

# We Go to Church

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Life Application: Church Is Fun

Craft: Driving to Church

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## Preclass Centers

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### Materials

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### Preparation

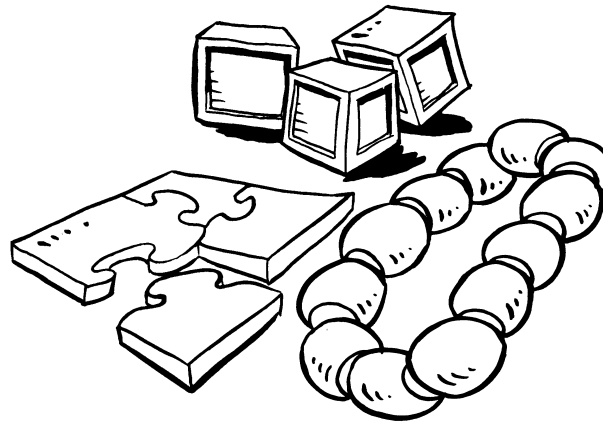
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3. Assign a teacher to each center and have the teachers stay in those centers until the singing begins.

### Instructions

Guide the play in each center reinforcing the unit theme.

### Teacher Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Do not allow any small toys in the classroom. First check all toys for size. You can obtain a "safety cylinder" from a pediatrician. Any object that can fit into the cylinder is too small and could cause a child to choke.
- Be involved in the group play and offer guidance as needed.
- Wear comfortable clothes suitable for sitting on the floor.
- Smile! Be childlike in heart and alert in mind.



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## We Love Church

The children will hear about the first-century church and what the first disciples did.

### Bible Story Text

Acts 2:42-47

### Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- scissors
- glue stick
- 2 pieces of construction paper
- markers or crayons
- clear contact paper or laminate (optional)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

### Preparation

1. Cut out and color the pictures from the copies of the Reproducible Pages.
2. Glue each picture to a piece of construction paper to give it a frame.

### What Disciples Do

Who likes to come to church? Open the Bible. Today our Bible Story is about the first church and the first disciples. They loved to go to church too. Can you say disciple? The Bible says a disciple is a teenager or a grownup who loves Jesus and who obeys the Bible and gets baptized. Explain to the children that you are a disciple of Jesus, that you love and obey God's word. These are pictures of the first disciples of Jesus.

Hold up the picture of the disciples reading a scroll together. What do you think these disciples are reading? Yes, it is a Bible scroll. It is God's word. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to read God's word. Do disciples today love to read and study the Bible? Yes, we do!

Hold up the picture of the disciples praying together. What are these disciples in the Bible doing? Right, they are praying. Who are they talking to? Yes, they are talking to God. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to pray. Do disciples today love to talk to God? Yes, we do!

Hold up the picture of the disciples eating together. What are these disciples in the Bible doing? They are eating together. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to eat together. Do disciples today love to eat together? Yes, we do! We love to eat together because we love each other!

Hold up the picture of the disciple giving clothes to the poor man. What is this disciple doing? He is sharing. He is giving clothes to someone who does not have enough clothes. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to share with other people who needed help. Do disciples today love to share with others? Yes, we do!

We do these things right here in Bible class don't we? We hear stories from the Bible, we pray and sing songs together, we have snack together, and we share our toys with each other.

NOTE: Save the pictures for the Unit 15 Lesson 4, Bible Story.

