

A New Family

BOB loves his family, but sometimes, getting along with them is rough! He really enjoys going to camp and getting a vacation from his annoying little sister! Have you ever wished you could be part of another family? Family is an important part of your life. Today's lesson will show you that there are two families besides the one you were first born into that can be yours too.



As a saved believer, you have become part of the family of God, but there is another family in which God wants you to be involved. He wants you to have a church family. Some people think that church is just a building to go to when you want to learn about God, but in the New Testament, the Bible refers to saved people as being “the church.” The church is where people go to learn about God and spend time with other believers. It is where we go to worship God.

Finding a good church with people who will love and help you to grow as a Christian is very important! Most likely, if you are doing this study, you have a church that you go to. It is still important to understand why we go to church.



Search It!

Psalm 122:1 explains how your attitude should be about going to church (God's House). What should describe your attitude?

- A. Ready to criticize (correct) the pastor
- B. Be Tired and grumpy
- C. Feel ready to dance
- D. Glad you can go

What does the term “church” refer to?

- 1. A building with no decorations
- 2. A building with bells built in
- 3. Believers that have come together to worship God



A church has many workers. Most have teachers for different classes (so a variety of ages can learn on their level). A church has deacons that help the pastor. The pastor is the one who prepares messages to share with the people

after much research and study. The Bible gives specific guidelines for such people to follow (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1:7). When people get sick, have special needs, or die, the pastor is supposed to help and encourage in such matters. He works with the deacons to make important decisions for the well-being of the church.

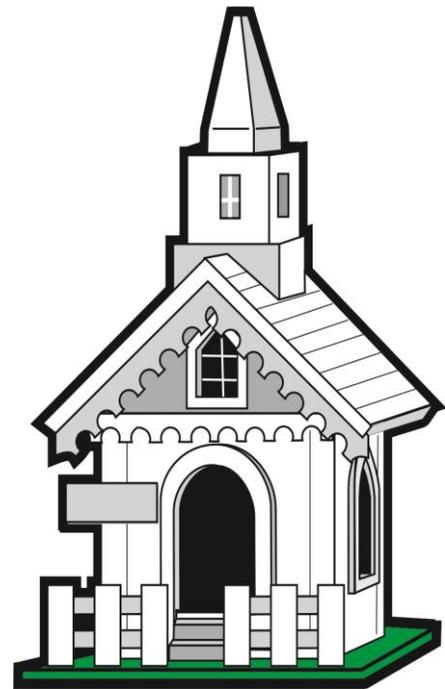
A church member can also do things around the church to help. Samuel (a young boy in the Bible) wanted to serve in God's house. Even a child could sing a song, offer to open doors for people, pass out bulletins, help a teacher, straighten chairs, or clean something.

Some churches today are allowing women to preach or be deacons. This is not according to the Bible. Women may teach children or other women, but God created women to be helpers to men, not leaders over them (Genesis 2:18).

Who is the head (leader) of the church according to Colossians 1:15-18?

- A. Pastor
- B. Deacon
- C. God
- D. The statue outside of it

True or False? Children cannot serve at church.



True or False? It is good for a woman to be a pastor so she can prove she is wiser than a man. _____

There are lots of different types of churches, so how do you find which one is pleasing to God? Different churches are called by types or names ([denominations](#)). A Christian does not have to be part of a particular denomination to be saved, so those that teach such a thing are not basing their belief on the Bible. Some churches do not teach the truth about God or salvation, or baptism. If you are not part of a church family, start praying now that God will help you to find the right one.

It is important that if you know someone who doesn't go to church not to talk badly about them. Sometimes someone may be too sick to go to church, or

their parents may not let them go. If you do attend a church, has someone at school or a relative ever questioned why you go? People that are not saved often tease Christians for wanting to spend time learning about God. Read Acts 5:29. Some churches have a van or bus that picks up kids to bring them when their parents don't want to drive them. You can also pray that God will change the minds of those that do not want you to go to church. There are also many good preaching sermons from churches available online you could ask to listen to.

True or False? The Bible teaches that just being part of a certain denomination (type of church) can guarantee you access to Heaven. _____

True or False? It is okay to go to a church with rock-style music and still be pleasing God. _____

True or False? The church you choose should let you get baptized or saved any way that you want. _____

True or False? It is acceptable to go to a church that believes only part of the Bible is true. _____

Write an option to try if you were told you are not allowed to attend a church.

Is it ok to talk badly about someone who does not go to church? Why or why not? _____



CHECK IT OUT!

Here are a few hints that might help you choose a church that is honoring to God:

- 1. Find a church that teaches that believing and accepting Jesus as their personal Savior is the only way to Heaven. They should believe the Bible when it says salvation is forever. (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 9:12, 1 John 1:12)**

2. The church needs to support and teach Bible principles, believing that the Bible is the Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Matthew 5:8)

3. The church should teach, believe, and practice Baptism by immersion only. (Matthew 3:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:35-39, and Romans 6:3-7)

4. The church should believe that God is three-in-one (The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). (Deuteronomy 6:4, John 14:7-12, John 16:7)

5. The church should have music that is different from the world's styles and ideas. (Colossians 3:16, Romans 12:1-2) Some people have started adding rock, rap, and other worldly music that takes away the focus of singing about Jesus and puts it on them.

6. There should be people who can support you in your Christian life. It would be good to have older Christians you can learn from, but also Christian kids your age. Church is a great place to make lasting friends!

Get to know your church!

What is the pastor's name? _____

Who are the deacons? _____

What is the name of the church? _____
