

# Lesson 25: Better Together

## **Key Takeaway**

I can grow in my faith with others as part of God's Church.

## **Scriptural Basis**

Acts 2:42-47

## **Bible Verse**

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." (Ephesians 3:18, NLT).

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Children will understand that the Church is God's people who follow Jesus together.
- Children will recognize how the early Church prayed, shared, and worshiped as a community.
- Children will identify ways they can grow in faith with today.

## **Materials Needed for Small Group:**

- ☐ A Bible
- ☐ Name tags
- ☐ A snack per child

### **Build It Together**

- ☐ Option 1: Blocks or LEGO pieces (To Find)
- ☐ Option 2: Plastic cups and index cards (to build towers) (To Find)
- ☐ Option 3: Foam or wooden craft sticks and Play-Doh (To Find)

### **Activity: Is This Church?**

- ☐ Printed or digital pictures of:
  - o Printout 1, Church buildings (steeple, pews, stained glass, stages, etc.)
  - o Printout 2, Church events with people: worship, small groups, kids' ministry, serving, baptism, etc.
- ☐ (Optional) A simple drawing of a traditional church building outline on a whiteboard or poster.

### **Be The Church – Activity**

- ☐ Simple snack (crackers or bread + water or juice) to symbolize fellowship and the Lord's Supper
- ☐ Index cards with different early church activities written or drawn (e.g., "Pray together", "Sing together", "Share with others", "Eat together", "Worship God")
- ☐ A "Sharing Basket" with small objects (toy food, coins, hearts, etc.) to symbolize giving/sharing

## **Materials Needed for Large Group:**

- ☐ A Bible

### **Activity: Tower Challenge**

- ☐ Plastic cups, wooden blocks, or other stackable items (at least 2 per child)
- ☐ Small prize for the winning team (candy, stickers, etc.)
- ☐ Timer (optional)

## **Materials Needed for Games:**

### **Game: Pass the Blessing**

- ☐ A soft ball or beanbag
- ☐ Music player (optional)

### **Game: Together or Alone? Movement Game**

- ☐ Signs for two sides of the room: "TOGETHER" and "ALONE"

# Small Group Session 1

15 Minutes

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following activities to do together while children eat their snack.

## Share and Listen

### Option 1

Ask the children to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).

### Option 2

Ask the children to take turns sharing how they are feeling today using the [“How Are You Feeling?” chart](#).

## Pray Together

Collect prayer requests from the students. The leader or a student can pray for the entire group, or a leader can pair up students and invite them to pray for one another.

## Opening Questions

- **“Have you ever been a part of a group or team?”**
- **“What did you enjoy about being a part of that group?”**
- **“Why is being a part of a group or team important?”**

**“We have an activity but this is one that will only work if we do it together as a team!”** (Build excitement and momentum going into the activity.)

## Activity: Build It Together!

*Objective: To help kids practice working together, listening, and encouraging one another—just like the early church did when they did everything together.*

### Materials Needed (choose one option):

- ☐ Option 1: Blocks or LEGO pieces
- ☐ Option 2: Plastic cups and index cards (to build towers)
- ☐ Option 3: Foam or wooden craft sticks and Play-Doh

Divide kids into groups of 2–4 (depending on your total group size).

**“Your team has one mission: work together to build the tallest structure you can using only the materials in front of you. But here’s the catch—you must take turns and cheer each other on!”**

Team Rules:

- Only one person can add to the structure at a time.
- Everyone must take a turn.
- The team should talk together and decide how they want to build.
- Encourage kindness: everyone says something encouraging after each turn (“Good job!” “I like that idea!”)

Give students 5 minutes to build.

Celebrate Together:

- Walk around and admire each creation.
- Ask teams to share how they worked together.
- Celebrate how well each team worked together—not just how tall the tower is!

