

LESSON 1: ONE CHURCH

Today we will learn that although the church looks different around the world, all believers are one church together in Christ. Here's what we are going to do today:

1. WELCOME.

You can use these words, or your own welcome. >> *"Welcome everyone! Today, we are going to talk about how the church looks different around the world."*

2. WATCH.

Play the Lesson 1 video. You can find it on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/XjVcQ68Sadw>

3. REFLECT.

Depending on the age of your kids, use the following questions to have a short discussion. If your kids are younger, choose just one question that you think will engage them. There are no "right" answers here. Encourage the kids to think about their faith, and share your own faith with them!

Today's discussion questions:

1. What does your church look like? What kind of chairs do you have there?
2. Where have you gone to church? Have you ever gone to church outside, or at your house?
3. Which of the churches that we saw today would you want to visit?
4. Do you think God cares where you worship him? Why or why not?

4. PRACTICE.

Practice the memory verse together. >> *We love because he first loved us. —1 John 4:19*

5. PRAY.

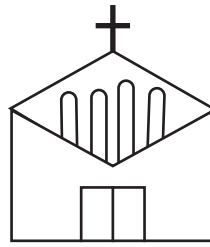
Use this prayer or your own. >> *"Dear God, thank you for this worship time today. Help us to worship you wherever we are this week. Amen."*

6. DO.

Follow the directions for today's craft. >> *Today, we are going to make a church!*

If you have more time:

- After the discussion, listen to this song about putting our faith in Jesus: <https://youtu.be/dcAG4PbNXaA>
- Play a game: Red Light, Green Light. Have the kids line up against wall facing you. When you say "Green Light," the kids move towards you. When you say "Red Light," the kids have to stop. If they move after you say "Red Light," they are out. The first person to pass you is the winner!



LESSON 1: ONE CHURCH CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS

*Today, we are going to make **a church!***

SUPPLIES:

- Construction paper or cardstock (one piece for each child)
- Popsicle sticks (several for each child)
- Business size envelopes (one for each child)
- Glue sticks
- Markers

INSTRUCTIONS:

Before the lesson:

Set out a piece of construction paper and an envelope for each child. Set out popsicle sticks, glue and markers.

During the lesson:

1. Glue the envelope to the center of the paper, with the flap up (so it makes a church shape).
2. Using the markers, draw a cross on the top (where the steeple would be). Add a door, or other details to the “church.”
3. Now make the people. Draw faces and clothes on the popsicle sticks using the markers. Place the people in the envelope, so that they are in the church.
4. While you do the craft, you can talk about whether this looks like your church. You can also talk about how the people are the most important part of any church!

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- >> **Practice** the Bible memory verse: *We love because he first loved us.* — 1 John 4:19
- >> **Talk** about how, no matter what your church looks like, Christians around the world matter to God and are all part of one church. If your child is interested in learning more, you can look up churches around the world.

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