

Jesus' Church Kids' group study

Lesson 1: The Foundation

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Note to Families and Teachers:

The first time you read through this, read it straight through to enjoy the rhyme and big picture ideas. Then, as time permits or as a daily devotional, go back to each section to read the supporting scriptures. Talk about the words, watch the videos, and discuss the questions that are appropriate for the children's age to engage them and build their understanding.

It is important to ask questions for a variety of reasons that our master teacher Jesus modeled for us (ex: John 4:7–9; Luke 6:32–36 and Matt. 19:3–5, just to name a few).
You get the picture ... ask questions!

Use this QR code to access supplemental content, like video and songs.



"I will build My Church!"

said Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Matthew 16:18-20

My church isn't built with bricks, wood or steeple,

My church is built of My beloved people.

Each person is special to Me you should know,

They each play a part to help it grow.

Ephesians 4:16

Basic questions:

Who said that He will build a Church?

Which one of these pictures is Jesus' Church?

Whose Church is it?

Advanced questions:

How do you think Jesus could build with people?

Why might it be a harder task to build with people than with actual stones or bricks?



**The church I am building is beautiful and grand,
with people from every language and land.**

Revelation 7:9

**I build it with people young and old,
some short, some tall, some shy, some bold.**

[Each one is a special treasure I love,

I made them just right with plans from above.

Psalms 139:14



Basic questions:

Who is Jesus building into
His church?

How are the people in the
picture different?

What does God think about all of
these people?

Do you know a different language?

Advanced questions:

Why do you think God made all the
people with different
characteristics and personalities?

Since God made you how should
you think about yourself?

Resource:

Compassion International Children's site with stories and devotionals
and games featuring children around the world:

<https://explorer.compassion.com/>

**A church is a group of My people who care,
They can meet in a building, a house ... or anywhere!**

Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 2:46

**My Church, reads the Bible, and worships, and prays.
It loves others, and listens to Me, and obeys.**



Basic questions:

Where can Jesus' Church meet?
What is something that Jesus' Church does?

Advanced questions:

What different places have you been a part of Jesus' Church?
Did you know that even at school you can speak to others who believe and you are being a part of Jesus' Church?

Resource

Information for Parents and students about Freedom of Religion in Public Schools: Gateways to Better Education
<https://gogateways.org/>

**All things in the world were created by Me;
the mountains, the sky, and the animals you see,
Genesis 1:1-25; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17**



**Though people are different,
I made them like Me;
they can reason and love and create and believe.
Genesis 1:26-27**



**And all who follow Me are Mine,
so with My love and truth they can shine!
Matthew 5:16**

Basic question:

How was everything created?
(Through Jesus)

How are people different
from animals?

Who does the world belong
to? Why?

Advanced questions:

Although our physical body is classified
as a mammal like some animals, what
else do we have that sets us apart?

(a spirit, made in the image of God)
What are some characteristics of God
that He made us to have and wants us
to shine with?

Resources

Song: John 1:1-3 / Made in the Image of God / Made in Your Image

access using QR code on front of book

**But some of the people would not obey,
choosing to follow their own sinful way.**

**My way is perfect and fair you see,
but their way caused death and separation from Me.**

Basic questions:

What are some sins children
choose to do?

What does sin cause?

Advanced questions:

What makes people decide to go away
from God's perfect way?

Why is separation from God such a
terrible thing?

Romans 5:12

**So I came to Earth with a rescue plan,
I grew from a baby, to a boy, then a man.**

John 3:16; Luke 2:52

**Then, filled with God's Spirit, I taught and I healed,
and did everything My Father revealed.**

Matthew 4:23; John 5:19

I always obeyed My Father well,

so I could die and save people from going to hell.

1 Corinthians 5:21

Basic questions:

What did Jesus do with the
Holy Spirit's power?

Did Jesus sin?

What was the price for our
sin that Jesus paid?

Advanced questions:

What does it mean that we are free?

What does it mean to be worthy?

How was Jesus worthy to pay for
our sin?

Song: I Believe in Jesus (access all resources using QR code in the front)

**If a house is built on a solid rock,
it won't fall in an earthquake or aftershock.**

Matthew 7:24-27

**The stones of My Church are the people who say
that I am God's Son, the Christ, and obey.**

1 Peter 2:5; Matthew 16:17-18



Basic questions:

Why does a building have to have a strong foundation under it?

(Watch video below first)

Who is our foundation?

Advanced questions:

What does it mean for people to be together as one?

Review these names of Jesus:

Christ (Greek) – anointed one to save Messiah (Hebrew) – savior, deliverer

Video: Wise/Foolish man (access using QR code in the front of the book)

**So how about you, what do you say about Me
Are you in My Church, and do you believe?**

**that I Am Jesus, your Savior and Lord
who died to forgive you and see you restored?**

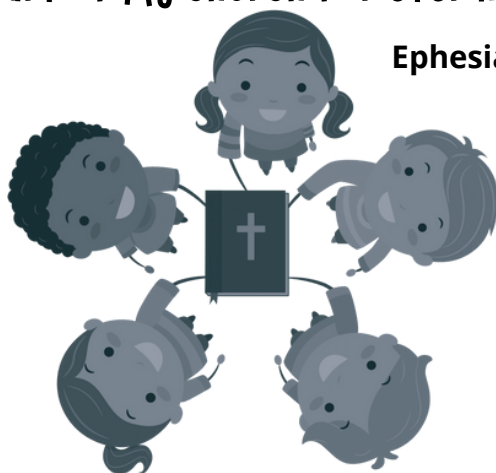
Romans 10:9

**Will you give me your life and believe I am true,
and be filled with My Spirit to empower you?**

Acts 1:8

**'Cause if you will, you'll belong to Me,
and be a part of My church for eternity!**

Ephesians 2:13



Basic questions:

If your friend asked you, "Who is Jesus?" What would you say?
Have you repented of your sins, admitted that you have gone your own way and want to turn to go God's way?
Will you give God your whole life to do what He wants?

Advanced questions:

What does it mean to give God your whole life?

Song: ALL (access using QR code in the front of the book)

Week One

Day 1 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Ephesians 5:25–33

Write: In what ways did/does Jesus show His love to the Church?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 2 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Ephesians 1:3–14

Write: List some of the benefits of being part of Jesus' Church.

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 3 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Luke 6:46–49

Write: How does a person become solid on the rock (*petra*)?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 4 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Mark 8:34–38

Write: What do you lose and gain by being part of Jesus' Church?
What does that mean?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 5 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Matthew 7:21–23

Write: Can we simply choose to obey certain things and ignore God's other commands? Why or why not?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 6 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Romans 10:13–17

Write: How will people receive the revelation of Jesus Christ?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 7 | My daily scripture and prayer

Read: Mark 16:15

Write: Whom have we been sent to? How will we reach them?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Look forward to Lesson 2! :)



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