



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

What's the point of Church?

'Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of His body.'
1 Corinthians 12:27 (CEV)

Activity

Why do we go to...?

- School
- the shops
- Nanna's
- the beach
- the park

Chat

EXPLAIN: In the Bible, another name for Church is the Body of Christ, which means that we are very closely connected to God. God cares about his body, the Church, and he has given it to us as a present to look after. This present from God is meant to be something special that we can share with others. The Bible tells us that together we are the Church. Each of us is part of God's Church.

ASK: What are some of the things that you like best about being with God's people?

SHARE: My favourite part of being with God's people is...

EXPLAIN: Some people think that Church is just a place we go to on a Sunday, but Church is more than just a building. When God's people spend time

together, they are being the Church.

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ASK: Can you think of some other things God's people do together? What do you think God loves his people to do when they're together?

EXPLAIN: Another thing we get to do as the Church is learn more about God. We can learn about who He is and how he wants us to live. We can learn these things by reading the Bible or hearing someone talk about God. We can also tell God how much we love him by singing songs to Him or praying. We can do these things when we're alone but sometimes it is nice to do them with friends.

SHARE: One thing I have learnt about God is...

ASK: What things have you learnt about God?

EXPLAIN: Spending time with other people who love God is important because they can pray for us, remind us that God loves us and help us to know how to live like Jesus.

SHARE: Share about a time when a friend has helped you or prayed for you.

ASK: Who are some of your friends that also love God? Can you think of a time when they helped you?

EXPLAIN: It's nice to spend time with our friends who love God, but God doesn't want us to forget about people who don't know Him yet because they need our help too. God wants all His people to love others and help them.

ASK: Why does God want us to help people?

ASK: How can we help people or show kindness to people?

Activity

Place one Lego block on the floor in front of you. There's not much we can do with only one block. We can't build anything and it is not very fun only playing with one. Place some more Lego blocks on the floor in front of you. When we have lots of blocks we can build all sorts of great things and have loads of fun.

As you build something together explain that it is also better when God's people spend time together and work together to help others.

Application

It is important to remember that the church is God's gift to us and as part of His church we need to love and help others.

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that I am part of your church. Thankyou that I can have fun with friends who love me and that together we can learn more about You. Please help me to love other people and show them that you love them too. Amen.

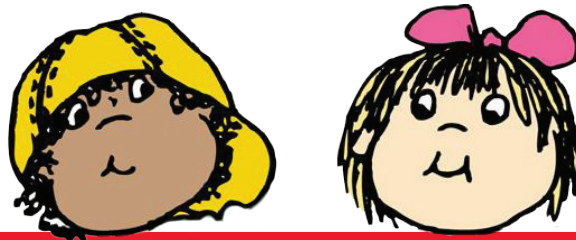
Journal

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Key point

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Tips for Using Little Chats

As children answer the questions they are voicing their thoughts to God. Remind them that Jesus hears our prayers. You don't need to ask all of the questions each time you use Little Chats but referring to a range each time will help children to learn about the breadth of prayer.

Use the suggested prayer or pray in your own words to model more formal prayer without minimising the importance of the informal prayer.

Remember to be aware of the teachable moments in everyday life, not just when using Little Chats, to have important conversations with children.

