

BRING IT HOME



Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel. Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT 32: THE CHURCH GROWS

As opposition to the church grew, the church grew along with it. Just as Jesus had said it would, the church began in Jerusalem, had grown into Judea, and was about to expand into Samaria and toward the ends of the earth. First, God needed to help believers understand that as the church grew, they were one church united in Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is the church?

The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

KEY PASSAGE:

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.

April 7 | Session 2:
PETER LEARNED THAT JESUS IS FOR ALL
ACTS 10

CHRIST CONNECTION: God showed Peter that just as there is no “clean” and “unclean” food in Christ, there are no “clean” and “unclean” people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was Peter's vision?
- How do our differences show God's creativity?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Celebrate the differences in God's creation by having a buffet of different meats, fruits, and vegetables for a family dinner. Try to find items that kids might not have tasted before. As you enjoy the meal together, talk about the differences we see in God's creation. Remind kids that God loves all people equally and wants everyone to hear the good news about Jesus.

April 14 | Session 3:
GENTILES BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH
ACTS 11

CHRIST CONNECTION: Even though some people tried to stop it, the gospel spread throughout the earth—not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. The good news about Jesus is for everyone. God calls us to celebrate when others believe and help them know and love Jesus more.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Who did God call Peter to share the gospel with?
- Why should we celebrate when others repent and turn to Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Think of a friend, family member, or someone in your church who has recently chosen to give her life to Jesus. As a family, create a card or banner to celebrate her decision to turn to Jesus. Mail her the card or give her the banner in person and congratulate her on her choice to trust Jesus.

April 21 | Session 4:
PETER WAS RESCUED FROM PRISON
ACTS 12

CHRIST CONNECTION: God answered the people's prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What were the believers doing while Peter was in prison?

How was a difficult situation in Peter's life used to show that God is always good?

What difficult circumstances has God used in your life to show that He is good?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Ask friends how your family can pray for them and make a list. Take time each evening to pray for the requests collected from others.

April 28 | Session 5 | BIG TRUTH SESSION
WE ARE PART OF ONE CHURCH
1 CORINTHIANS 12

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul told the believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers from every nation, tribe, people, and language can humbly come together as one body—the church.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why did Paul compare the church to a human body?

How do you use the gifts God has given you to serve your church?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Choose two family members and loosely tie one's left arm to the other's right arm. Ask them to perform a task like making a sandwich, folding clothes, or washing the dog. Discuss what made it difficult or easy to accomplish the task. Remind kids that all believers should work together to share the good news about Jesus.

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