### Conclusion

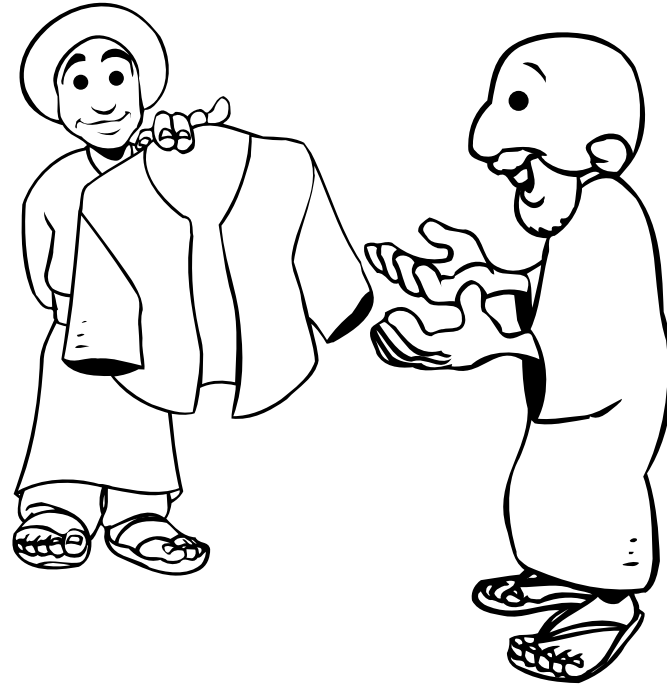
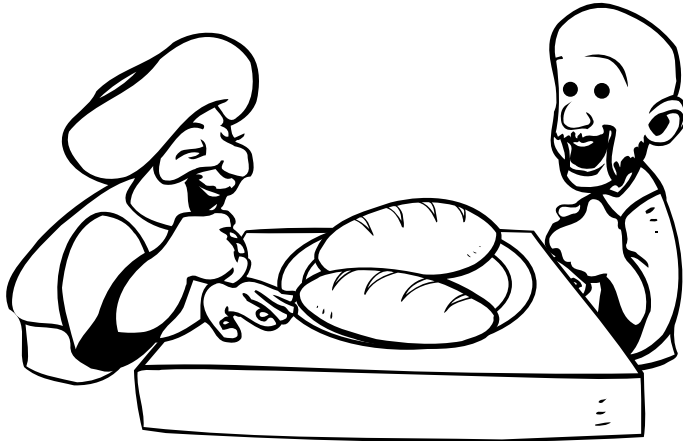
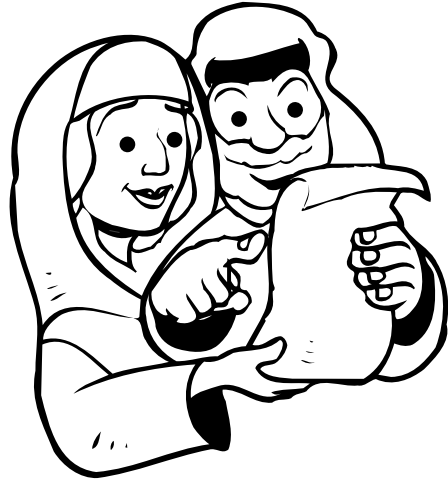
It makes God very happy when we have church just like the people in the Bible did. God wants us to be disciples of Jesus, to love and help other people, just as Jesus did.

### Teacher Tips

- Bring in some dolls and have the children act out what is happening in the different pictures.



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## Church Is Fun

The children will participate in and role play different aspects of church.

### Bible Truth

Sing to the Lord.  
(Psalm 96:1)

### Materials:

*For each child:*

- church invitation (real or homemade)
- 1 heavy paper plate
- small Bible without pictures

*For the teacher:*

- Bible

### Preparation

1. Make a steering wheel from a heavy paper plate for each child in the center.
2. Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

Open the Bible. *What does the Bible call people who love and obey God? Right, they are called disciples! Does anyone know what it is called when all of the disciples get together? It is called "church." Can everyone say "church?" The Bible says that all of the disciples together are called the church. Today we are going to do the things that disciples do.*

*First, let's pretend it is Saturday, and tomorrow, on Sunday, we will go to church. Let's go outside to play, and let's invite a friend to church. Give each child an invitation, and help each child to invite someone to church. Mary, who do you want to invite to church? Your grandma! Great idea, let's invite her! Grandma, would you like to come to church with me tomorrow? You would! That is great! We will pick you up in the morning.*

*Now it is Sunday and we need to go and pick up our friends who want to come to church with us. Give each child a steering wheel. Walk around the center area "driving." Sing "This Is the Way We Drive to Church" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet.*

*Here we are at church. Let's say, "hi" to each other and introduce our friends. Mary, is this your Grandma? It's so nice to meet you Grandma.*

*Let's sit down now. Have everyone sit down. Give a brief Welcome. It is great to have everyone here for church today! We are going to sing a song. Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet.*

*Now let's pray. Dear God, thank you that everyone could come to church today. Help us to love you more every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Now we are going to read our Bibles. Hand out the Bibles. Open your Bible and read along with me. "Love Jesus with all your heart." Can you say that with me? "Love Jesus with all your heart." That is what disciples do! That is what the church does! The church loves Jesus. Read with me, "Obey Jesus." Now let's say it together. "Obey Jesus." That's what disciples do. That's what the church does! The church obeys Jesus.*

NOTE: Save the steering wheels and invitations for the Unit 15 Lesson 4, Life Application.

