

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: The church is not a building; its people.

Key Question: Why are people more important than buildings?

Memory Verse: *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Jesus. Matthew 28:19*

Overview: This is our last week learning about the storyline of the Bible, the most important book ever written! We've learned a lot about the Bible so far. We learned that even though it's a really big book, it tells one story. It's all about Jesus. We learned through many stories in the Old Testament that people kept messing up because of this thing called sin. That sin broke relationship with God. The people even asked for a king to help them to live to honor God. But even a king couldn't help them with their sin. The only one who could fix the sin problem was Jesus. He came from heaven to earth to fix that sin problem by dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus is amazing! He died for OUR sins, not His. Today, we're going to finish our journey through the Bible talking about how important you are in God's plan. God wants you to tell your friends about Jesus so they can be forgiven of their sins, too. That's how God's family, or the church, grows today.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** What are your favorite things about going to church? Why are they your favorite? Have you ever invited a friend to come to church?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. If applicable, have kids fill in the bubbles on their activity page #1.

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Acts 2:42-47](#). List the things the first church did together. Why do you think they did those things? How is it like your church? How is it different?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- How can you make an impact at your church?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: Church is important because it creates community. We need each other for encouragement and help in times of need.

Answer: Jesus came to die for people. He wanted relationship with us. He wants us to have relationships with others, too. The church is about the people, not about the building where they meet. The early church didn't even have a building, they met in homes. Church is about coming together to learn from God's word and to celebrate all that Jesus has done for us.

Bonus Questions: If people are the church, then why do you think most churches meet in their own building? Would it be better to meet in a house? What do you like about where your church meets?

The early church was full of people excited about Jesus. Their whole lives changed when they heard the good news of what Jesus did for them on the cross. They spent a lot of time together, taking care of each other and praising God together. It was like one big family. Church looks a little different today. You may not be eating meals together every day or sharing all of your money. But, it's still about coming together to celebrate all that Jesus has done for us.

Have each kid share a way they can make an impact in their church community. (Inviting friends, helping a family in need, finding ways to serve, giving money)

Option #1

Make a Disciple Tic Tac Toe

Teams race to beat the other team(s) in getting 3 across. Make a tic tac toe board on the whiteboard. Divide the class into 2 teams. Each team gets a bell or ringer. The teacher will ask a question, the first team to ring in gets to answer. If correct, the team gets to place their marker on the board. Teams go back and forth until someone gets 3 across and wins the board.

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2. What book in the Bible talks about the first church? (Acts)
3. What is the memory verse today? (go and make disciples of all nations...)
4. What book of the Bible is the memory verse from? (Matthew)
5. What is the key question today? (why are people more important than...)
6. What was the first church like? (like a family, took care of each other)
7. Why are people more important than buildings? (Jesus died for people, wants relationship)
8. Who died on the cross for our sins? (Jesus)
9. What is the most important book in the whole world? (Bible)
10. Who should we share Jesus with? (friends/family, everyone)

Supplies needed

- whiteboard
- 2 colored dry erase markers
- bell or ringer

Bonus Activity:

Play the Telephone Game

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** into one kid's ear. Have them tell their neighbor what they heard. Continue around the circle to the last kid. Have them share what they heard. See how close it is to the original message!

Option #2

Jesus Jeopardy

A great game patterned after a classic game show to test knowledge and speed. Divide the class into 2 teams. Each team gets a bell. After the question is read, teams have to hit their bell to answer the question. The team who rings first, gets the first chance to answer. Every correct answer gets one point. If a team rings first but gets it wrong, the other team can steal. A correct answer on a steal earns the team a bonus point.

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LESSON 4: HOW THE STORY CONTINUES

KID & PARENT GUIDE

Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

Find videos and other helpful resources for this lesson @ pursueGOD.org/storyline-kids.

1. The book of Acts tells us about the _____.
2. The church is not a building; it's _____.
3. The early church didn't even have a _____.
4. The church wasn't _____, but it was _____.
5. We are the _____ as the one in the Bible.

Share with one another as you answer these questions.

Check out the lesson resource tabs online for helpful articles and videos.

1. What's your favorite thing about your church?
2. Why are people more important than a building?
3. Read [Acts 2:42-47](#). List the things the church did together. Do you do any of these things with your church?
4. Why do you think every church is imperfect?
5. Why did the early church grow? What can you do to help your church grow?

Memorize this verse today and during the week.

Don't forget to pray as a family this week!

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Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith @ pursueGOD.org/foundations-kids.



NAME _____

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1ST GRADE

BIG IDEA:

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MEMORY VERSE:

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Instructions: Color the picture.



Share Jesus with your friends.

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