



THE GOSPEL PROJECT TODDLER: What is Church?

Date: Sunday Oct 4, 2026 **Teachers:** Ryan W (**lead**) Sarah R, Jess S

Props from home: none

At centre: pictures of church things

TODDLER BIBLE STORY: materials: GOD'S BIG STORY BOOK: THE CHURCH IS BORN P. 232

SING A SONG:

"This is how we go to church, go to church, go to church

This is how we go to church every Sunday morning!"

(repeat with this is how we read our Bible, sing our songs etc)

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, 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.

ACTIVITY: "What is at church?" (go through as many as you can 😊)

materials: (pictures of different parts of the church)

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 (Paul and Mike).

The communion table: This is where Christ commands us to remember Him in the bread and cup. We receive from God with our hands open, trusting His saving work.

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.

ACTIVITY: “*We are the church*” materials: (hand play)

Place hands folded interlaced with pointer fingers pointed up

“Here is the church, here is the Steeple, open the doors and see all the people”

ACTIVITY: “*Sabbath is for Remembering*”

Today is called the Sabbath because the word means STOP. It means to stop your regular “doing” and remember and rejoice.

BLUETOOTH MUSIC FROM SPEAKER