### Bible Truth Activity

Open the Bible. *The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." Let's say that together. Sing to the Lord. Today, who can tell me what we did together when we were driving to church? Right, we sang! The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." That is what disciples do! Disciples sing to the Lord!*

### Conclusion

*Let's talk to God now. Dear God, Thank you for Bible Class. Thank you for the church. Thank you for the Bible. Thank you for helping us to sing to you today. Help us to sing to you every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them?*



# Sing to the Lord.



# Craft

## We Go to Church

### Driving to Church

The children will enjoy making steering wheels and pretending to drive to church.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 paper plate, 6"
- crayons
- poster board, 9" x 11"

*For the teacher:*

- 1 sheet of poster board
- scissors
- marker
- black marker
- utility knife or sharp pencil
- 1 sheet of foam

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

#### Preparation

1. Prepare a piece of poster board for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut a 9" x 12" piece of poster board for each child.
  - B. On the top of each piece, print, "Driving to Church."
  - C. Measure 5 inches from the top and 4 inches from the left side of the poster board, and then mark an "X" on the poster board. See Figure A.
  - D. Using the utility knife, poke a small hole through the "X" on the poster board.
2. Cut out the pictures of the gas gauges from the copies of Reproducible Page C.
3. Cut out the arrow, steering wheel and horn stencils from one of the copies of Reproducible Page C.
4. Prepare a "steering wheel" for each child as follows:
  - A. Trace the steering wheel stencil onto the bottom of each paper plate.
  - B. Using a utility knife, remove the three cutout areas on the plates. See Figure B.
5. Trace and cut one arrow for each child from poster board.  
NOTE: Be sure to mark the "X" on each arrow.

6. Prepare a "horn" for each child as follows:
  - A. Trace and cut one horn from foam.
  - B. Using the utility knife, poke a small hole through the center of the horn. NOTE: Use the "X" on the stencil to find the center of the horn.
7. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Show the children your model. Give each child a turn at "driving."
2. Attach the steering wheel to the poster board as follows:
  - A. Give each child a steering wheel to color.
  - B. Give each child a prepared piece of poster board and a horn.
  - C. Push a brass fastener through the horn, the steering wheel and then through the hole in the poster board. See Figure C. Flatten the side wings into place.
3. Attach the gas gauge to the poster board as follows:
  - A. Give each child a gas gauge and an arrow to color.
  - B. Have each child glue the gas gauge to the right of the steering wheel.
  - C. Push a brass fastener through the "X" on the arrow, the "X" on the gas gauge, and then through the poster board. See Figure D. Flatten the side wings into place.
4. Have the children color the poster board.

#### Conclusion

Sing "This Is the Way We Drive to Church" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet. Sing it a second time as you pretend to drive around your center area.

Sing "Did You Come to Bible Class?" from Unit 15 Song Sheet and pretend that you are driving different types of vehicles, such as a fire truck, bus, etc. Give each child a turn to choose which vehicle you are going to drive.

#### Teacher Tips

- Get some help from other teachers or workers with the preparation for this craft.
- To speed up your preparation time, try making your stencils from poster board.



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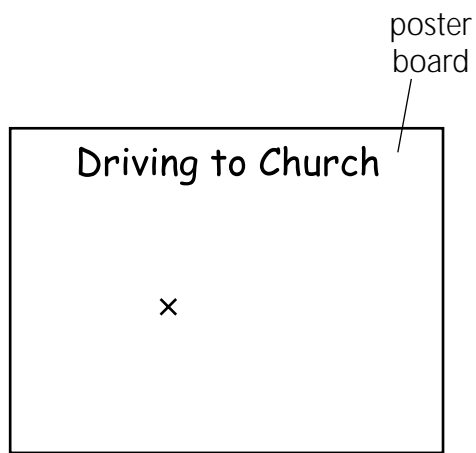


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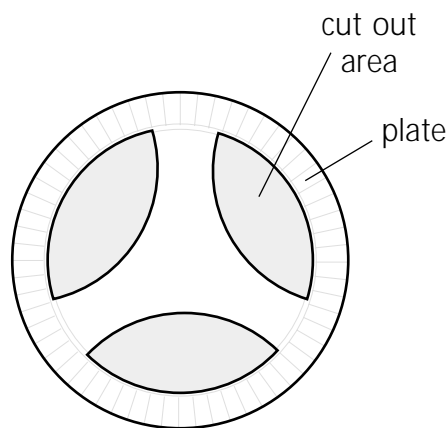


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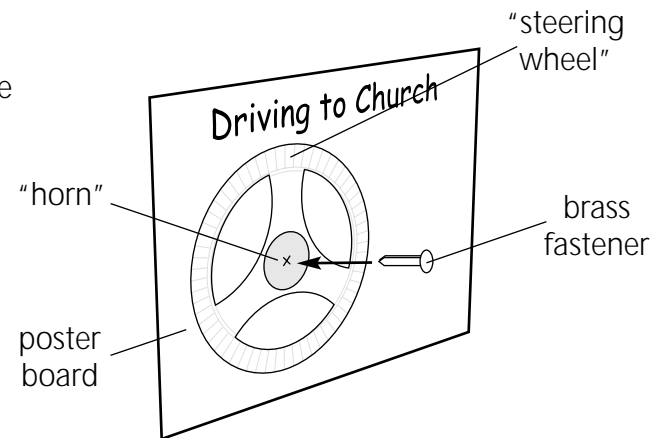


