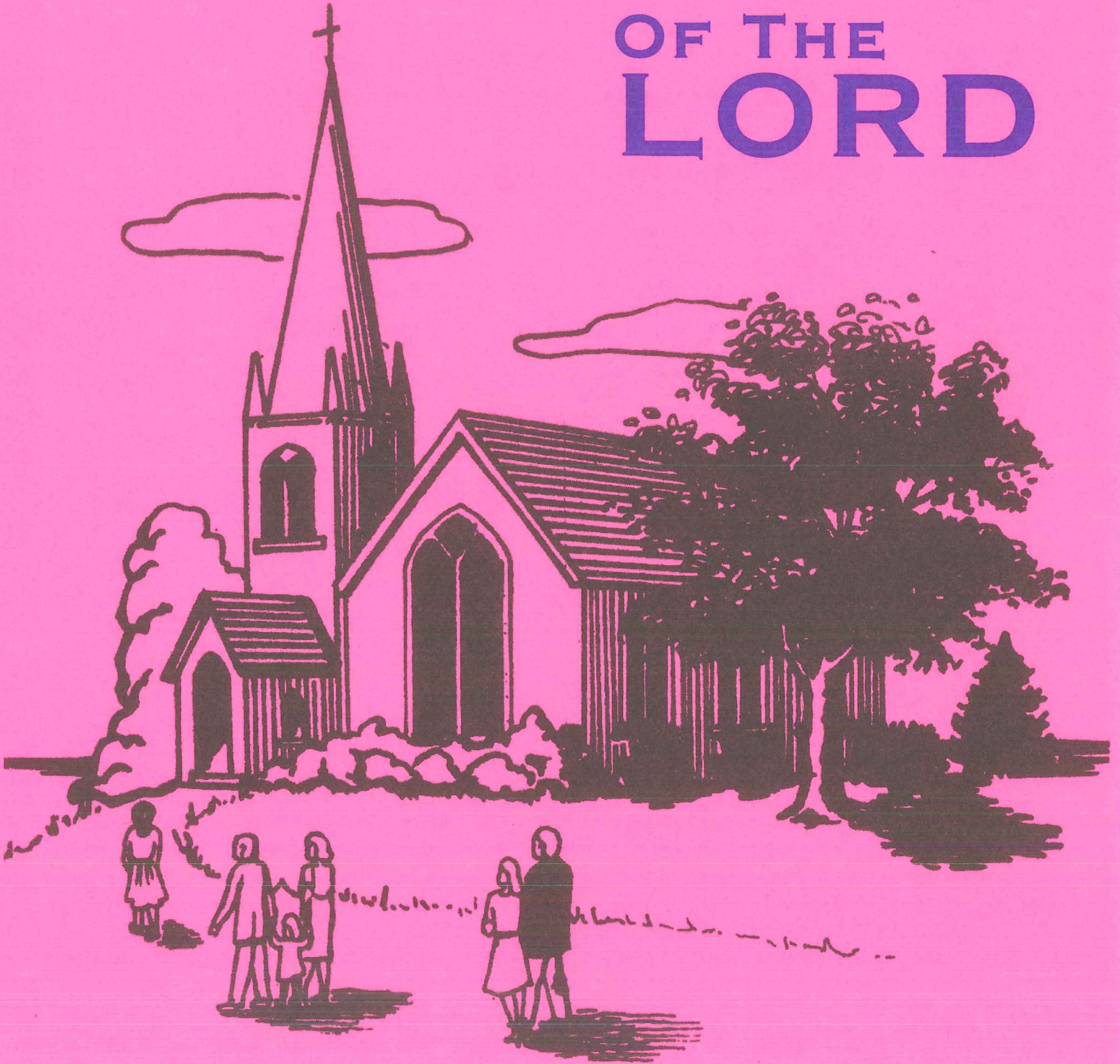


# A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD



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LEVEL II

## A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD

### Lesson 1

Text: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

# WHAT IS CHURCH?

What are the courts of the LORD? Another word for court is church. Today we have a Bible story that tells us what church is.

There was a man named Ananias. His wife's name was Sapphira. They were members of the church at Jerusalem. They sold a piece of land. They kept part of the money for themselves and gave part of it to the church. They wanted everyone to think that they had given all the money to the church. They tried to fool God and the people. God told Peter what they had really done.

Ananias went to church one day. Peter said to Ananias, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? You have not lied to men but to God." Then Ananias fell down and died. Some of the people buried him.

