



Community

Early Church | Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea

We are the church together.

Music

We are the Church – The Meeting House Kids

Key Verse

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Start: Work together!

Supplies:

- Blocks

Prep: set out blocks or items to build something together.

- Invite your child to join you in play.
- Ask: what should we build together?
- Let them lead and work together to build something.
- Explain that in today’s Bible story we learn that the first church worked together and shared!

Watch:

Watch this week’s video.

Prayer:

Draw the name of a person you want to pray for (maybe in bubble letters). Help younger children by drawing the name in bubble letters for them and allowing them to colour in. For children who are able to print, help them by spelling out the name of them. As they colour it in, pray for that person.

“Dear God, thank you for our church friends and family. Thank you for loving us. Help us to love each other well! In Jesus’ name we pray, AMEN.

Craft: Flower Encouragement

Supplies:

- Flower encouragement activity page
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (or pre-cut for your child)
- Glue stick

Prep: print the Flower Encouragement activity page.

- Invite your child to decorate the activity page.
- Help your child write someone’s name in the middle of the flower to give it to.
- Remind your child that one way to encourage others – like our Key Verse says – is to make them feel special by making them crafts and cards.



Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Large craft sticks (6) – if you do not have craft sticks at home use strips of paper instead

Prep: before the activity, write the Key Verse onto the six craft sticks divided up as follows: Stick 1: Encourage, Stick 2: each other, Stick 3: and build, Stick 4: each, Stick 5: other up, Stick 6: 1 Thess. 5:11.

Review the key verse together.

- Place the craft sticks out of order on a table.
- Place the Key Verse sign so they can see.
- Help them match the order of the sticks with the order of the verse and help them by reading the words aloud to them.
- For children who are completely pre-literate, put a symbol on the craft stick and a symbol above the words on the sign to help them create the order. (E.g. use a star, heart, cross, etc.)