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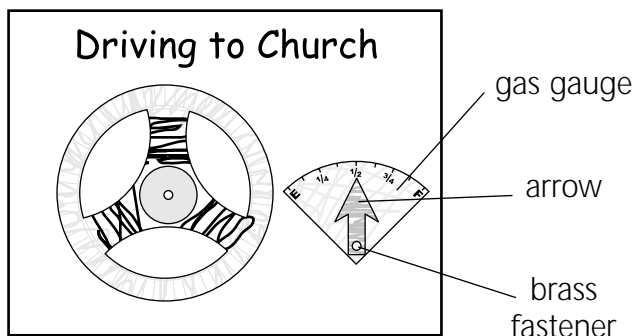
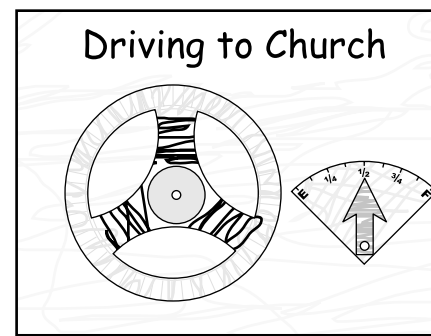


Figure D



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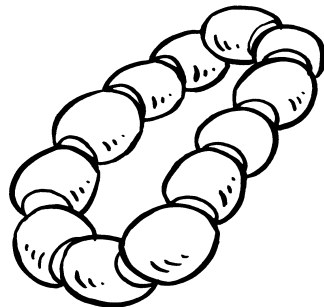
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Life

Application



## We Love Bible Class

The children will sing action songs about going to and loving Bible Class.

### Bible Truth

Sing to the Lord.  
(Psalm 96:1)

### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- Bible
- scissors
- markers
- 1 pad of large chart paper
- construction paper
- fabric or wallpaper swatches
- glue stick
- clear tape
- toy vehicles, or a picture of a vehicle
- toy bus or a picture of a bus

### Preparation

1. Using the pad of chart paper, create the "Susie flip chart," as follows:
  - A. On the first page draw a square as a cabinet. Tape two pieces of fabric or construction paper onto the square as doors. NOTE: Be sure that they open by only taping one side.
  - B. On the second page draw a tree. Tape green construction paper leaves onto the tree. NOTE: Be sure that they can be lifted so the children can look under them.
  - C. On the third page draw a bed. Tape or glue a piece of fabric to the side of the bed so that it can be lifted and the children can look under it.
  - D. On the fourth page draw a chair.
  - E. On the fifth page draw a rectangle as a closet. Tape one piece of construction paper onto the rectangle as a door.
  - F. On the sixth page draw a happy girl.
2. Familiarize yourself with the finger play, "I Looked for Susie" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet, using the flip chart.

### Instructions

1. Open the Bible. *The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." Today we are going to sing to the Lord about Bible Class. Who loves to come to Bible Class?*
2. Using the vehicles that you brought, ask the children how they came to Bible class. *Alexis, how did you come to Bible class today? Did you come in an airplane?*
3. Sing, "Did You Come to Bible Class?" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet. End with whatever vehicle most children probably came in, such as a car. Cheer after the song is finished. *I am glad you came to Bible class today!*
4. Show the children the bus. *Now, we are going to sing about coming to Bible class on a bus. Sing "The Wheels on the Bus." Here we are at Bible class! Oh no, our friend Susie is not here! Would you please help me to find her?*
5. Recite the finger play, "I Looked for Susie" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet, using the flip chart.
6. If time allows, repeat the finger play.

NOTE: Save the flip chart for the Unit 15 Lesson 4, Life Application.

### Bible Truth Activity

Open the Bible. *The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." Let's say that together: "Sing to the Lord." That's what we did today in Bible class! We sang songs to the Lord because we love him.*

### Conclusion

*Let's talk to God now, and thank him for our Bible class. Dear God, Thank you for letting us come to Bible class today. Help us to love Bible class. Help us to always love and obey the Bible.*

*Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them?*

### Teacher Tips

- As you sing, use a lot of expression and exaggerated movements to hold the children's attention.
- This flip chart is well worth the time it takes to make. Twos and threes love it and will always want to look for Susie!
- Don't worry if you don't have incredible drawing skills. Children have great imaginations!

