

**GOD'S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH IS FULFILLED:  
CHURCH RESPONSIBILITY/SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**December 6, 2020**

**NT 501, WEEK 7**

**PRESCHOOL TEACHER GUIDE**

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**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 1 Corinthians 1-16

**KEY VERSE:** *"Be filled by the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18*

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What is the church? The church is made up of people who worship Jesus together.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Rejoice in the Lord always." Philippians 4:4

**WORSHIP:**

Pick 2-3 songs to sing.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Take a few minutes to practice the Preschool Memory Verse for the month with the kids. Feel free to add actions to make it easier for them to learn.

**CIRCLE TIME:**

**ATTENTION GETTING DISCUSSION:**

**"Follow Instructions"**

Play a game similar to "Simon Says," but give the children two sets of instructions to follow at one time, such as "Pat your head and blink your eyes," or "Jump up and down and wave a hand." Play again with new instructions. End with three instructions: "Turn around, sit down, and look at me."

**SAY:** You did such a great job remembering all the instructions! Today in our Bible study, Paul writes a letter to people in the church. He tells them how God wants people who have obeyed Jesus to live. He also reminds them of the good news about Jesus.

## **BIBLE STORY**

**The Bible story will be told using a video. Prior to showing the video, gather the children around the television. [www.lcc.org/kidscurriculum](http://www.lcc.org/kidscurriculum)**

When Paul visited a city, he told people the good news about Jesus. When people turned away from sin and trusted in Jesus, they became the church in that city. Paul and his friends started churches all over Europe and Asia.

### **SAY:**

The church is not a building; the church is the people inside the building who obey and love Jesus and worship Him together. So, we are the church!

***[IMPORTANT! (WE WANT TO GET THE KIDS USED TO SEEING THE BIBLE BEING USED) Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians. Remind kids that Paul went to Corinth on one of his missionary journeys.]***

### **SAY:**

This letter was written to the church in the city of Corinth. The believers in Corinth had some questions for Paul about how to do what God wanted them to do, so Paul wrote a letter to help them. As you listen to our Bible story, think about the answer to this Big Picture Question: ***What is the church?***

## **Play video. After watching video, follow up with this discussion:**

1. What did Paul help start in different cities? (*churches*)
2. How did Paul talk to churches when he couldn't visit? Did he call them on the phone, or did he write them a letter? (*wrote a letter*)
3. To which church did Paul write this letter? (*the church in Corinth*)
4. Whom did Paul say the church should love: only themselves or each other? (*each other*)
5. What did Paul say was the most important thing to remember? (*the gospel —the good news about Jesus. The Gospels are found in the first 4 books of the New Testament. Hold up Bible and show how the Bible is divided into the Old and New Testament*)
6. ***What is the church? The church is made up of people who worship Jesus together.***

**SAY:** Jesus wants people in the church to come together, worship God, and tell others about Him. **Remember**, the church is the people who love Jesus and worship together – **NOT** the building where they meet!

**PRAY:** Pray together, thanking God for our friends in the church. Ask Him to help you to love each other and take care of each other as He does.

## **CRAFT:**

### **The Church**

Supplies needed:

- Church Activity Sheet
- Pictures of church responsibilities (precut)
- Glue sticks
- Crayons

Directions:

1. Children glue the pictures of church activities/responsibilities onto the windows and doors of the church on the activity sheet.
2. Read the words on the activity sheet and have the children point to the pictures that represent each statement.

### **EXTRA CRAFT:**

Children may color extra coloring page that goes with the story if desired.

### **WRAP UP:**

Invite the preschoolers to sit in a large circle. Toss a beanbag to a child and ask him to tell you one thing he learned from the Bible story today. Then have him toss it back to you. Continue tossing the beanbag to kids until everyone has had a turn giving an answer.

### **SAY:**

Great job remembering what we talked about today! The Bible is full of stories and letters that tell us about Jesus. Today we learned that the most important thing for the church to remember is Jesus. The Bible tells us about Jesus. The Bible also tells us about God's plan for His church. *What is the church? The church is the people who obey and worship Jesus together.*



The church eats together.

The church shares what they have with each other.

The church listens to teachers talk about the Bible.

The church tells other people about Jesus.

The church prays together.

Acts 2:42-47

