



### **BIG QUESTION**

Why are there so many different kinds of churches?

### **GOD STORY**

Jesus' Prayer for Unity (John 17)

### **KEY VERSE**

Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything.  
(Philippians 4:6a, NIRV)

## **1 | Conversation Starter**

### **SUPPLIES**

- None

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
  - What is a Christian or Christ-follower? What are the key things that make someone a Christ-follower?
  - Do you think people from many different kinds of churches can disagree on some things and still all be following Jesus?
  - What does the word "unity" mean? What does it mean for Christ-followers to be united?
- Introduce this week's Big Question: **Why are there so many different kinds of churches?**

## **2 | Watch**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## **3 | Discuss**

### **SUPPLIES**

- None

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Review and discuss the video teaching:
  - What's the Key Verse for the Campfire series? (Philippians 4:6a)
  - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
  - Why do you think Jesus prayed for us to be united? If it's important to Jesus, should it be important to us?
  - Can the many kinds of churches work together? If so, what unites us?

## **4 | Activity**

### **SUPPLIES**

- United in Jesus cards
- Drawing and writing supplies
- Stickers

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Chat about ways your family could encourage people who are part of other churches.
- Encourage the kids to think of one person who goes to another church (e.g., a friend, a grandparent, a neighbour).
- Give a card to each of the kids.
- Guide them to decorate and write on their cards so they can give them to those people.
- Note that this show of unity in Jesus is exactly what God's heart is for us as Christ-followers!
- Make a plan to deliver the cards this week.



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## **5 | Pray**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Bibles

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Show the kids how to look up John 17:20–23.
- b. Read the verses together.
- c. Explain that this was Jesus' prayer for us.
- d. Huddle up like a team as a show of unity.
- e. Prompt everyone to pray for the person on their left. Encourage them to pray for unity. If they need help, suggest they pray something like, "Dear God, please help Kevin and me to be united as we work together for Jesus!"
- f. Wrap up the prayer for your kids.