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### What Disciples Do

*Who likes to come to church? Open the Bible. Today our Bible Story is about the first church and the first disciples. They loved to go to church too. Can you say disciple? The Bible says a disciple is a teenager or a grownup who loves Jesus and who obeys the Bible and gets baptized. Explain to the children that you are a disciple of Jesus and that you obey God's word. These are pictures of the first disciples of Jesus.*

Hold up the picture of the disciples reading a scroll together. *What do you think these disciples are reading? Yes, it is a Bible scroll. It is God's word. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to read God's word. Do disciples today love to read and study the Bible? Yes, we do!*

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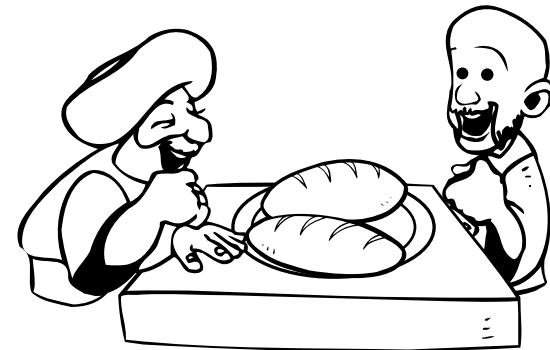
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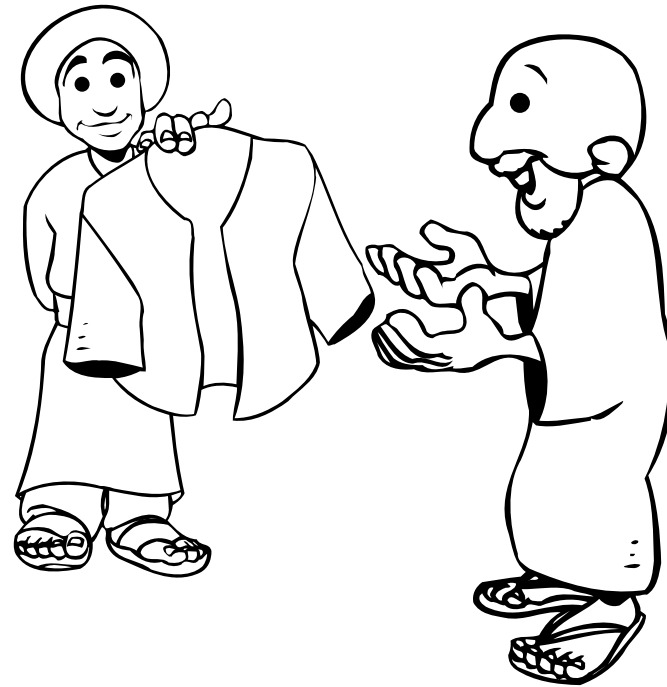
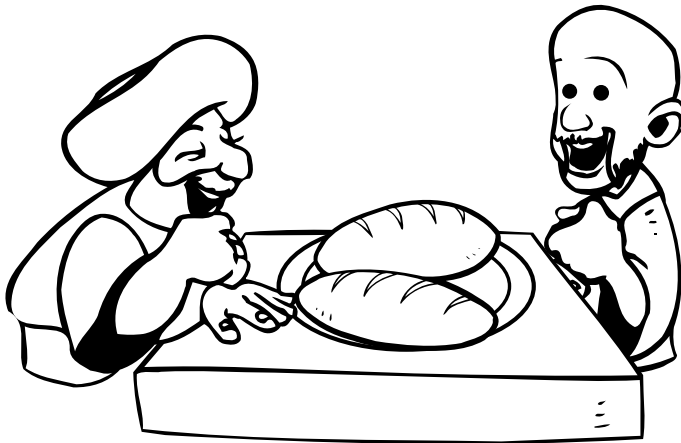
### Conclusion

*It makes God very happy when we have church just like the people in the Bible did. God wants us to be disciples of Jesus, to love and help other people, just as Jesus did.*

### Teacher Tips

- Bring in some dolls and have the children act out the different pictures.





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## Devoted Disciples

The children will make "picture wheels" depicting activities of Jesus' first disciples.

## Materials

For each child:

- 2 pieces of poster board, 8½" x 11"
- crayons
- 1 brass fastener
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- sharp pencil
- markers
- tape
- stickers

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page E, 1 copy for each child

## Preparation

1. Make two wheels for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut out the wheel stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page D. NOTE: Do not cut the wedge from the wheel at this time.
  - B. Trace and cut out two wheels from poster board. Set aside one of the wheels as the "bottom wheel."
2. Prepare the top wheel for each child as follows:
  - A. Using a utility knife, punch a hole in the center of the "top wheel."
  - B. Cut the wedge out of the wheel stencil.
  - C. Trace and then cut a wedge from the top wheel.
  - D. On the top wheel, write, "The First Disciples Acts 2:42."
3. Prepare the bottom wheel for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut out the wheel picture from a copy of Reproducible Page E.
  - B. Glue each wheel picture onto the bottom wheel.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

## Instructions

1. Show the children the model. Turn the top wheel so the children see the different pictures showing the lives of the early disciples. *Today we are learning how the first disciples lived. Describe what the disciples are doing in each picture.*
2. Give each child a bottom wheel to color.
3. Give each child a top wheel and a few stickers. Have them place the stickers on their top wheels.
4. Attach the two wheels by pushing a brass fastener through the hole in the top wheel, and then through the bottom wheel. Flatten the side wings underneath the bottom wheel. NOTE: Do not allow the children to help with the brass fasteners.
5. Write the children's names on their crafts.