Later, his wife came into the church. Sapphira also lied. Peter said to her, "Why did you and your husband try to fool God? Those who have buried your husband are here. They will bury you, too." Right away she fell down and died. They buried her by her husband.

A Christian is someone who believes that Jesus died for his sins. A church is a gathering of Christians. People like Ananias and Sapphira are not in the Church of God. Only someone who believes in Jesus is a member of God's Church.

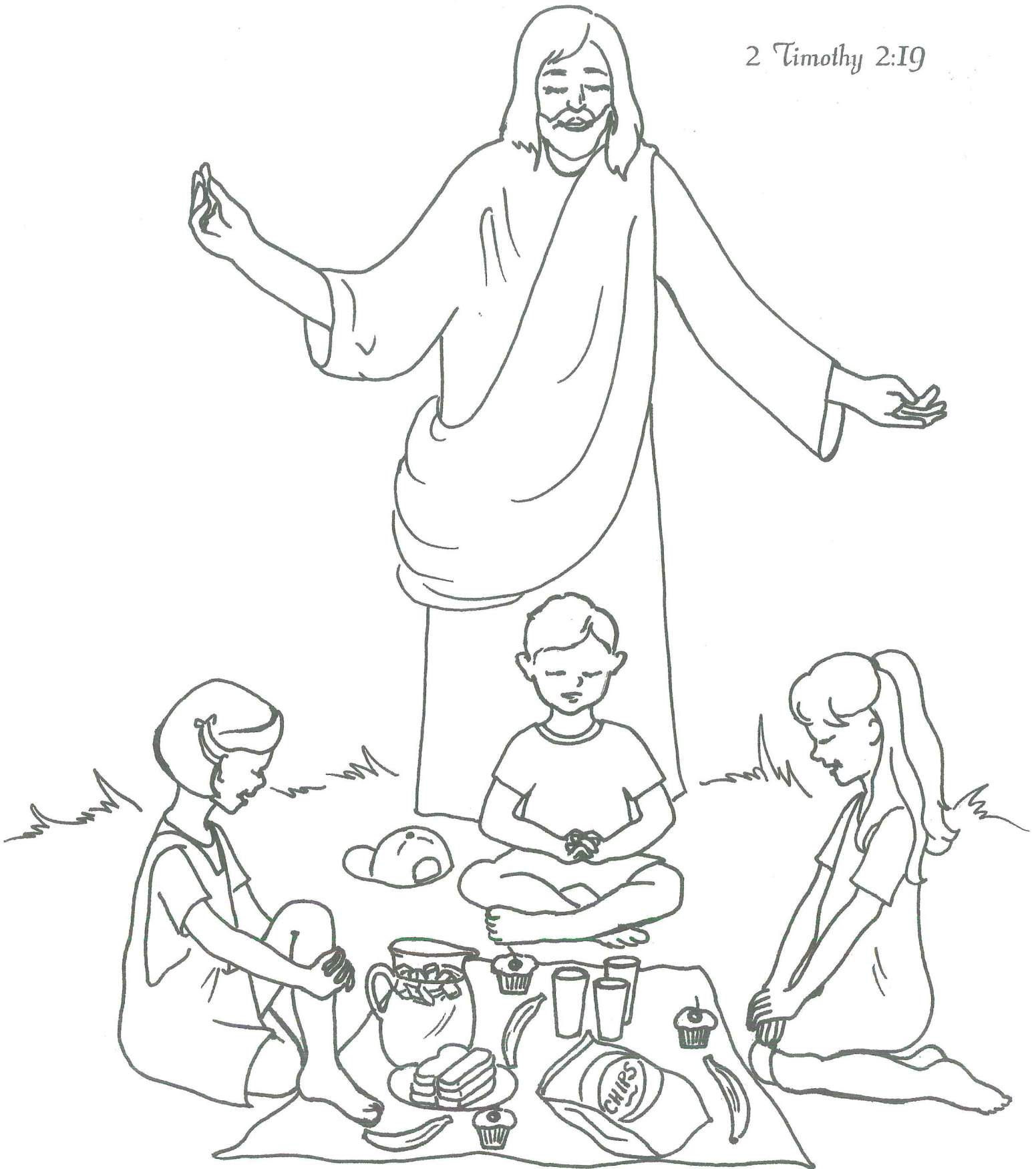






*The Lord knows those who are His.*

*2 Timothy 2:19*



CHURCH: A GATHERING OF BELIEVERS  
ACTS 5:1-11

I. Fill in the blanks: Use words from the box.

1. There was a man named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His wife was named \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They lied to God the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ asked them why they had lied.
5. They were not part of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_.

