



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR: What is the Church?

Date: Sunday October 4, 2026 **Teachers:** Vicky W (**lead**) Liam H (**co-lead**)

Key passage: Hebrews 10:25

Props from 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 fist) 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

ACTIVITY: “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

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Liam

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- even more as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25 (write verse out with missing letters or words to fill in)

Why do you think people might give up meeting together? (convenience, tension in relationships) The reason we are instructed to not give up meeting together is because, the church is Christ's body, meeting isn't just a good idea- it's God's means of grace how he tangibly manifests himself to his creation!

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

Liam

In some church traditions, when they gather they "pass the peace" it is a time in the service where they affirm that there is peace between them. Do you think sometimes people disagree, or don't get along in church? Yes, it happens and the Bible gives us wisdom about what to do, it says if you have an issue with a brother and sister go to them, and work it out. "Passing the peace" is meant to be a way of saying there is no issue between you and me. (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)

ACTIVITY: "Sabbath is for Remembering"

Vicky

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! We were slaves to Sin and death and evil, (the evil done to us, and the evil we have done) Through Jesus we have been set free!

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!

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

ACTIVITY: "encourage one another" materials: (paper: have kids write their names on a pieces of paper, and have kids draw a name and then write a note of encouragement to that child) give some examples of encouragement they could write (they can go original or a few they can copy already written down)

COLOURING SHEET/ FREE PLAY/SNACK

***Read book, we were made for worship**