## Conclusion

*The first disciples wanted to be just like Jesus. They wanted to make God happy by loving and helping people. It makes God happy when we help others. Chose a child to turn to a picture on their wheel, and then to describe what the first disciples are doing. Repeat this with the other pictures.*

## Teacher Tips

- Punch a small hole in the center of your stencil and then mark each poster board piece with a small dot to make it easier to find the centers.
- Describe what the disciples are doing in each picture as the children work.



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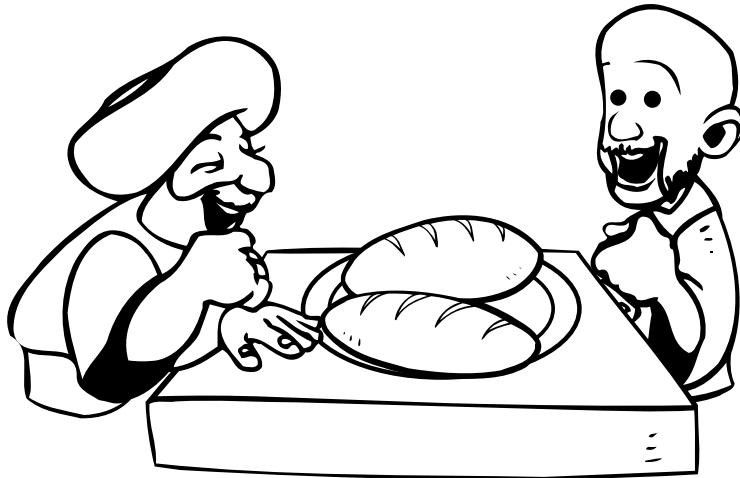


