LESSON 1: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain that the church is not just a building.
- To teach that Jesus is the Head and the believers are the Body.
- To motivate children to serve the Body of Christ.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23-24; 1 Corinthians 12:17-27

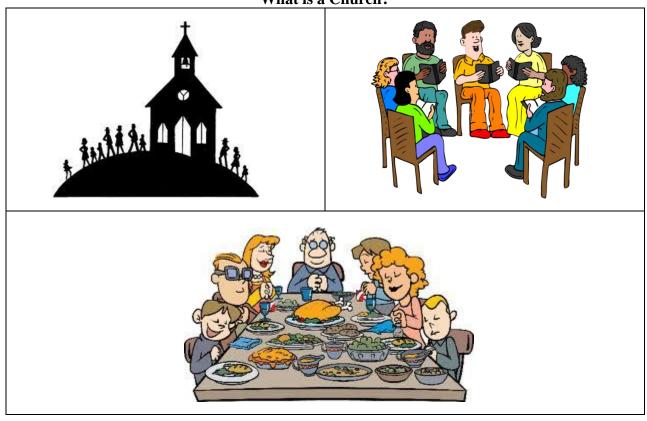
MEMORY VERSE

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

INTRODUCTION

The Bible uses the word 'ekklesia' to describe the church. Ekklesia literally means the "called out ones." So the church, according to the Bible, is a body of believers who have been called out from the world by God to live as His people under the authority of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23) Over the following weeks we will find out more about why God wanted us to have a church and what should be our role in it.

What is a Church?



How is the church described in Ephesians 5:23?	
How is Christ described in Ephesians 5:23?	
According to Ephesians 5:24 what should the church do?	
In the human body, does the brain control the body? Or does the body control the brain	ain?
If the Bible compares the church to a human body and declares Jesus to be the head should be in control? Should we submit to Jesus or should Jesus submit to us?	d, who
How does 1 Corinthians 12:27 describe us?	
According to 1 Corinthians 12:17-20 why has God made us different from one and Why can one person sing well but another can't?	other?
According to 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 how should we treat each other?	

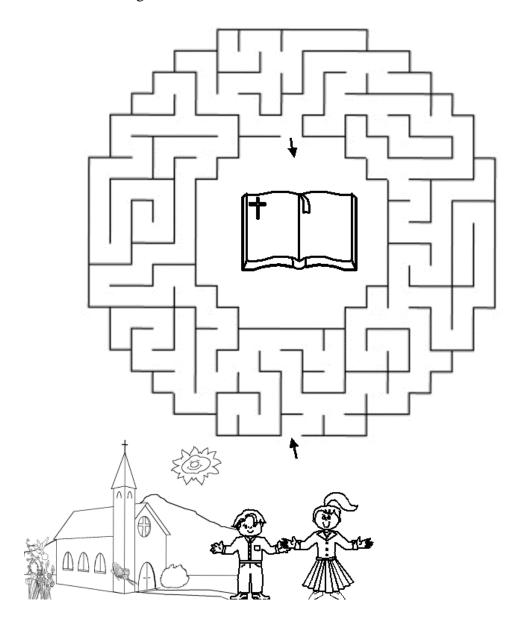
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	must I love the believers in the Body of Christ? Should I show love ever eats me in a rude and unchristian manner? Why?	to
	o do you think is more important? The person who can recite the maximor the person who is scared to even walk onto the stage? Why?	um

Is it necessary for all believers to serve God? Why can't we just leave this task to the more talented people?
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APPLICATION
Some of God's Commands that I don't like obeying:
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Choose to submit to the Lord in these areas, because the Head only asks us to do what is best for the body.
Some people that I'm going to love/help in the Body of Christ: (Name them and write what you will do for them.)
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I'm going to serve God in the following ways at Church:
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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Taken from DLTK Growing Together)

Help the children run back home to get their Bible for church.



Which is the Church? (Tick the correct answer.)