HOLY SPIRIT  
GOD  
ANANIAS  
SAPPHIRA  
PETER

II. Put a "T" for True or an "F" for False:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A Christian is a person who believes Jesus died for his or her sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The church is a gathering of unbelievers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People can fool God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Peter died because he lied to God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Church is a gathering of believers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Ananias was put into jail for lying.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The devil is the father of lies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The word "court" means Bible story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Ananias and Sapphira went to the church in Rome.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Someone who believes in Jesus is a member of God's Church.

III. Find the hidden message: Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a number (A-1, B-2, C=3, etc.) Replace the numbers with the correct letter to find the hidden message.

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IV. Memory passage: Put the words in the correct order to form 2 Timothy 2:19.

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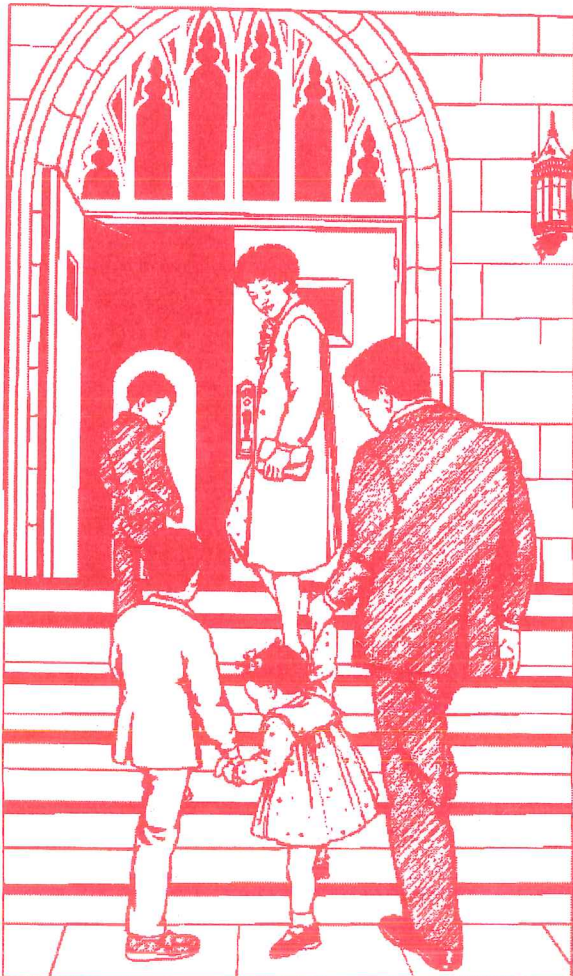
Lesson 2

Text: Psalm 84

# WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH?

Church is a gathering of believers. Why do believers go to church? The Bible has many Psalms (songs). One of them answers this question.

How lovely is Your church, O LORD.  
My soul wants to go to church.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
Blessed are those who dwell in Your house.  
They will praise You there.  
Blessed is the man who finds strength in You.



Hear my prayer, O LORD.  
You are our shield.  
For a day in Your courts is  
better than a thousand.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God  
Than live in tents with the wicked.



For the LORD is a sun and a shield.  
He will give grace and glory  
and bless those who love Him.  
Blessed are those who trust in You!