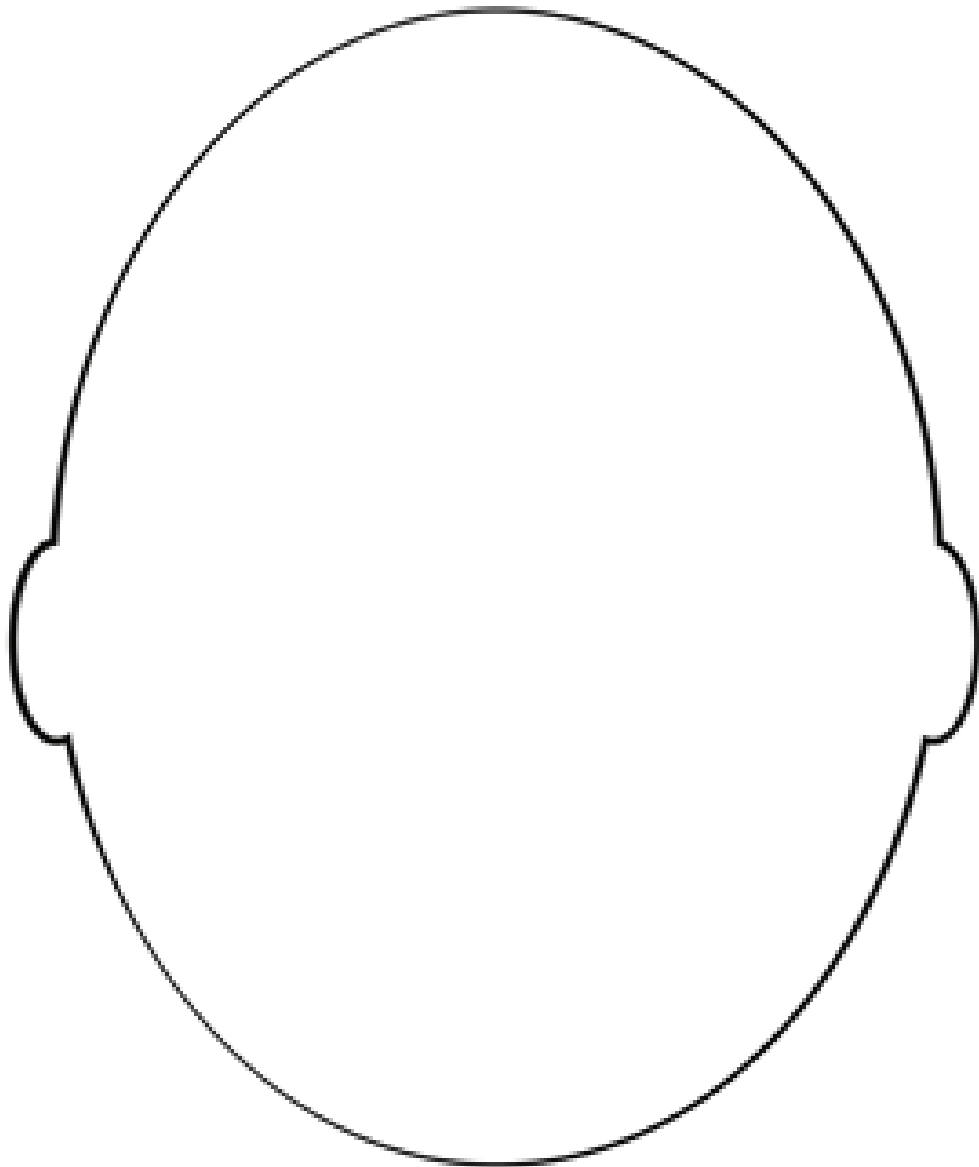
This resource provides a guideline for conversations. If children want to discuss things further keep the conversation going for as long as they are still interested.

Don't be afraid to tell a child that you don't know the answers to their questions. In these instance, offer to work together to learn the answer.

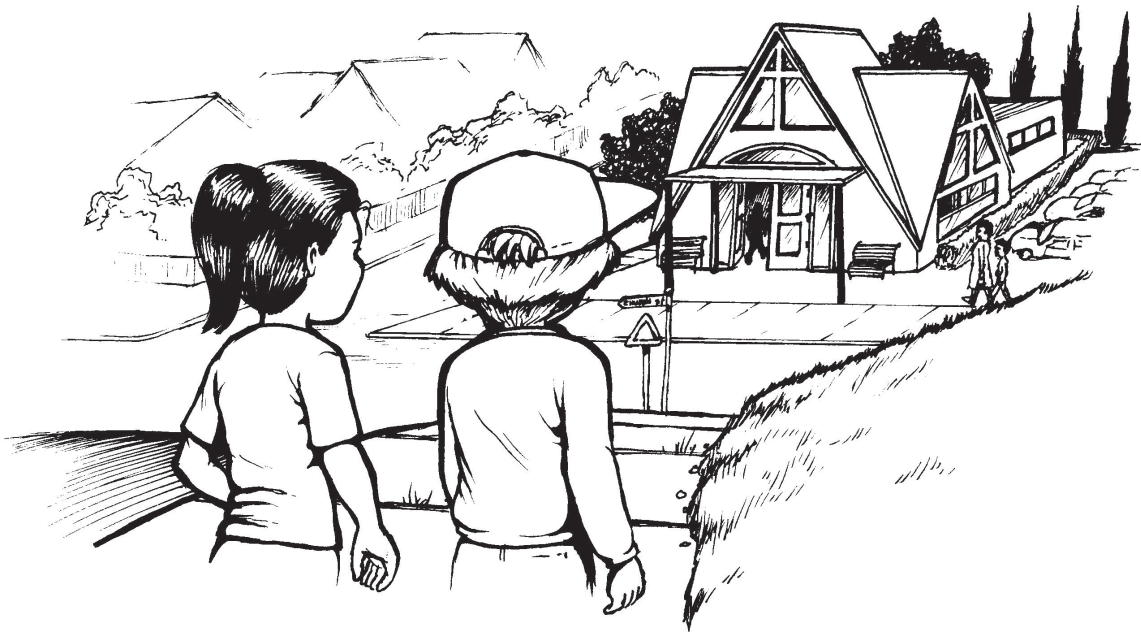
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