

LESSON 1:

THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF CHRISTIANS

TEXT: MATTHEW 16:13-18; ACTS 2

CENTRAL TRUTH:

THE CHURCH BEGAN AT PENTECOST AND IS MADE UP OF CHRISTIANS ALONE.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:18 – And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



BONUS VERSES:

John 10:16 – And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Acts 2:47b – And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

LESSON 1 SUMMARY & OBJECTIVES

LESSON SUMMARY

The church is perhaps one of the most misunderstood concepts in the history of mankind. Many people mistakenly think the church is a building or traditional establishment led by a mere man. However, God's Word makes it clear that the church is actually made up of every man, woman, and child who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The church has always been solely made up of Christians. It had a definite beginning shortly after Christ returned to Heaven, and it will continue on forever.

OBJECTIVES

1. Clearly identify Jesus as the Messiah and God's Son

2. State Jesus' prophecy about personally building the church

3. Explain why the Spirit was necessary to start the church

4. Discuss what the church looked like and what it did the day it began

5. Provide biblical reasons we know the church started at Pentecost



1. **What happened at Pentecost?**
 - a. God flipped a penny at Costco
 - b. Jesus was born
 - c. **The Holy Spirit came to start the church**
 - d. Noah built the ark
2. **Who makes up the church?**
 - a. Snowmen
 - b. **Christians**
 - c. Bears
 - d. Mountains
3. **What is the foundation of the church?**
 - a. Silly string
 - b. **Truth from the Bible**
 - c. Really long books
 - d. Truth from the dictionary
4. **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
 - a. A ghost
 - b. **God**
 - c. A football player
 - d. A dog
5. **Why is the church made up of Christians?**
 - a. To be a part of the church you must accept Jesus into your life and follow Him. Only those that have done this can belong in the church.
6. **Why is the church founded on the Bible?**
 - a. The Bible is God's word and is complete and fully true.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus promised to build His church, drawing people to Himself. Attending church or saying a prayer does not mean a person truly belongs to the church. Instead, they must turn from their sin and trust in Jesus Christ, for the church is made up of Christians.



Application:

- Believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Savior.
- Thank Jesus for personally growing the church and blessing it with the Holy Spirit.
- Consider whether you are truly a part of Christ's church.
- Attend, love, and learn from your local church.
- Work hard to evangelize unbelievers, edify Christians, and exalt God.



OIL & WATER:

The church is a group of people who have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ. The church cannot mix with the world. Attempt to mix cooking oil with water in a clear plastic container. Show your class how, no matter what, the oil and water will separate from each other.



SET APART:

Explain how Israel was set apart in the Old Testament to be God's witness to the Gentiles. Specify that Old Testament Israel and the New Testament church are two different groups of people, yet they are similar in how both have been set apart by the Lord for His purposes.



GATHERED TOGETHER:

Use a magnet with paper clips to show your class how the magnet gathers the paper clips together into small groups. Explain that this is similar to how Christ gathers the church into small local churches around the world.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Painters tape.

PROGRAM:

SCOUTS SCHEDULE:

Volunteer Meeting

Prayer and Structure Review

5 minutes

Check In

15 minutes

Games (page 999)

Long Jump

15 minutes

Transition

5 minutes

Music (page 998)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

15 minutes

(Hymn of the Month)

"Do Not Be Anxious"

"Out of the Mud"

"Young"

Lesson

The Church is Made Up of Christians

20 minutes

Transition

5 minutes

Small Group

Pray and review the lesson

5 minutes

Ask questions from the lesson
and discuss

15 minutes

10 minutes

Review the memory verse
and the pin reward system

Pick Up

15 minutes

LESSON 2:

THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–26

CENTRAL TRUTH:

CHURCH MEMBERS MAKE UP THE BODY OF CHRIST,
WITH CHRIST BEING THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

MEMORY VERSE: **Ephesians 5:23** – For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.



BONUS VERSES:

1 Corinthians 12:12 – For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Colossians 1:24 – Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

LESSON 2 SUMMARY & OBJECTIVES

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The church is not a physical building which people visit once or twice during the week. The church is the body of Christ, and He alone is the head of the church. Church membership is implied by the New Testament, and the church is made up of a variety of Christians who are given different spiritual gifts. Church members are clearly instructed to use their spiritual gifts to build up one another unto Christlikeness, with the whole body needing to mature unto Him.

OBJECTIVES

1 Explain how Jesus is the "head" of the church

3 Detail the church's need to mature into conformity with its head, Jesus Christ

2 Describe the diversity and unity necessary for the church to function

4 Give evidence from the New Testament that supports church membership



1. **Who is allowed to be a member of the church?**
 - a. Only people in the club
 - b. No one is allowed
 - c. Someone with special talents
 - d. **Christians**
2. **How many people are allowed to join the church?**
 - a. 50
 - b. 100
 - c. 1000
 - d. **There is no limit**
3. **Who is the head of the church?**
 - a. **Christ**
 - b. The President
 - c. Noah
 - d. Paul
4. **Why should Christians join the local church?**
 - a. To be a part of a club
 - b. **To learn and grow closer to Christ**
 - c. To get good deals
 - d. To be different
5. **What is the job of the church?**
 - a. To encourage others, exalt Christ and help others come to Christ
6. **What does it mean that the church is like a body?**
 - a. The church is made up of different kinds of people that all believe the same thing and have Christ as the leader, like the head leads the body and helps the body to move.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL

The Bible identifies the church as being the body of Christ, with Jesus Himself as its head. It is not a building to worship God in. One must repent and trust in Christ as Lord and Savior in order to become part of His church.



Application:

- Believe the gospel so you can be a part of Christ's body, the church.
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- If you're a Christian, grow spiritually as a member of the body of Christ by reading and obeying the Bible.
- Praise God for adding more and more worshippers to His church.
- If you are a Christian, pray that God would help you use the spiritual gifts He gave you to serve the church.



MEMBERS MATTER:

Tell a volunteer that because their big toe can't be seen in their shoe; maybe it is not important. Ask them to try to walk without using their big toe. Show how awkward it is, then have them imagine what would happen if they didn't have a big toe at all. Every part of the human body matters, just like every person in the church does.



GROWING UP:

Have a student volunteer stand next to a leader. Ask the class how a child becomes an adult. Then ask the class what the child must do to grow up, such as eating the right foods and beginning to think more maturely. Explain that as the body of Christ the church is supposed to grow in maturity to better match Jesus.



VIRAL ATTACK:

Explain to the class that ongoing, unrepentant sin in the church is like a virus in the human body. It spreads until more are infected by it. The body of Christ is meant to thrive and mature, not grow sick and die due to sin. Help your students understand the gravity of ongoing sin in the church.