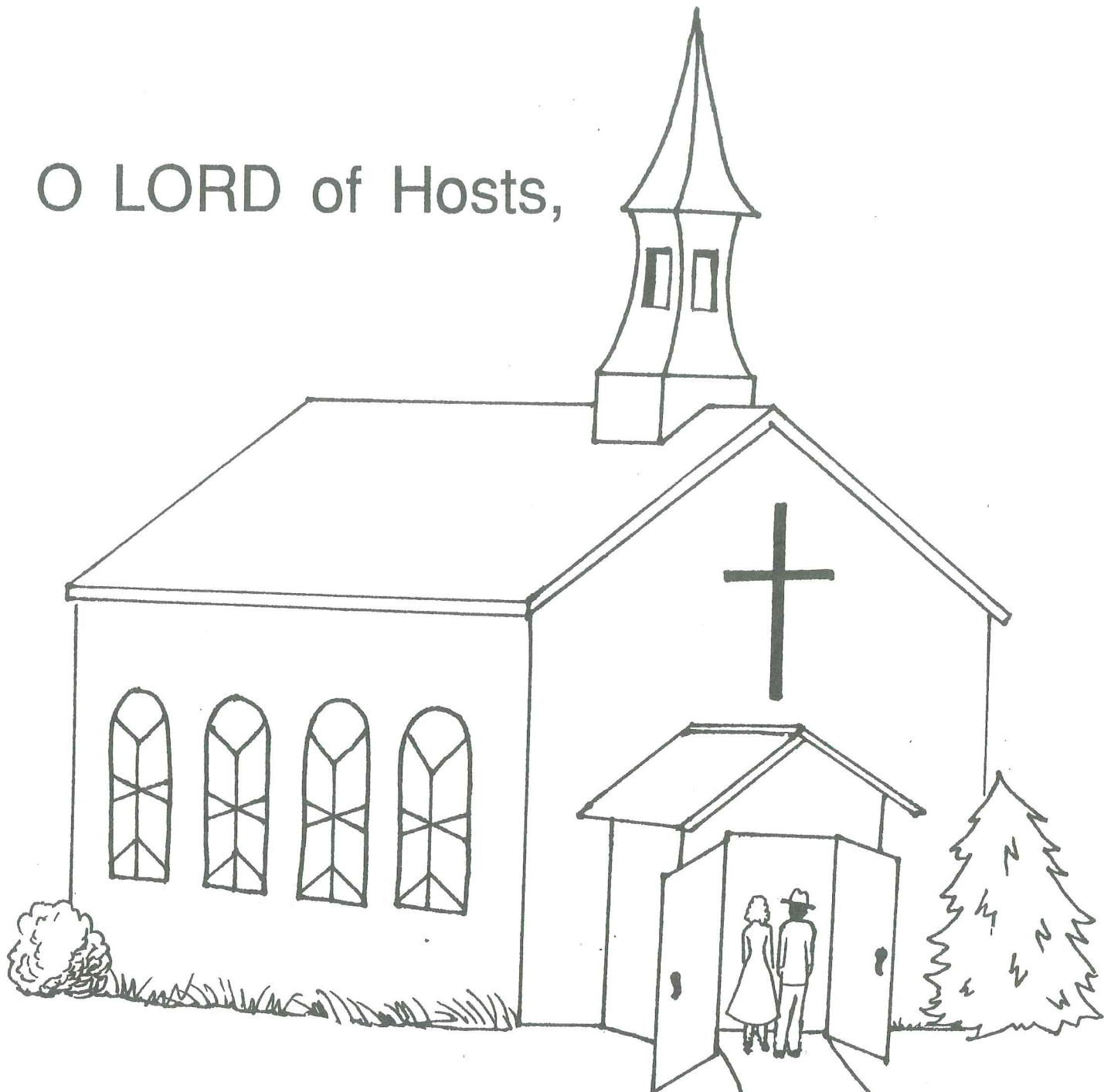
Why do we go to church? We go to  
church because it is the house of  
God.

*Blessed is the man  
who trusts in You!*

Psalm 84:12



O LORD of Hosts,



Blessed is the man  
who trusts in You!

Psalm 84:12





CHURCH: THE HOME OF OUR GOD  
PSALM 84

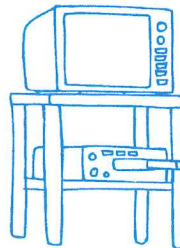
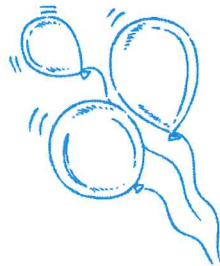
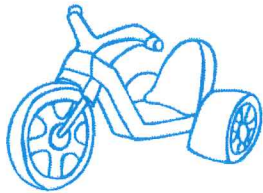
I. Put an "X" by the things that God does for us in church:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. He tells us about Jesus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. He tells us how to make cookies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. He gives us strength for our souls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. He gives us His love.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. He tells us about fairy tales.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. He listens to our prayers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. He heals all sick people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. He washes us with the blood of Jesus.




II. Cross out the letters "j", "r", "x", "f", and "z" to find a hidden message.

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III. Put a circle around the things you find in church, the home of your God:



IV. Memory passage: Psalm 84:12

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### Lesson 3

Text: John 4:5-26

# WHAT HAPPENS IN CHURCH?

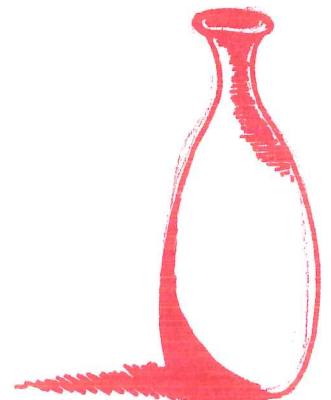
A church is a gathering of believers. We go to church because it is the home of our God. Today we will hear what happens in church.