***“Was it easy or hard to work together? The early church in the Bible did life together. They shared, prayed, worshipped, and even ate meals together! We can be part of God’s church by growing in our faith with others, just like we practiced here!***

***Today we are going to talk about how God brought people together to work to do something incredible for God....”***

# Large Group

*10-15 Minutes*

Welcome the students to Crossroads and tell them you are glad they came this week.

## Optional Starters

**“Who is Jesus” call and response**

**Prayer Prompt: “God, I saw your love today when...”**

(Think of a moment today when you felt loved by God or saw someone showing love.)

**Opening Song: “Superstar” by Go Fish**

## Opening Prayer

Tell kids that closing their eyes and folding their hands together can help keep them focused and not distract those around them.

## Opening Question

- ***“Is it better to work alone or do things together?”***

## Activity: Tower Challenge

### Materials Needed:

- ☐ Plastic cups, wooden blocks, or other stackable items (at least 2 per child)
- ☐ Small prize for the winning team (candy, stickers, etc.)
- ☐ Timer (optional)

***“Today we’re going to build towers—but there’s a twist! You’ll each get only two building pieces. You can choose to build a tower all by yourself, or you can work together with others to build something bigger!”***

- Give each child two cups, blocks, or building items.
- Remind them they can build alone or team up with others.
- Set a time limit (e.g., 2-4 minutes).

Let kids start building, either on their own or in groups. Encourage collaboration, creativity, and safe stacking.

When time is up, measure or compare the towers. Celebrate the tallest and most stable tower as the winner!

Hand out the prize to the winning individual or team.

Ask:

- ***“Was it easier to build something big when you worked with others?”***

***“The early church didn’t try to do everything alone. They shared, helped each other, and grew stronger together—just like some of your towers!”***

## The Story: Acts 2: 43-47

***“After Jesus died and rose again, He spent 40 days with his followers, teaching them about God’s kingdom. Then, he returned to heaven, but before he left, he promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came, and the believers were filled with God’s power. They began sharing the good news about Jesus, and many people believed and joined them. This is when the early church began!”***

***As I read this passage we will do some hand motions to help us remember what happened when the church started.”***

### Acts 2:43–47 – Hand Motions

Verse 43:

***“A deep sense of awe came over them all,”***

😮 (Place hands on cheeks, eyes wide, like you’re amazed)

***“and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.”***

Verse 44:

***“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.”***

👐 (Hold out both hands like you’re giving something to a friend)

Verse 45:

***“They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.”***

👐💰 (Pretend to hand something over from one hand to the other [like making a sale])

Verse 46:

***“They worshiped together at the Temple each day,”***

👐 (Lift both hands up like praising God, then fold hands like praying)

***“met in homes for the Lord’s Supper,”***

🍞 (Pretend to break a piece of bread and eat it)

***“and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—”***

😋 (Rub tummy and smile big)

Verse 47:

***“all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.”***

👍 (Lift hands and give a thumbs up with a smile)

***“And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”***

Consider going through the passage a second time with the hand motions to help it stick.

Ask:

- ***“What did the people/church do together?”***
  - Shared resources
  - Worshipped together (sing, pray, etc.)
  - Took the Lord’s Supper
  - Ate together/ fellowship
  - All while praising God and enjoying the fellowship

***“We can be part of God’s church by growing in my faith with others—just like the early church!”***

## Close in Prayer

***“Dear God,  
Thank you for creating the church.  
Thank you that we don’t have to follow you alone.  
Thank you for giving us friends and leaders who help us grow in our faith.  
Help us to share, worship, pray, and care for others just like the early church did.  
We love you, and we’re thankful we get to be part of your big family.  
In Jesus’ name, amen.”***

# Small Group Session 2

20-25 Minutes

*Share the Key Takeaway: I can grow in my faith with others as part of God's Church.*

## Activity: This Is the Church?

### Materials Needed:

- ☐ Printed or digital pictures of:
  - Church buildings (outside and inside) (Printout 1A)
  - Steeples, pews, stained glass, stages, etc. (Printout 1A)
  - Church events with people: worship, small groups, kids' ministry, serving, baptism, etc. (Printout 1B)
- ☐ (Optional) A simple drawing of a traditional church building outline on a whiteboard or poster.

