



**KIDS
SMALL
GROUPS**



**CHILDREN'S
201**

HOW TO GROW IN JESUS

**A Journey to Discover
My Spiritual Growth**



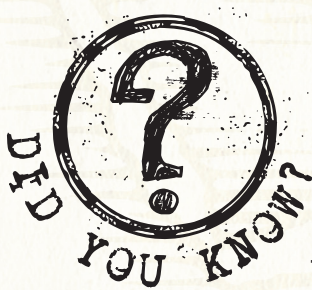
LESSON 7

WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

(Spiritual Discipline: Belonging to God's Family)

BEGIN THE JOURNEY:

Have you ever tried to run a relay race without a team? How about play a soccer game without any other players? Can you play a duet on the piano without another person or ride on a teeter totter alone? It's impossible! Our Christian life is just like that. God didn't create us on an island all by ourselves. He made us to be a part of a family—His family! When we choose to follow God, we also become a part of God's family. We have many brothers and sisters in God's family—all over the world! They help us understand what it means to follow God. They support us when we are down and encourage us in our Christian faith. We simply cannot make it in our Christian life without our brothers and sisters. We need each other!



The book of Acts tells us about the exciting days of the early church. Right after Jesus rose from the dead, the church began to form. They did not have church buildings like our church where they could meet and do these things. They had to come together in the Jewish Temple Courts and in houses. I guess you could say that was the start of the very first small group. This legacy has continued on as you are in a small group today!

The believers did four things together. Can you figure out what those things were in Acts 2:42?



SEEK THE TREASURE:

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25

UNCOVER THE TRUTH:

There are **SO** many benefits to being in a church family! Look up these verses and try to figure out **THE TOP** five benefits of belonging to a church family:

Verse	BENEFIT of BELONGING to God's Family
Ephesians 2:19-22	
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	
Galatians 6:2	
Matthew 18:20	
John 17:21	

Which benefit of belonging to God's family means the most to you?

Why?

There are obviously more benefits to belonging to God's family than we've listed. Can you think of other great things about being a part of God's family?

FIND THE PURPOSE:

Who is in God's family?

What are some of their names (now is a GREAT time to make sure you know everyone's name in your small group.) Write their full names down here.

Have you ever thanked God for your brothers and sisters in your small group? Now is a great time to do so!

Why is it important to go to church?

How can you show someone in God's family His love this week?

FUN

FACTS

Did you know that if you travel around the world the most common place is a church? There are remote villages that don't have hospitals or fast food restaurants, but they do have the church. Believers from all over the world are connected through Jesus Christ.



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME:

TO HELP YOU PRAY:

- Thank God for choosing you to be a part of His family!
- Praise God for the friends you have in your small group.
- Pray for someone specifically in your small group. Write his or her specific prayer request below:

Name:

Prayer Request:

QUIET TIME CHECK-IN:

Day ONE

Luke 12:1-21

Day TWO

Luke 12:22-48

Day THREE

Luke 12:49-59

Day FOUR

Luke 13:1-21

Day FIVE

Luke 13:22-35

ONE WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD:

Do you remember what God promises in Matthew 18:20? Ask one friend to help you spend time with God this week. You could pray with your Kids Small Group leader, a parent or a friend. Remember, God loves to hear you pray, especially when you are with your brothers and sisters in His family.

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My child and I reviewed this lesson together.

_____ said the Memory Verse to
me on _____.

Parent Signature: _____

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