One day Jesus was in Samaria. He stopped at a well. A woman came to the well to get some water. Jesus told her He had some Living Water. This water would make people live forever. Jesus was talking about Himself.

She wanted to know more about Jesus, so she asked Him a question. "Where is the best place to worship God?" Jesus said, "It doesn't matter where you worship God but you must believe in the True God and love Him."

She was sorry for her sins and believed in Jesus as her Savior. She told her family and many others about Jesus.

In the Bible we learn about God and what He wants us to believe. On Sundays, we go to church with Dad and Mom to study the Bible. We hear Bible stories and the minister tells us about Jesus. We tell God we are sorry for our sins. He tells us that He loves us and that He will save us. We hear how Jesus died to pay for our sins. We thank God for everything He has done for us. In church God wants us to worship Him by singing, praying and listening to the Word of God.

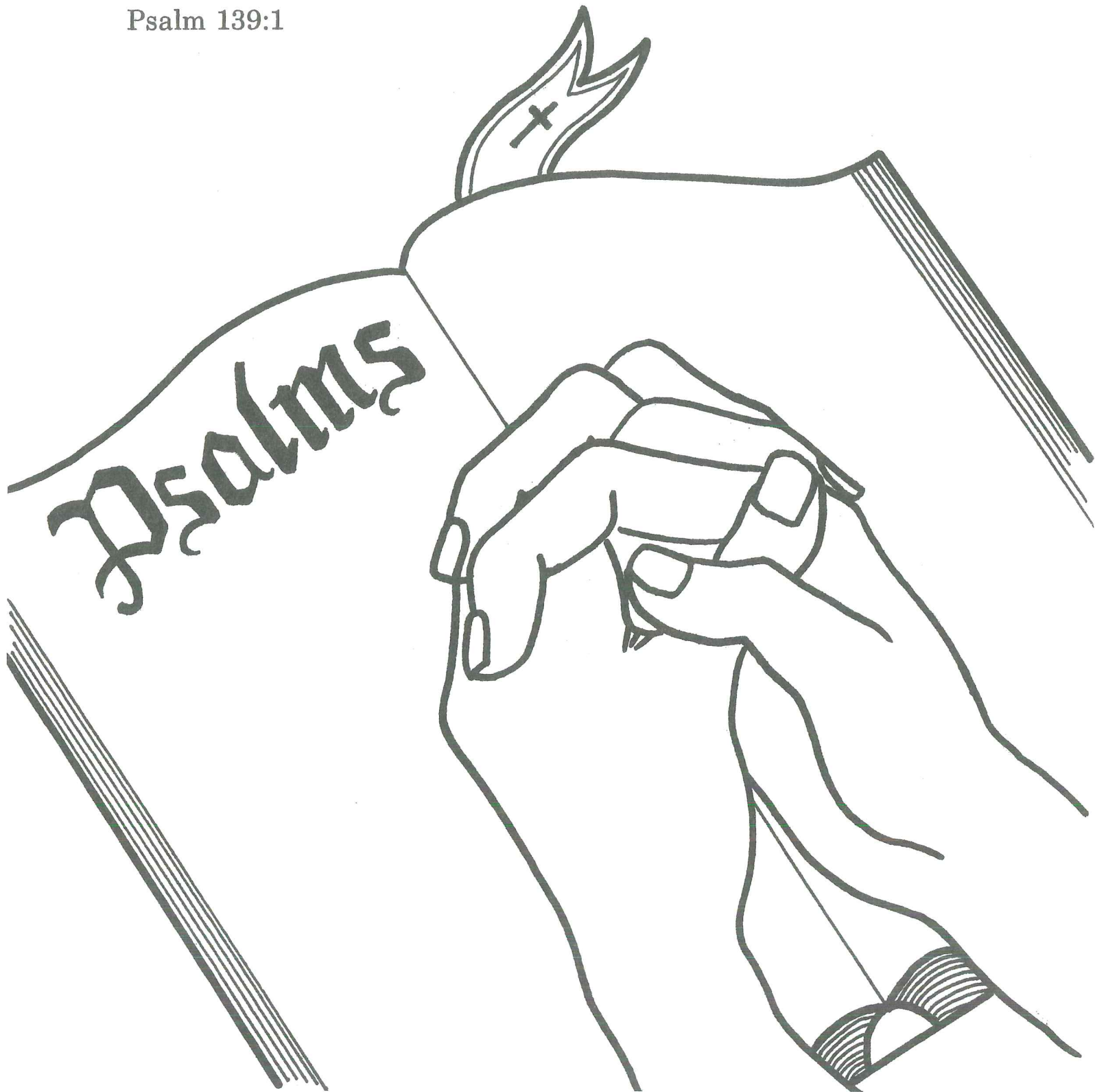






Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for  
He is good! For His mercy  
endures forever.

Psalm 139:1



CHURCH: THE PLACE TO WORSHIP GOD  
JOHN 4:5-26

I. Jesus says we are to worship God “in spirit and in truth.”

Before each sentence write “yes” if it is a right way to worship God or “no” if it is not.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. You go to church regularly, but not because you want to.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. You sing and pray along with the congregation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. You look at the pastor during the sermon, but you think about something else.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. You go to church only once in a while.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. You pray to the true God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. You listen carefully in Sunday School.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. You are quiet and well-behaved in church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. You don't really believe everything the Bible says.