Hold up a picture of a church building.

Ask:

- ***"What is this?" (Let kids answer: a church.)***
- ***"Is this the Church God talks about in the Bible?" (Most kids will say yes—nod, but then pause dramatically.)***

Show pictures of steeples, pews, stained glass, etc.

Ask:

- ***"Are these things what make a church?"***

***"These are just parts of a building. But let's look at what the Bible says the Church really is."***

Show pictures of people being the Church—worshipping, praying together, helping others, learning about Jesus.

As you show each picture, say something like:

- ***"This is the Church worshipping together."***
- ***"This is the Church learning about Jesus."***
- ***"This is the Church helping each other and showing love."***

Ask:

- ***"So if the building isn't the Church, what is the Church?"***

***"The Church is God's people—everyone who follows Jesus and lives out their faith together."***



Say the Key Takeaway together:

***"I can be part of God's Church by growing in my faith with others—just like the early Church!"***

### Activity: Be the Church Together

*Objective: Help kids experience how the early church lived out their faith together through sharing, worship, prayer, fellowship, and meals.*

#### Materials Needed:

- ☐ Simple snack (crackers or bread + water or juice) to symbolize fellowship and the Lord's Supper
- ☐ Index cards with different early church activities written or drawn (e.g., "Pray together", "Sing together", "Share with others", "Eat together", "Worship God")
- ☐ A "Sharing Basket" with small objects (toy food, coins, hearts, etc.) to symbolize giving/sharing
- ☐ A space for sitting in a circle as a community

***"In the early church, people didn't just believe in Jesus—they lived out their faith together every day. Let's try living like the early church for a few minutes!"***

Go through a series of simple activities that mirror Acts 2:

- Prayer Together: Invite everyone to hold hands or sit quietly, then lead a short prayer of thanks and love for others.
- Worship Together: Sing a simple worship song as a group (like "This Little Light of Mine" or "Jesus Loves Me").  
Optional: Have rhythm instruments for kids to use.
- Sharing: Pass around the "Sharing Basket" and say:
  - ***"In the early church, people shared what they had to help others."***
  - Kids take turns putting a small item into the basket, saying something they can share with others (toys, time, kindness, etc.).
- Fellowship Meal: Hand out the snack and say:
  - ***"They ate together and remembered Jesus by breaking bread. Let's enjoy this snack and thank God together."***
  - While eating, encourage them to talk kindly to the person next to them.
- Praising God: End with everyone saying or shouting:
  - *"Thank you, God!"*
  - Then ask: ***"What was your favorite part of being the church together?"***

Ask:

- ***"How did that feel?"***
- ***"What can we do today to live like the early church?"***
- ***"How can we grow our faith with others?"***

### Going Deeper

- ***“What were some of the things the early church did together in Acts 2?”***  
(Examples: prayed, shared, ate, worshipped, praised God)
- ***“Why do you think they did all those things together instead of by themselves?”***  
(Helps kids reflect on the power of community and shared faith.)
- ***“How do you think it felt to be part of that Church community?”***
- ***“Where do you see people doing those things today?”***  
(At church, at home, in small groups, during snack time, etc.)
- ***“What’s one thing we did today that reminded you of the early church?”***
- ***“Do you think it’s easier or harder to grow your faith when you’re with others? Why?”***

# Ending Together

5-10 Minutes

- ***“Why do you think God wants us to be part of a church family—not just follow Jesus on our own?”***

***“Let’s say our Key Takeaway again: “I can be part of God’s Church by growing in my faith with others—just like the early Church!””***

- ***“What does that mean to you?”***

***“Crossroads is a great way to learn about Jesus and grow in your faith. Crossroads will finish in a few weeks so what are some other ways you can grow in your faith?”***

- ***“Do you have a church to go to? Would you like to come to my church?”***
- ***“What are some ways to grow in your faith?”***

## Response and Reflection

- ***“What’s one way you can grow your faith with someone else this week?”***  
(Examples: pray with a sibling, invite someone to church, talk to a friend about Jesus, help someone in need.)
- ***“Is there something you can share with someone this week to show God’s love?”***

Print out the Bible verse.

