

# Lesson: The Church Is People

Talk about what has been going on with your kids these last couple of weeks. Then explain to them that just because we don't or can't go to a church building doesn't mean we can't have church. Church is not just a building. Church is the people inside the building. People make up the church. We are the church. You are the church. The building is just a building. Then you can go into the lesson.

## 1. You Are the Church

Have the children sit in a circle. Walk around the circle holding an unbreakable mirror. Stop in front of each child. As children each look at their reflection in the mirror sing this song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell":

You are the church, you are the church.  
You sing and pray to Jesus, you are the church.

Say: Some people call the church building where we sing songs about Jesus and hear Bible stories the church. This place is just a building. The church is really people, like you and me, who love Jesus. Wherever we go, we're the church. When we go home, we're still the church. When we go to the park to play, we're still the church.

Have the children name places where they go. Confirm that they're the church wherever they go.

## 2. The Church Prays

Tell a very simple version of the story of Peter in prison from [Acts 12:1-17](#). Emphasize that the church was at Mary's house praying for Peter when God sent an angel to free him from prison. The church was very surprised and happy to see Peter standing at the door of the house. God had heard and answered the prayers of the church for Peter. Then have the children act out the story

## 3. I Am the Church

Make mirrors from paper plates. Around the edge of the paper plate write "(Child's name) the church." Glue a piece of aluminum foil in the center of the paper plate. Add a craft stick for a handle.

Say: When you look in your mirror, who do you see? Yes, you see the church.

As children look into their mirrors, encourage them to sing "You Are the Church," only this time change the words to "I am the church."

**God's church is not made of bricks or wood; God's church is made of people like you and me.**

## 5. Body Parts

Have the kids draw each body part on a sheet of paper. Have them label each one and tell what each part's purpose is. For example, we have our eyes to see (see to help others know about God), our ears to hear (hear God's word), mouth to speak (to speak God's word), etc. Have them draw themselves and discuss each part.

## 7. Pray

**Pray: Dear God, we're glad we're your church. In Jesus' name, amen.**