

Kids Club

Leader Guide

Feb Week 2

Feb. 8, 2026



THE CHURCH

Series Overview

The Church - This series will teach kids about what church is and the role each of us plays in it. It begins by helping kids understand that the church is not a building but the people of God. Then, they'll discover how God's love works through the church and that they, too, have a special purpose within the body of Christ. Lastly, they'll learn the importance of gathering together regularly for worship and encouragement. We are the church!

Lesson Overview

The church is the people of God, and as such, we are to make caring for one another one of our top priorities. The early church did this, in part, by sharing their worldly goods with their brothers and sisters in need. They shared so easily because they stopped viewing their possessions as their own! This week, kids will learn why these early Christians were so willing to share with each other and why we should be, too.

Lesson 2:

The Church Helps Others – Acts 4:32-35

Bottom Line:

The church works together to help those in need

Memory Verse (Series):

And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching. Hebrews 10:25 (NIRV)

Schedule

1. Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)

Kids check in, play together, and connect with leaders. Encourage older kids to include younger ones. Give prompts for questions the teacher can ask to build relationships. Lessons 2-4: review the previous lesson's take home challenge.

2. Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 minutes)

Short lesson with Scripture and discussion. This should be very engaging, with lots of opportunity for movement and kids participating.

3. Review & Practice (10 minutes)

Practice engaging with Scripture from lesson and series memory verse.

4. Prayer & Worship Practice (5 minutes)

Practice prayer or worship together. Choose a prayer activity or type of spiritual practice/worship to engage in together. Should be quiet and reflective.

5. Group Activity or Project (10 minutes)

Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion. Ideally kids are working in pairs or groups. Either a game, craft, or other activity.

6. Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 minutes)

Review the main point, play together, and give a take-home challenge.

SUPPLIES

1. Welcome & Connection

- Items for structured free play
- Name cards or blank paper with markers
- Optional: small basket of neutral items for icebreaker

2. Group Gather & Bible Focus

- Backpack or box
- Snack item
- Small toy
- Hoodie or scarf
- Coin or dollar bill
- School supply (pencil or notebook)

3. Review & Practice

- **Scripture Relay Cards**
- **Memory Verse Cards**
- Hebrews 10:25 phrase cards
- Optional: tape to stick cards on wall or floor

4. Prayer & Worship Practice

- Paper hearts
- Markers or pencils
- Basket or bowl

5. Group Activity

- One paper bag or small box per group
- Need Cards
- Small blank item cards (6–8 per group)
- Markers or crayons
- Tape or glue
- Optional stickers for decorating

Welcome & Connection (10 min)

As kids arrive, invite them into free play(coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.

Welcome, friends. Today we are learning about how the church helps others. That means we are going to talk about sharing, helping, and working together. As you play, watch for ways you can include someone else or share what you have.

Connection Prompts:

- What is something you like to share?
- What is something that is hard to share?
- How does it feel when someone shares with you?
- Who helps you when you need something?

Give a two minute warning before transition.

Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

Have kids sit in a circle.

Hold up the backpack or box with items inside: A snack item, small toy, hoodie or scarf, coin or dollar bill, school supply like a pencil or notebook.

Inside this box are things someone might own. Some are fun. Some are useful. Some are important. Before we open it, I want you to think about this question. Are these things just for one person, or could they be for everyone?

Let kids give a few quick answers.

Pull out one item at a time. After each item, pause for interaction.

Snack:

Who gets hungry sometimes? What happens if only one person eats and everyone else stays hungry?

Toy:

Toys are fun. What if only one person ever got to play?

Clothing item:

What if someone was cold and had nothing to wear, but someone else had extra?

Money:

Money helps us buy what we need. What happens if one person has way more than they need and others have none?

Invite kids to stand up each time they agree that sharing would help. Sit back down after each item.

The early church faced these same kinds of situations. Let's hear what the Bible says.

Read Acts 4:32 out loud from the NIV.

The believers were one in heart and mind. They did not think of their things as their own. They shared everything they had.

Have kids place a hand on their chest.

Being one in heart means they cared about each other, not just themselves.

Read Acts 4:34–35.

No one was in need. The church worked together so everyone was cared for.

Place the items back in the middle of the circle.

If these things belonged to the church instead of one person, what could happen?

Invite kids to act out responses:

- Pretend to share food
- Hand an item to a friend
- Give a thumbs up when someone gets help

This is what the church looked like. People helping people. Everyone working together.

Have kids stand.

When God's people share and help each other, the church is doing what God designed it to do.

*Let's say today's bottom line together. **The church works together to help those in need..***

Review & Practice (10 min)

Scripture Relay

Divide kids into groups of 3-4, with mixed ages.

We just heard how the early church lived. They did not just listen to God's Word. They lived it out together.

Now we are going to retell that Bible story using actions. Each strip of paper shows something the believers did in Acts chapter 4. Each group, open your Bibles to Acts 4:32-35.

You are not doing this alone. The church works together, and so will we.

Younger kids, your job is to run, grab a card, and bring it back to your group. Older kids, your job is to help younger kids read the cards, understand the pictures, and act out what is on the card. Then the next person goes.

When you have all of the cards, you will then work together to decide which order the actions go in. You can look at your Bibles to help you put them in order.

This is not about being fast. It is about working together. I have prizes to come around with as I see groups working well together. Ready? Go!

Cheer on groups as they work together to put the actions from today's story together. When groups finish, have them encourage or even help other groups that are struggling. Once everyone is finished review the order, then gather kids together.

Do you notice something? This story only works because everyone did their part. No one did everything, but everyone did something. That is how the church works.