_____ The church is the building behind the children.

The church is the children themselves.	
FOLLOW UP (To be filled up before the next class.)	
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LESSON 2: WHY DID GOD MAKE THE CHURCH?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain that one main purpose of the church-service is to instruct us in godly living.
- To teach that Jesus wanted the church to be like a town on a hill.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

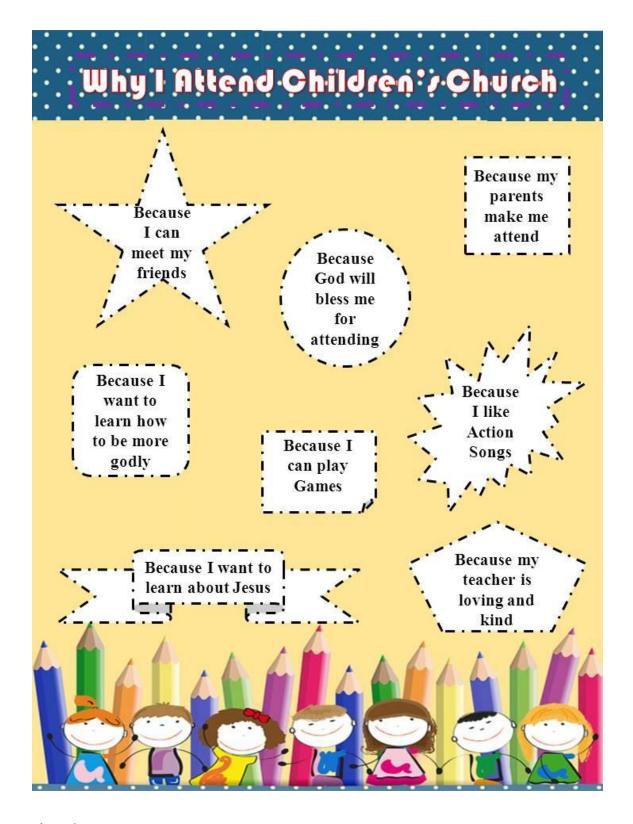
Acts 2:42; Matthew 5:14-16; Titus 2:11-12, 15

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

INTRODUCTION

There are a lot of different reasons why people go to church. Some go to church because they are in need of help. Some go because they feel lost and need guidance in their lives. Most people go only on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. However God established the local church as a place where people could gather to worship, fellowship with other believers and grow in the word of God. Today we will look at one of the main reasons why God created the church and why we should actively participate in it.



Other Reasons:

CHURCH—THE TOWN ON A HILL

Read Acts 2:42 and list down the reasons why we should attend chu

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	Matthew 5:14. Why do you think Jesus compared His church to a town on a hill? tlesson was He trying to teach?



If you were standing many kilometers away from the hill, which town would you be able to see? The little town in the valley, or the town on the hill?

LEENA and RAVI

Who do you think is like the town on the hill? Leena or Ravi? Explain why.
How is God glorified when we choose to be different and obey God?
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Why do you think Ravi was so faithful to God? Do you think he was born more spiritua than others—the same way some children are born more fair than others?

Titus 2:12, 15: He taught us to give up our wicked ways and our worldly desires and to live decent and honest lives in this world. Teach these things, as you use your full authority to encourage and correct people.

According to these verses, what did Paul ask Titus to do in the church?
Why must we attend church regularly? Can you suggest one main reason?
APPLICATION
At school, what are some things I can do, to be like the town on the hill?
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Sinful thoughts / words / actions that God is convicting me of:
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Repent of your sins and make a commitment to be like the town on the hill.

When attending church, what is the right attitude to have?
TAKE HOME ACTIVITY
Attend church to learn Godly living
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LESSON 3: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show how God equipped Samuel for ministry.
- To motivate us to have the same attitude as Samuel in serving God.
- To encourage the children to serve in church and at school.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Samuel1:11, 26, 3:19-20, 9:9; Luke16:10

