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FAITH BASICS

What Is Church?

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Lesson Overview

Today, we're talking about why coming to church is important. Have you ever wondered why you come to church? Well, in today's lesson you'll discover three reasons why it's great that you're here. Here's the first reason. Church is where you learn about Jesus. Unless you go to a Christian school, you won't hear your teachers talk about Jesus in your school. So, we need to come to church to hear about Jesus and all he's done for us. The second reason is that coming to church allows us to connect to other Christian kids. Our Christian friends help us to honor God and encourage us to do things like read our Bibles and pray. And, the third reason is that church allows us to use the gifts God has given us to help others. So, if you're a great singer, you can help with the worship time at church. If you're super friendly, you can help to greet the new kids who come to your class. Going to church is important!

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** What's your favorite thing to do at church? Why? (Tip: Church is fun. You sing songs, do crafts, games and hang with friends. But, the best part is learning about Jesus!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **We forget about Jesus and what honors him.** (Going to church reminds us of how great Jesus is and all he's done for us. Because he loves us so much, he came and died to pay for our sins so that we could be in relationship with him. That is something we should never forget! And, church reminds us of how important it is to read our Bibles so we know what honors God and what doesn't. If we don't go to church, we'll be lost living for ourselves and moving further away from God.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why is it important to go to church? What happens when church isn't our priority? **4-5th:** What are some things we can do to honor God?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read [Philippians 2:1-2](#). **How can you be loving toward your friends at church? How can you serve your teachers at church? How should you treat the new kids that come into your class?** (Answer: The first thing you can do is be friendly to everyone. Learn everyone's name and make sure to make the new kids feel welcome. Treat others the way you want to be treated. You can also help your teacher by being a good listener and looking for ways to help in class.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Big Idea*Going to church is good for us.***Key Question***What can happen if we don't make church a priority?***Memory Verse***Hebrews 10:24 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."*

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: GO TO CHURCH CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a small envelope and 4 large craft sticks.
- Using markers, have them create people out of the craft sticks. Have them give them a face, hair and even an outfit.
- Then have the kids place the 4 sticks in the envelope and have them tape them to the inside of the envelope so they don't fall out.
- Have them draw a door on the bottom of the envelope.
- Give each kid a Verse template (page 5) and have them glue it on one side of the doors.
- As they work, remind the kids of the reasons why it's important to go to church.

Supplies needed: Small envelopes (1 per kid), Large Craft Sticks (4 per kid), Markers, Tape, Verse template (pg. 5, precut, 1 per kid) Glue

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Before class, put the words to the Memory verse (page 6-7) in a hat or bowl.
- Have kids come up and pull a word out. Tape each work on the whiteboard as you go.
- Once all the words are on the board, work as a class to move them to get into the right order to say the verse.

Supplies needed: Memory Verse words template (pg. 6-7, precut, 1 set per class)

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Memory Verse

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Church Helps You to Connect to _____.

This is important because the more we know about Jesus, the more we can connect with him. Let's look at the Bible to see why that's important. If you don't have Jesus in your heart yet, talk to a parent or teacher about it! But this isn't the only reason you should go to church.

Church Helps You to Connect to Other _____.

You can't be a great Christian all on your own. That's why being friends with other Christians is really important. Let's take a look at why it's so important to connect with others.

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God wants us to love people and honor him with our actions. Other Christians can help us to do that. They can tell us when we aren't being very loving and help us to have a better attitude. When Christian kids work together, we can make a really big difference in the world!

Church Helps You to Find and _____ Your _____.

Did you know that God gave each of us special gifts? The gifts he gives us help us to strengthen the family of God and help other people. For example, your gift could be that you're a great singer so you can help lead the songs at church that helps to get other kids excited about God. Or, maybe your gift is to be really welcoming to the new kids that come to your church.

Answers: Jesus, Christians, use, gifts **Parent**

Signature: _____

Questions:

1. What's your favorite thing to do at church? Why?
2. Why is it important to connect to Jesus?
3. How can your Christian friends help you in life?
4. Read [Philippians 2:1-2](#). How can you be loving toward your friends at church? How can you serve your teachers at church? How should you treat the new kids that come into your class?
5. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture.

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Key Question

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