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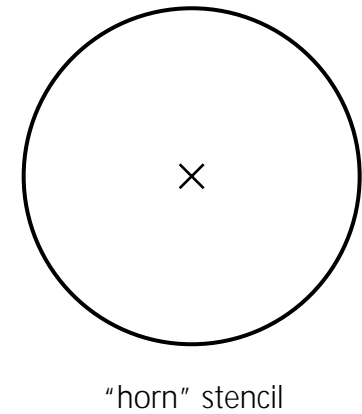
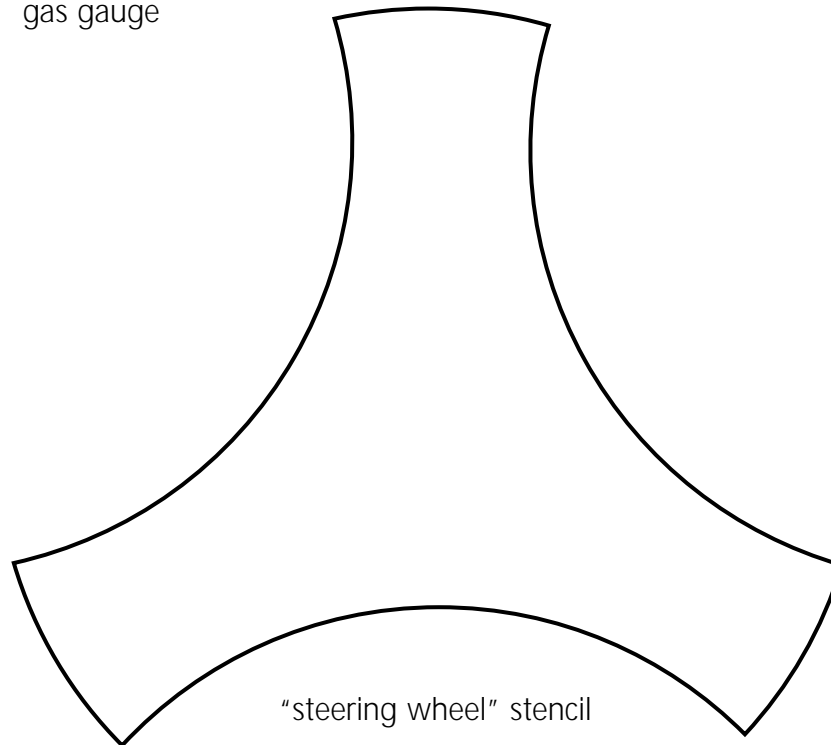
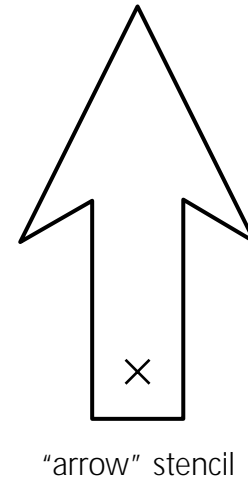
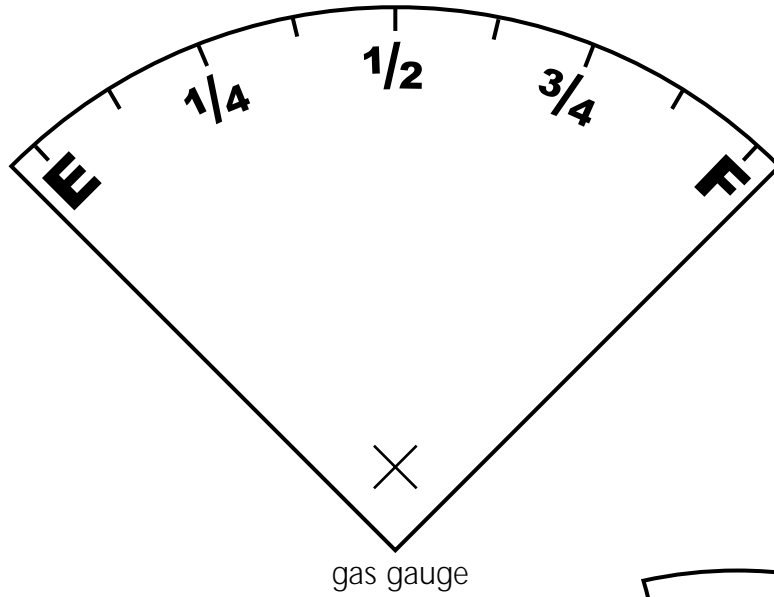
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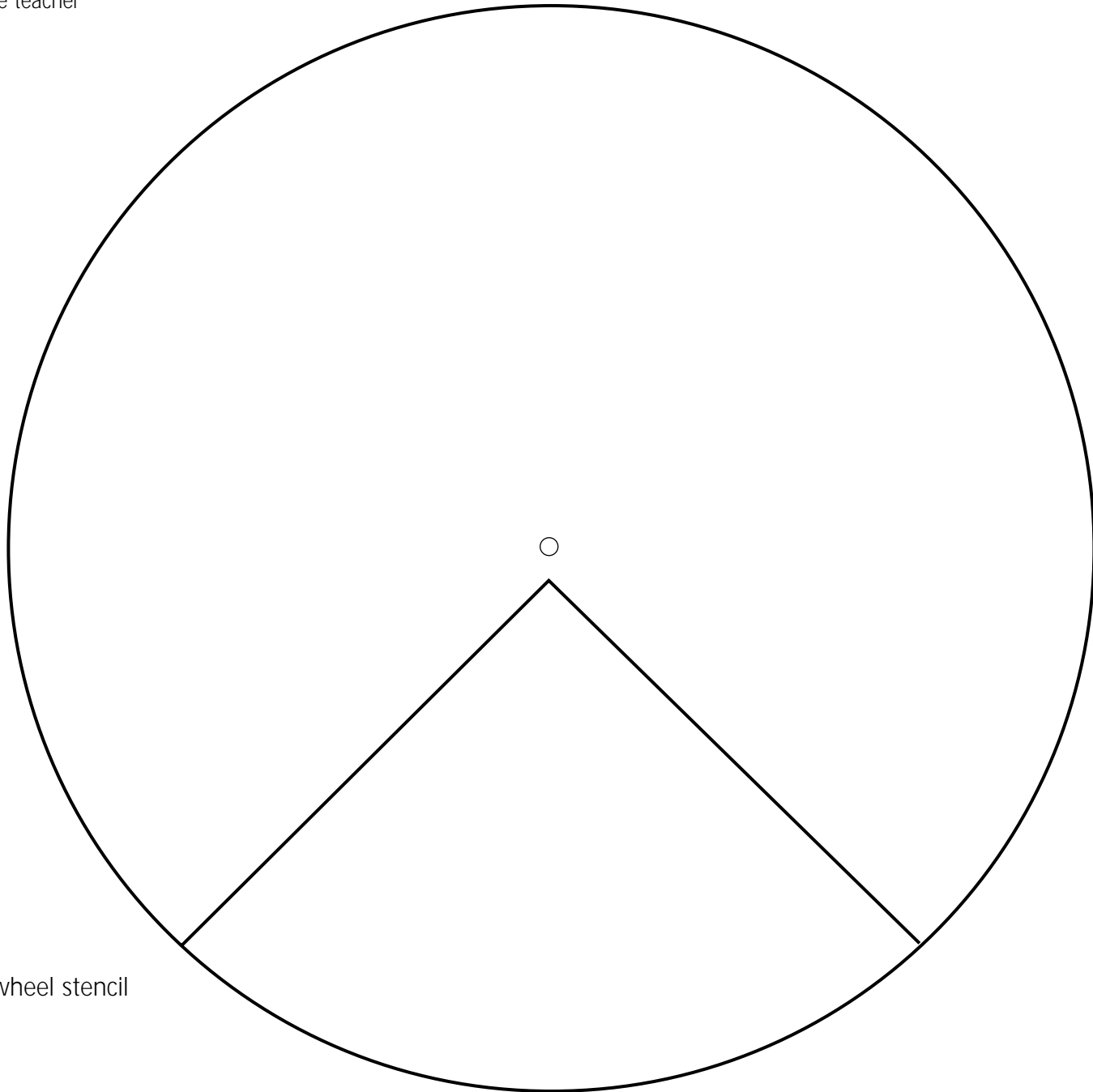