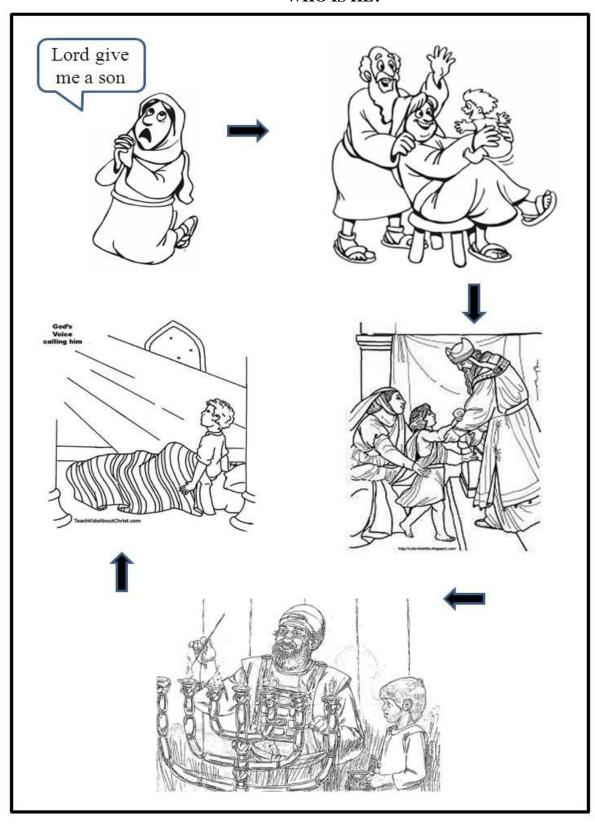
MEMORY VERSE

Luke 16:10: Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 4:11-12 says that it is the duty of pastors and teachers to equip 'all' the believers to do ministry. It's NOT the pastor's duty to do ministry. This is a responsibility given to the congregation. The sole task of the pastors and teachers is to equip the rest of the believers to do ministry effectively. This week we will discuss why and how children must equip themselves to do the work of God.

WHO IS HE?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What kind of work did Eli give Samuel in the tabernacle? Was he asked to do things that made him famous?
Why do you think Samuel got up a third time and went to Eli after the priest denied calling him the first two times? What does this show us about Samuel's character?
Read Luke 16:10. Based on this verse, why do you think God appointed Samuel as Judge and Prophet over the whole of Israel?

1 Samuel 3:19-20 describes Samuel when he was around 15 or 16 years of age. How did h life change? Why do you think it changed?
What are some ways we can serve God in Children's Church, in school, and in ouneighborhoods? Give a list of things we can do.
What will we gain by doing these things?
When Samuel served in the tabernacle faithfully, God made him Judge of the whole of Israel. If we serve faithfully in Children's Church will God make us famous preachers of famous and successful people? Explain.

APPLICATION
We can serve the Lord in so many different ways. Here are a few sample ideas:
What are some ways we can serve God in Children's Church, in school, and in our neighbourhoods? Give a list of things we can do.
In Church:
• Collect the offerings.
Do the Scripture Reading during Children's Church.
 Give to God from your pocket-money.
 Lead the Opening prayer in Children's Church.
 Lead the Closing Prayer in Children's Church.
 Pray for the Offertory.
• Share personal testimonies in Children's Church.
In School:
• Pray for a friend at school, sit with them in school and pray a three sentence prayer.
• Share gospel with non-Christian friends at school.
 Share personal testimonies with non-Christian friends at school.
In Neighborhood:
• Give a favorite toy to a beggar-child at the traffic lights.
• Invite a friend in your neighborhood to Children's Church.
• Pray for the sick in your neighborhood, sit with them and pray.
I commit to serve the Lord in Children's Church by doing these things:

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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

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FOLLOW UP

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LESSON 4: WOMEN IN MINISTRY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show that God wants both men and women to participate in church ministry work.
- To discuss Biblical examples of women leaders in the church.
- To teach respect and submission towards the women leaders of the church.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Acts 21:8-15; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 4:2-3; Romans 16:1-7; Joel 2:28; 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