When God's people work together, needs are met. Say it with me: **The church works together to help those in need.**

Memory Verse Scavenger Hunt

*Ahead of time, cut out Memory Verse Cards. Hide the cards around the room. Divide kids into 2-3 groups. Assign each group a color. **For extra fun, set up an obstacle course for kids to go through as they search for their teams cards.*

Our memory verse reminds us why the church gathers together. We do not meet just to sit in the same room. We meet to help and encourage each other.

You will all work together with your teams to find all 8 of the memory verse cards, then work together to put them in order. Once you have them in order, come tape them up on the board!

Cheer on groups as they work together. When groups finish, review the verse all together.

Prayer & Worship Practice (5 min)

Prayer Activity: We Pray for Each Other

Invite kids to sit in a close circle. Lower the music or turn it off.

In the early church, people noticed when someone needed help. They did not ignore it. They prayed, trusted God, and then worked together to help.

We are going to practice being the church by praying for needs. Some needs are big. Some are small. God cares about all of them.

Give each child a paper heart and a pencil or marker.

Take a moment to think about someone who needs help. It might be someone you know, someone in your family, or even someone in our church.

You can write a name, draw a picture, or make a symbol that reminds you of that person.

Give quiet time. Walk around and help younger kids as needed.

If you are comfortable, older kids, you may read your heart out loud and pray one short sentence for that person.

After a few volunteers, gather the hearts into the basket.

God, thank You for making us one church. Help us notice needs and help each other with love and generosity. Show us how to be the church this week. Amen.

Group Activity or Project (10 min)

Activity: Church Care Kits

Place one need card and supplies in the center of each group.

We just prayed for people who need help. Now we are going to practice thinking and acting like the church. In the Bible, the church noticed needs and brought what they had together so no one was left without.

Hold up a paper bag or box.

This bag represents what the church brings together. No one person brings everything, but together we can help.

Each group will draw a need card, and then make a Church Care Kit for the need on your card. Together, you will decide what the church could bring or do to help that person.

You have notecards, on each one, you will write an idea to help the need you see on the card. When you finish an idea, put it inside the bag. Your goal will be to think of 4-5 ways you could help.

Older kids, your job is to help your group talk through ideas, read the need card, and help with writing. Younger kids, your job is to draw pictures and help choose ideas.

Make sure to work together and make sure everyone is included.

As groups work, walk around helping with ideas and prompt with short questions:

- What might this person need most?
- Who in the church could help with this?
- Is this something one person does, or something we do together?

Invite one older kid per group to share briefly.

Great job thinking of ideas! That is the church helping together.

Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)

As kids arrive, invite them into free play(coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.

Today we learned something important about how the church lives.

The church is not just a group of people who meet. The church is people who care for one another.

In today's Bible story from Acts, the believers shared what they had.

They did not say their things were only for themselves. They noticed needs and worked together so everyone was cared for.

That is what God's church looks like.

Suggested Discussion Questions:

- *What are some things the believers did to help each other in today's story?*
- *Why do you think they were willing to share what they had?*
- *How can kids help meet needs and care for others?*

Bottom Line Review:

Have kids say together: *The church works together to help those in need.*

Weekly Challenge:

This week, look for a need you can help with.

You might share, help someone, pray for someone, or encourage someone.

When we work together, we are being the church.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank You for making us part of Your church. Help us notice needs. Help us share what we have. Help us work together so no one is left out. Amen.

Optional Closing Game: Who Needs Help?

Have kids stand in a circle or spread out around the room.

We are going to play a quick game called 'Who Needs Help?'

I will name a situation.

If that person needs help, give a thumbs up and say, "We can help!"

Call out situations such as:

- *"A friend drops their lunch."*
- *"Someone feels left out."*
- *"A neighbor is sick."*
- *"A classmate does not have school supplies."*

After a few rounds:

When God's people notice needs and help together, the church is doing what God designed it to do.

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A family does not have enough food.



Someone feels lonely and needs encouragement



Someone is sick and needs care



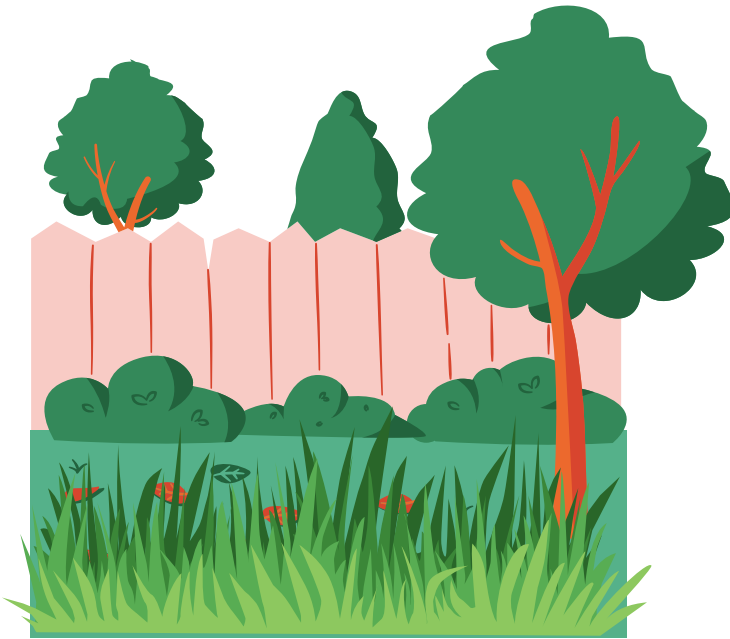
Someone needs help fixing something at their house



A new family at church does
not know anyone yet



A friend is sad and needs
someone to listen



An elderly neighbor's yard
needs work



A family does not have
warm clothes