



I Am a Part of My Church



Today we began a study about what it means to be part of the family of God (the Church). We learned that those who are part of the Church know the love of God and Jesus, his Son. We learned that those who love God come together to pray, praise God and learn from the Bible. Today's story was about the Christian community that the first believers enjoyed (Acts 2:42-47). Encourage your child to tell you and your family the Bible story they learned about early Christians.

Instructions:

1. Help each student cut out the two pictures along the dotted lines. Then place the circle at the back of the picture of the church and attach it by placing a paper fastener through the center dots. Instruct your students to turn the circle to discover each of the drawings.
2. Tell them: "In Bible times people gathered to worship God. Many times they did it in houses. They were the church and they learned about God through His Word (turn the circle and show Figure 1). They also prayed together (show figure 2). We also go to a place we call a church to learn from the Bible, pray and praise God (show figure 3). What is the name of our church? (Allow children to respond and make sure everyone knows the correct name.) People who love and worship God make up the church. We are the church."