MEMORY VERSE

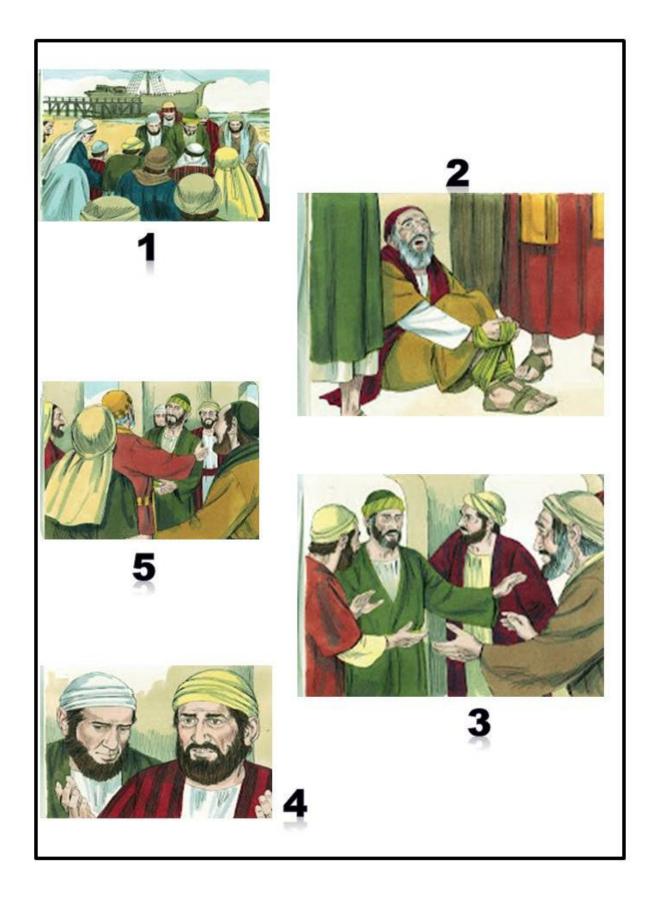
Ephesians 4:11-12 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

INTRODUCTION

In the first two weeks we received an introduction to the Church. We learnt that people make up the church rather than the building. And we looked at why God wants us to attend a church service every week.

Then last week, we began to look at God's perspective on ministry-work. We learnt that God expects all of us to serve Him, whether or not we are in full-time ministry. This week we will learn how important it is for girls and women to do ministry work too.

Agabus and Paul (Acts 21:8-15)



WOMEN LEADERS of the EARLY CHURCH

Read Ephesians 4:11-12 and explain what Christ gave to the church.
Who is the church?
Why did Christ give apostles, prophets, etc. to the church?
According to Acts 21:9 what was the role of Philip's daughters in the early church?
Who do you think appointed Agabus as a prophet according to Ephesians 4:11-12?
Based on Ephesians 4:11-12 who do you think appointed Philip's daughters as prophets?
According to Joel 2:28 did God promise to pour out His Spirit on just the men, or on women as well?
Based on these verses, can we say that Jesus Christ appoints both men and women to church ministry?
According to Philippians 4:2-3, what position did Clement, Euodia and Syntyche hold in the church?

According to Romans 16:1, what position did Phoebe hold in the church?	
According to Romans 16:3-5, what position did Priscilla hold in the church?	
According to Romans 16:7, what position did Junia hold in the church?	
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 says that women should remain silent in church. Do you think means women should not minister in church? Explain.	this
In the examples we saw of women in the early church, do you think any of them v "church leaders"? Explain why.	vere

Based on these examples, can we say that God appoints women too as leaders? Explain why.
APPLICATION
It is important for us to do the ministry work that God gives us. If the Lord appoints a woman as 'deacon' in the church, she must sincerely fulfill her leadership role. In the same way, if God calls upon a lady to pastor a church, she must obey Him by looking after that church.
Because God Himself has appointed these women, we should treat them with respect and submit to them, the same way we submit to the male leaders.
Some Women Leaders in my Church:
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God expects us to submit to the women leaders because He appointed them.

TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Women Leaders - Match the Following

Look up the Bible verses to find out who occupied which leadership position. Match the leaders with their leadership positions.

	Women Leaders	Leadership Positions
	Daughters of Philip (Acts 21:8)	Apostle who was imprisoned for preaching the Gospel
	Dorcas (Acts 9:36)	Deacon / Represented her Church in Rome
2	Euodia and Syntyche (Philippians 4:2)	Did ministry work among widows and the poor
	Junia (Romans.16:7)	Evangelists
	Phoebe (Romans 16:1)	Taught and discipled Apostle Apollos
	Priscilla (Acts 18:24-28)	Prophets

FOLLOW UP

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LESSON 5: GOD'S MESSAGE to the CHURCHES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To highlight the faithfulness of the churches of Philadelphia and Smyrna.
- To motivate children to serve the Lord faithfully "even to the point of death."

