



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR: What is the Church?

Date: Sunday October 4, 2026 **Teachers:** Brittany G (lead) Nate B (co-lead)

Props: at home: none

At centre: “ at church” pics, Sabbath pics, laminated weekly calendar, whiteboard markers mini, encouragement papers: write before class

REVIEW RULES:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

INTRO BIBLE STORY: materials: (laminated weekly calendar/dry erase markers)

Vicky

*If you know the days of the week song, sing it, or go through the days of the week with the kids, we go to school/daycare/work Mon- Friday, Saturday/Sunday is usually called the weekend, but there is something special about Sunday. Sunday is called the Sabbath, which means STOP. We stop and rest and remember. It is set apart to be sacred (that’s what sacred means- set apart) from all the other days. We don’t treat it like the other days, where we work, and go to school. We let go of “dominion” over our own time, and we acknowledge the 7th day is the Sabbath day to Yahweh- God. We renounce dominion over our own time, and recognize God’s dominion over it.

*** ENCOURAGE KIDS: hold on tight (hands fistled) to “ time” then let go of it (hands in worship)**

Keeping the Sabbath is an acceptance of the Kingdom and Sovereignty of God. We are set apart on this day to acknowledge our King!

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: What is the church video

OBJECT LESSON: “What is at church?”

Vicky

Materials: (picture of objects in the church: the outside of the building, communion table, the pulpit, the chairs, The worship spot)

Show all of the pictures. Ask the kids what they are and what makes them special:

The outside: This is Redeemer, we meet at the Downtown community centre, it wasn’t made to be a church, but it’s where we meet as a church. We are praying and asking God for a permanent place to meet to worship.

The baptismal font: this is where we are baptised into Christ’s church, the minister says while pouring water down the face, *I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*. It is a sign of God’s saving work and it is a sacrament that seals us as Christ’s own.

The worship spot is where our music band leads us in worship, in worship we stand and sing together, we might raise our hands, we join the church and sing: HOW GREAT is our God!

The pulpit is where God’s word is preached to us, we listen to God’s words here from scripture. We listen with our ears open, and mouths closed. It is special that God is speaking to us through His word, delivered by His church and our pastors.

The communion table: This is where Christ commands us to remember Him in the bread and cup. We remember that His body was given for us and His blood was poured out upon the cross. We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. This is a mystery that through the Spirit and these ordinary means of bread and wine, we are united to our Saviour and He provides real nourishment to our Spirit.

The chairs: This is where we sit- with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we don't play here, we share in God's family here. We listen to our moms and dads and we learn to sing, to pray, and to listen to God's word together.

DISMISS JR. KIDS- GR.1

ACTIVITY: "Going to church" materials: (none)

Brittany

What is the church? People!

If the church is people, how do we **go** to church?

Church is people, but people move (**show me how you move**)

This is how we go to church, we move together, where God has called us!

Do we run in church? No! Church is not for running in , we can run outside and even in our classroom.

Do we make a fuss in church when we don't get our way? No! At church we practise putting God and others first!

Do we sing in church? Yes! we sing: (pick a line or two from a song) repeat with kids!

Do we listen in church? Yes, we listen to mom and dad, and to the people speaking, and praying at the front.

Do we join in prayer! Yes, God loves to hear the praises and prayers of His people!

ACTIVITY: "Sabbath is for Remembering"

Nate

materials: (laminated pictures of creation, rescue from Egypt, new heavens new earth)

Today is called the Sabbath because the word means STOP. It means to stop your regular "doing" and remember and rejoice. What do we remember? And what do we rejoice in?

Picture 1: CREATION: We remember that God created the earth and when God finished creation He rested. We remember that we are created by God and we only have our life breath (hold it and let it out) because of Him!

Picture 2: LIBERATION FROM EGYPT: We remember that God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt, We remember our rescue through Jesus!

Picture 3: NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH: We rejoice and practise for that one day when Jesus returns in the new heavens and the new earth, we will have a forever Sabbath! There will be no more tears, and no more pain!

ACTIVITY: " Who is the church? materials:

Brittany

Who is the church? We are! You are ! **Say a child's name: Levi is the church, Levi is! we are! You are!**

(Levi says a child's name and you repeat)

PRAYER: Thank you God for your family, the church and that we can gather together on this special day- YOUR day, to worship you!

COLOURING SHEET/ FREE PLAY/SNACK

IF EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY: "Pass the peace" (form two lines of kids facing each other)

"Passing the peace" is a way of saying there is peace between me and you.

(have lines walk side by side and “pass the peace to each person by saying: **“Peace to you”**” similar to end of a baseball game)

***Also you can read the Book, We were made to Worship**