

The Early Church

Theme: Belonging

Prayer: Gather the children round standing in a circle with arms over shoulders. Get all to bow their heads in prayer and say a short prayer. At the end of the prayer get everyone in the circle to put their hand in and altogether give a big AMEN!

Games: (Get the children into teams and explain they must stick and work together)

Cardboard Relay: Materials: Cardboard about 10 inches square.

The players are divided into two teams. A goal is established for each team so the teams will travel the same distances. Teams will line up facing their goals and each team is given two pieces of cardboard. The first member of each team goes to his goal and back, walking on his pieces of cardboard. They do this by picking up a piece of cardboard with each step and placing it in front of the foot with which they are about to step. When they return to their team the next person then does the same, and this continues until the whole team has completed the course.

Ping-pong race: Materials: 1.A straw for each child. 2. Ping-pong balls. 3. Masking tape to mark the start and finishing line on the floor or table. Divide the children into two teams. On the command “go”, the children blow through the straw to make the ping-pong ball move across the table/floor. The child whose ping-pong ball reaches the finishing line first is the winner and is awarded a point for their team.

Memory verse “Love one another as brothers and sisters” 1 Peter 3 v 8B (GNB)

Introduction: Sit the children down into a circle or split them up if you have a large number. Ask the children if they belong to a sports team or club. Ask them what makes the club special to them. Remind the children that in the games they worked as a team and the teams that worked the best were the teams that got everyone involved.

Story: Acts chapter 2 verses 42-47. “The Fellowship of the Believers” See resources.

Application: It is really important to belong to a family where you feel safe and secure. Families live together in the same place and should love and support each other. Think of some things that your family does together. eg eating , playing games, shopping, holidays..... In today’s story we heard how the people came together and shared everything they had. A church family is like that. It is not just a building but a gathering of people in one place just like in Kingsquad so you could say that Kingsquad is your church!

Prayer: “Dear Father God, Thank you for our families and thank you for your church. Help us to feel that we belong to your family and show us ways that we can help one another at home and at Kingsquad.” Amen

Resources: Story, Funsheet

Song: “God Loves me” (Whoopah Wahey) or
“God loves me I wanna shout it out” (Lovely Jubbly)

Extra Game “Scissors, paper, stone”. Get into pairs, play the game, swap pairs and see how many you can win.

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Week 1

The first Christians were called apostles. These were the people who believed in Jesus and some of whom had been his disciples.

They went around telling others about God and showing God's power by performing miracles.

They all stayed together. They shared everything, even selling their land and the things they owned. Then they divided the money and gave it to those people who needed it. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They all had the same purpose which was to tell everyone how much God loved them. They ate together, sharing their food and had happy times together.

They praised God by singing songs, prayed together and shared the bread and wine as Jesus had taught them to do. All the people liked them because they were so generous and loving to others.

Because of this, more and more people began to believe in Jesus and gave their lives to Him. In this way the church grew.

"Love one another as brothers and sisters"

1 Peter 3 v 8b

Can you get through the maze?