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Revelation 2:8-11, 3:7-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

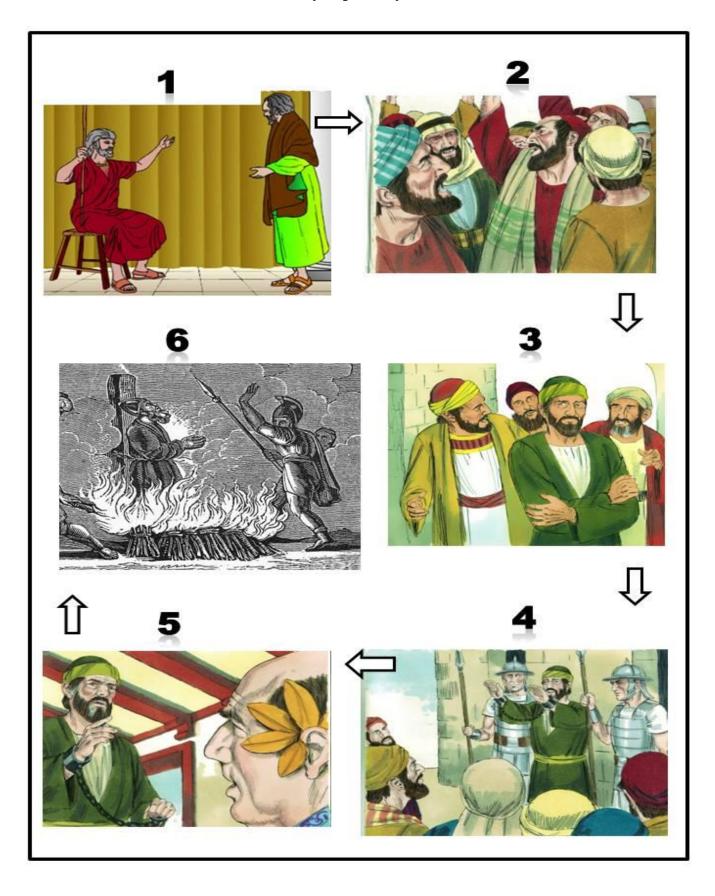
MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 3:11: "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown."

INTRODUCTION

Jesus gave John a message for seven churches in Asia Minor (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.) These seven messages were given to strengthen the churches in John's day and throughout church history. Each of these messages includes information apropos to each church, and from these messages we can draw lessons applicable to our own lives today.

Polycarp of Smyrna



CHURCHES of SMYRNA and PHILADELPHIA

Why do you think Polycarp did not run away when the Lord warned him he would burnt at the stake?
Read Revelation 3:8. Do you think the believers of the church of Philadelphia were a faithful as the believers of Smyrna?
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Jesus said, "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take you crown." (Revelation 3:11) What were they supposed to hold on to? (Look at 2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Jesus promised a crown of life to those who stayed faithful. Does this mean we will ge golden crowns in heaven if we serve God faithfully?
Jesus said, "The one who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death." (Revelation 2:11) What do you think is the "second death"?
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APPLICATION
The instructions that Jesus gave the believers of the early church, apply to us too. We too mus be willing to serve faithfully "even to the point of death." (Revelation 2:10) For a few believer this may mean literal death. They may be killed for sharing the Gospel with non-Christians.
However most of us are expected to be "living sacrifices." The Lord doesn't ask us to die physically. But He expects us to make whatever sacrifices are required to obey Him.
Some sacrifices that I can make to serve Christ faithfully:
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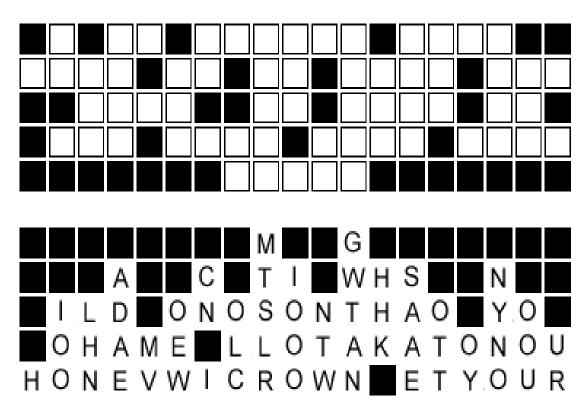
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When we serve the Lord faithfully we will be rewarded for it.

TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Hold On to what You Have

(Created at gospelhall.org)





Write down the Memory Verse:

Revelation 3:11:

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LESSON 6: WATER BAPTISM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the origin of the practice of baptizing persons.
- To teach the difference between John's baptism and Baptism in the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Luke 3:3; Acts 2:38-39, 19:1-6

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:38: Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two 'Sacraments' ordained by Jesus for the Church. Both must be permanently observed by the Church. The power of Christ's finished work on the Cross becomes real and effective in the believer's life when he or she meaningfully practices these two sacraments. In this lesson we will learn a little about water baptism.

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	John the Baptist Word Scramble	
	Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in t circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phr	
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Why do you think John the Baptist was called a 'Baptist'? Did he belong to the Baptist church?
Why do you think John the Baptist baptized people? Did the ritual mean something?
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Read Acts 19:1-6. What kind of baptism did the people mentioned here, receive at first?
What baptism did they receive the second time?
What do you think is the difference between John's baptism and Baptism in Jesus' Name?
Do you think a person will go to heaven only if they get baptized in the water?

How can getting baptized help us?		

APPLICATION

If we partake in baptism without truly understanding what it signifies, it becomes an empty ritual. So it is good for children to spend a few years growing in the Lord and disciplining themselves to spend time with Him. Over time, they will become familiar with the Scriptures and understand the sacrament of baptism more clearly.

Starting this week, make a resolution to read the Bible daily and pray. Spend at least ten minutes reading, and spend the next ten minutes reflecting on what you have read.

- Now onwards, I will devote _____ minutes, every day, to studying the Bible.
- I will spend _____ minutes in prayer every day.

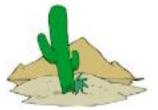
TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

John the Baptist

(Taken from Kids Sunday School)

What are some of the other names given to John the Baptist in the Bible? Look up the Bible verses and find out.







A horn of ______. (Luke 1:69)

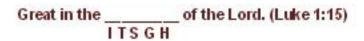
The prophet ______. (Malachi 4:5)



A ______ of the Most High. (Luke 1:76)



A ______ to the light. (John 1:8)
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FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:						
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LESSON 7: THE LORD'S SUPPER

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the meaning of the word 'Communion.'
- To motivate children to have communion with Christ and the Church.

SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26, 12:27; Matthew 26:17-29

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 11:26: "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

PICTURE IT





Maggie's Picture

Whenever Maggie looks at this picture, she is reminded of her family's wonderful trip to Hawaii.

- She remembers the sand castles they built on the beach.
- She remembers the fun they had in the car on the way to the Wailua Falls.
- She remembers walking through the Haleakala volcanic crater, wondering if she was on another planet!

The things she remembers can't be directly seen in the picture. But the picture reminds her of these things.



The Lord's Supper

Jesus asked His disciples and future generations of believers, to always remember the Lord's Supper.

- He wanted us to remember His words that evening: "This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory." "This cup is the new covenant written in my blood."
- He wanted us to remember the promise He made—that He would come back one day, and He would once again drink with us on that day.
- He wanted us to remember His instruction—that we must serve others just as He did.

The disciples didn't have a photograph of the Lord's Supper that evening. However they remembered this picture in their minds and passed it on to future generations. They recorded it in the Bible so that we too would remember what Jesus said and did that day.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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	25-26 (CEV): After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and said, and with it God makes his new agreement with you. Drink this and remember me."
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	17 says, "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for the one loaf." What do you think this verse means?
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APPLICATION	
Is there any sickness in your body? How can you 'commune' with the body of Christ week?	this
How can I commune with the Blood of Christ? What must I do if I sin against the Lord week?	l this
Three ways that I can 'commune' with other believers this week:	
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Come back next week with testimonies of how you had communion with Christ and with his Church.

TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

The Lord's Supper

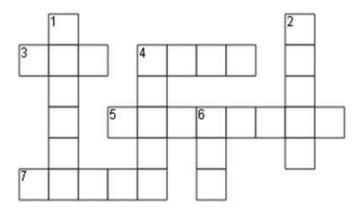
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In Remembrance of Me

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Puzzle is based on 1 Corinthians 11:26-29





ACROSS

- A small open container usually used for drinking;
- The whole physical structure that forms a person
- An agreement between God and his people
- 7. Food made from dough of flour or meal

DOWN

- 1. The evening meal
- To take liquid into the mouth and swallow it
- 4. The red fluid that is pumped by the heart
- To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it

BLOOD	BREAD	CUP	EAT
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FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:					
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