



Unit 14 at a Glance

The Church

Unit Overview

In this unit, the children will make some exciting discoveries about the church. They will learn that the church is not a building, but it is a very special group of people. They will learn Jesus' standards for love and resolving conflicts. They will learn that Jesus wants our best friends to be in the church. As the children begin to grasp the concept of the body of Christ, they will see that God has taken great measures to lead and care for each and every member through the leadership he has selected. In the end, the children will see that God wants the church to be a big, happy, close-knit family.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn that the church is the body of Christ.
- The children will understand that disciples make up the church.
- The children will believe that Jesus is the head of the church.

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Lesson 1 Best Friends

Scripture Memory Verse **John 13:35**
(New International Reader's Version)

"If you love one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples"

In this lesson, the children will take a good look at Jesus' love for his friends, the disciples. Jesus not only set a new standard for love, but he made it his defining mark. The children will not only think of ways to show love for each other, but also think of how to help others see Jesus in their actions.

Lesson 2 Resolving Conflict

Scripture Memory Verse **John 13:34**
(International Children's Version)

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. You must love each other as I loved you."

The children will explore God's solution to one of life's most trying communication problems—conflict resolution in relationships. The children will learn that Jesus wants disciples to quickly work out their problems with

each other, and that loving each other is a way to love God. Finally, they will try their hand at some biblical conflict resolution with each other.

Lesson 3 Leaders

Scripture Memory Verse **Hebrews 13:7**
Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.

Leading the way in this lesson is the idea that God chooses men and women to teach and guide his church. The children will interview a church leader to get a more personal look at this man (or woman) and their relationship with God. As the children consider how God has raised up heroes of the faith, they will think of ways they can encourage the leaders in their church.

Lesson 4 The Body

Scripture Memory Verse **1 Corinthians 12:27**
Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Body-building is central to this lesson about the church—the body of Christ. The children will learn that God's church is like a body where Jesus is the head and each disciple a part that has been specially arranged by God to work together. Whether head or hand, each part of the body is vital and important to God. The children will think about the different ways that people serve in the church and how their service is important to the life of the body.





Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a family devotional about "Heroes of Faith" from Hebrews 11. Ask your child who his/her heroes are. Read the dictionary definition. Then read Hebrews 11:32-34. Share with your family who your church or kingdom hero is and why. Share some amazing things that God has done through this person that your child can understand and appreciate. Ask your child if they can think of a person from church who can be a hero to them.
- As a family, choose a leader and his family to encourage. Plan to make a meal on a day when their meetings or studies go late. Get advice about needs they may have for housecleaning, yard work or repair work. Find a need that your family can meet together. Pray together that your family can make his family feel encouraged and loved.
- Invite a leader and his family over for dinner. Ask them what needs they see in their ministry that you can help meet. Make up a fun family quiz in which you find out each person's "favorite things" such as: favorite movie, restaurant, foods, candy, colors, animals, flowers, cars, games, sports teams, etc. Use this list to help your family make special little "encouragements" for them throughout the year.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