Practice the Bible verse for this unit (Ephesians 3:18). Take a look at the [Memory Verse Game Ideas](#).

Pray with the students and dismiss them.

## Close in Prayer

# Games

25 Minutes

## Game: Pass the Blessing

### Materials Needed:

- ☐ A soft ball or beanbag
- ☐ Music player (optional)

### How to Play:

- Kids sit in a circle.
- As music plays, pass the ball around the circle.
- When the music stops, whoever has the ball shares one way the early church worked together (e.g., sharing, praying, eating together, worshiping).
- Continue multiple rounds.

**Connection to Lesson:** Reminds kids that the early church grew by sharing blessings and doing life together, and that we can do the same.

## Game: Together or Alone? Movement Game

### Materials Needed:

- ☐ Signs for two sides of the room: "TOGETHER" and "ALONE"

### How to Play:

- The leader reads out activities (some are best done alone, some better together).
- Kids run to the side that fits best.

### Example prompts:

1. Praying at church. → TOGETHER
2. Reading your Bible before bed. → ALONE
3. Worshiping with your friends. → TOGETHER
4. Playing a soccer game. → TOGETHER
5. Writing a letter to God. → ALONE
6. Building a house for someone who needs one. → TOGETHER
7. Cooking dinner for your family. → TOGETHER
8. Talking to God when you feel sad. → ALONE
9. Singing with your church. → TOGETHER
10. Sitting quietly to think about Jesus. → ALONE
11. Having a party to celebrate Jesus. → TOGETHER
12. Inviting a friend to club or church. → TOGETHER
13. Helping clean up after club. → TOGETHER
14. Drawing a picture of Jesus. → ALONE
15. Sharing your toys with a friend. → TOGETHER
16. Reading a Bible story to your little brother or sister. → TOGETHER
17. Listening to a Bible story on your own. → ALONE
18. Serving food at a church dinner. → TOGETHER
19. Thinking about ways to show love to others. → ALONE
20. Visiting someone who is sick. → TOGETHER

**Connection to Lesson:** Reinforces the truth that some things we do better together, just like the early church shared, prayed, and worshiped together.

### **Game: Acts 2 Joy Race**

**Materials Needed:** None

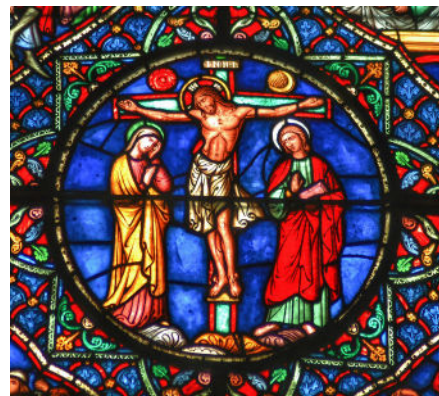
**How to Play:**

- The leader calls out actions from Acts 2:42-47.
- Kids must act them out quickly:
  - **Pray together** – Fold hands.
  - **Share everything** – Pretend to give a gift.
  - **Eat together** – Pretend to eat bread.
  - **Praise God** – Raise hands.
  - **Tell others about Jesus** – Pretend to shout.
- The last one to do the action is out for that round.

**Connection to Lesson:** Helps kids actively remember what the early church did together while keeping the focus on joy and unity.

## Printout 25.1

# IS THIS CHURCH?





## Printout 25.2

# CHURCH MATCHING GAME

