

Sunday morning
teaching plan

Date:
30/11/25

TITLE:	The Church Family
THEME:	Christian Foundations
AIM:	We all belong to Church which is God's family so what can we do to be a part of it.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

This session helps young people explore what it means to belong to the church community and why Christian fellowship matters. Using the image of a fire and its coals, the session illustrates how Christians grow stronger together than alone. Just as a coal burns hottest when surrounded by other coals, believers thrive when they stay connected to the church.

WARM UP

MAIN TEACHING

Hot Coals

Create a fire outside. Roast marshmallows (Could do s'mores) and chat.

Chat about being in the church. Being hot coals. Where is the hottest where is the coldest? If a coal is out of the fire does it maintain its heat as well as in the middle of the fire. Discuss where they think they are in the fire? And where they want to be?

Teaching Point: To illustrate how being part of a church is like being a hot coal in a fire. We can all help each other to burn as fully as God wants us to burn, but we have to stay together.

Read Acts 2:42-47 together and then discuss the following questions:

- In what ways was the early church like a family?
- What qualities would they need to have possessed to live this way?
- What challenges may they have faced?
- Do we live like this today?

- What benefits would it have for our communities?

Further Discussion points include:

Discuss together what sort of groups and clubs the young people belong to, each time asking why they choose to go to that particular group or club.

Christians think it's important to meet together so that they can encourage each other in their faith, they can learn more about their faith and get a better understanding of the Bible and they can worship God together and pray together.

Body of Christ

Fill out the work sheet about the Body of Christ.

Consider which talents they have and how they can be used to help others.

Ask them to think of a way in which they could do this, e.g. get involved in a certain ministry, talk to someone new at church, attend a church event, meet up with others from the youth group, write a card for someone who is struggling.

Options for joining ministry:

Tech team; support the service word, sound or cameras. Talk to Simon.

Coffee and tea team. Talk to Sandra

Welcome team. Welcome people into the church on a Sunday morning. If they are new check they know where to go and about the children's groups etc. Talk to new people in the coffee area at the end.

Building and grounds maintenance team. Help maintain the building and the grounds. Collect the leaves in the garden. Move the chairs around when needed. Come one morning and Kev could give you some jobs. Talk to Kev.

Prayer meetings; attend these and get to know the prayer request of the church, praying for others.

One-off events. Like Messy Church & Summer Holiday club. Could you help run a table. Serve drinks etc. Talk to Simon.

Have games to play to finish off the session.

Pass the Sound: One person makes a sound, the next person repeats it and adds a new one. By the end, it's a cacophony of funny noises.

Family Fortunes:

- Hand out paper and pens to everyone.
- Explain that they need to write their answer without showing anyone.
- Calculate the top answers for each category.
- Divide into teams, then ask the questions again. Teams must decide what the most popular answer was.
- Award 3 points to the top answer, 1 to the second most frequent (and 1 to the funniest).
- See which group won.

TAKEAWAY

EXTRA INFORMATION