



CAMPFIRE | WEEK 4 OF 5

Churches

This series encourages the students to walk with Jesus while asking some of life's big questions. This week they'll grapple with the fact that Jesus wants his followers to live in unity.

BIG QUESTION

Why are there so many different kinds of churches?

KEY VERSES

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

John 17:20–23 (NLT)

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- Keep this conversation positive and focus on the good stuff! Steer it away from complaining about your church or any other churches.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - Have you visited churches that were different from this one?
 - What do you like about other kinds of Christian churches (e.g., their architecture, their music, the way they read Scriptures or pray)?



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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Look up and read Ephesians 1:22–23 together.
- Discuss:
 - What does this passage say about the church?
 - Which characteristics do you think make up a church?
- Look up and read John 17:20–23.
- Discuss:
 - What is Jesus' prayer for us? How do you think we're doing with it?
 - How can we align our hearts with Jesus' heart as shown in this passage? What about when we interact with other churches or Christians who do things differently from us?
 - How can we work toward improving unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Pen

INSTRUCTIONS

- List as many local churches as possible (or friends who go to other churches in your community).
- Pray together for the churches and/or names on your list. Ask God for unity in diversity.