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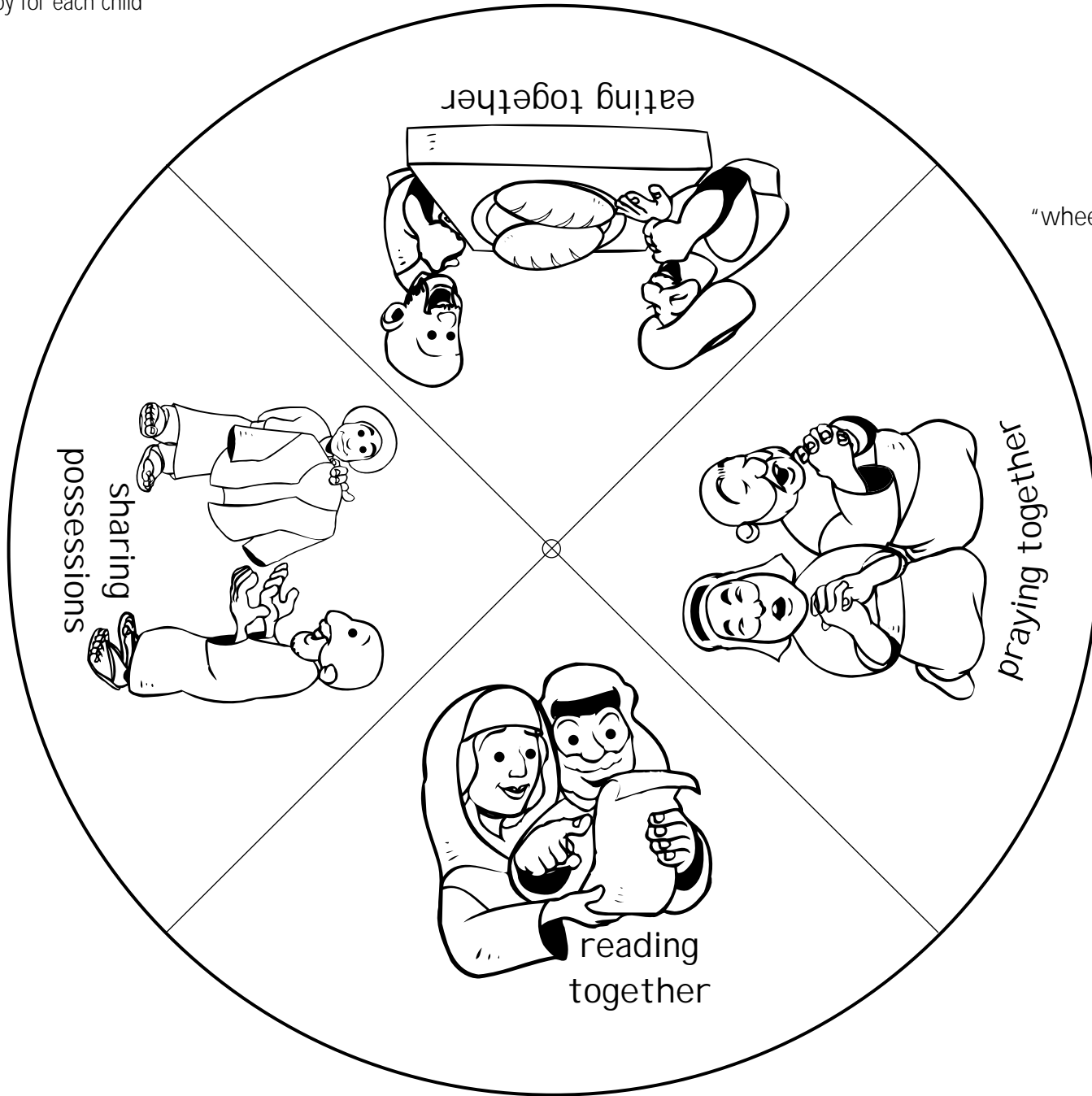


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