack a layer of two 6x6 sheets of cardboard, a layer of cloth, a layer of paper, a layer of flowers and leaves—not touching each other, a layer of paper, a layer of cloth, a layer of cardboard. You can stack this several “sandwiches” high. (Stack cardboard, cloth, paper, flowers, paper, cloth, cardboard.) Place a heavy book on top and set aside. The flowers should be dry in three to five days. You can glue them to paper and frame them, add them to a bookmark, or try this recipe for an ornament.

<http://twigandtoadstool.blogspot.com/2013/12/pressed-flower-ornaments-this-past.html> .

Paper dolls existed in many cultures and were at first targeted for adults. Hand-painted paper dolls from France in the 1700’s showed the latest women’s fashion. In 1895, paper dolls were sometimes used by department stores and popular magazines to sell clothes and other items, such as soap and coffee. As printing methods became less expensive, they became a popular children’s plaything.

- ❖ **Not-so-messy:** Paper dolls: You will need: the Paper Doll print-out; cardboard-cereal-box weight; Glue stick; crayons or markers. To do: Color the paper dolls and clothing. Glue the doll-shapes to cardboard and cut out. (This may need to be an adult task.) Cut out the clothing and turn down the tabs to “dress” the dolls.
- ❖ **Print out a coloring sheet.**



aCt: In 1895, many houses were built with a room, called the parlor, that was set aside for entertaining guests. When visitors came, off you all went into the parlor to chat, sing, read to each other, have a snack, or play games like checkers, dominoes, chess, backgammon or other parlor games. Try these parlor games:

- ❖ **Button, Button, Who’s Got the Button?** The players form a circle with hands out front, palms together. “It” puts a button between his/her palms and goes around the circle putting their hands into the other players’ hands. Along the way “It” will drop the button into a players’ hands. “It” goes around the whole circle and everyone continues to hold their hands palms together like they have a button there. One by one, the players go around the circle and guess who has the button. Whoever guesses correctly becomes the next “It”.
- ❖ **How good is your memory?** Put 5 or 6 items on tray. “It” gives everyone a minute to look at the items; covers the tray and, out-of-view of the guessers, removes one item. Uncover the items again, and see who is first to discover what is missing. Return the item to the tray and the successful guesser takes a turn as “It”. Put more or fewer items on the tray to make it challenging.

Celebrate: Puppets, Pray, Sing

- ❖ Miss Doubt-it-all and Miss Know-it-all meet the 150-year-old man.
- ❖ Sing a Song.

Chew: In 1895, some houses had ice-boxes that used blocks of ice to keep food cool for a few days, but it was hard to keep food fresh for a long time. People would salt it, pickle it, can it, or dry it, and store it in cold cellars to make it last through the winter.

- ❖ Make pickles and churn butter

Take-home Menu: Do try this at home.

- ❖ The Descending Dove” is a symbol of the Holy Spirit— the peace, power, and grace that comes to us when we have a relationship with God. “Wind” is another symbol of the Holy Spirit. Look for things that are affected by wind: start with flags, birds, and dandelion seeds. Add your observations to a list or drawing.
- ❖ Find a photograph of an important person in your life and share some memories you have of that person.