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. You love Jesus and go to church to thank Him for dying for you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. You hope church gets over quickly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. You go to the bathroom or cry to get out of church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. You put a gift for Jesus in the offering plate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. You fold your hands for prayer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. You play with toys during church instead of listening.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. You bring a friend to church and Sunday School.

II. Put a ↑ when we talking to God and a ↓ when God is talking to us:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| _____ Prayer          | _____ Singing hymns      |
| _____ Sermon          | _____ Benediction        |
| _____ Bible stories   | _____ Lord's Prayer      |
| _____ Apostolic Creed | _____ Scripture readings |

III. Match each word to its meaning by drawing a line.

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| Christmas   | Jesus rises from the dead. |
| Lent        | Jesus goes back to heaven. |
| Palm Sunday | Jesus is born.             |
| Good Friday | Jesus dies.                |
| Easter      | Jesus is our King.         |
| Ascension   | Jesus suffers.             |

IV. Memory Passage: Fill in the blanks.

“O give \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_ endures \_\_\_\_\_.”

- Psalm 136:1

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Lesson 4

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

# WHAT CAN WE DO FOR CHURCH?

Church is a gathering of Christians. We go to church because it is the home of our Father. In church God talks to us from the Bible and we sing and pray to Him. Today we will see what we can do for the Church of our God.

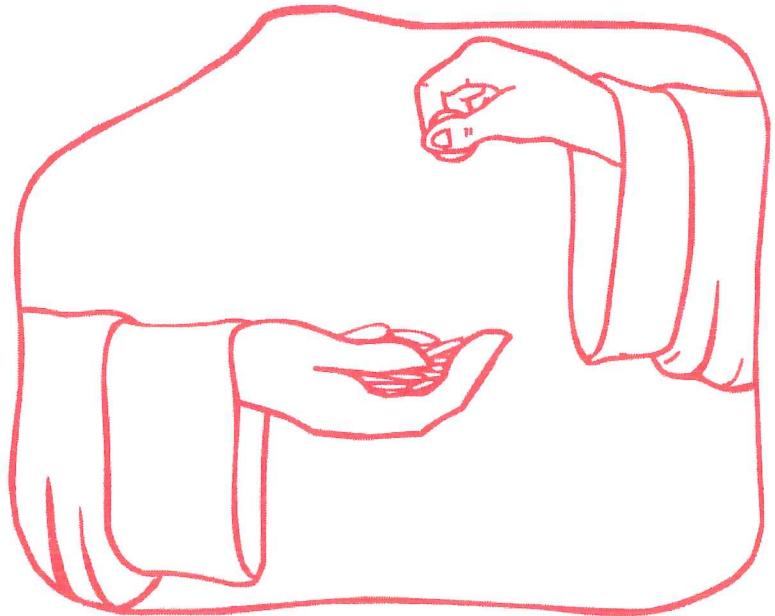
Jesus told this story:

A man was going on a trip. He asked his servants to take care of his money. He gave 5 pieces of money to one servant; 2 pieces to another servant; and one piece to a third servant.

After a long time the master returned and asked for his money. The servant with 5 pieces worked hard. He brought 5 more pieces and gave 10 pieces to the master. The master was happy. He said, "You are a good servant, I will give you a reward."

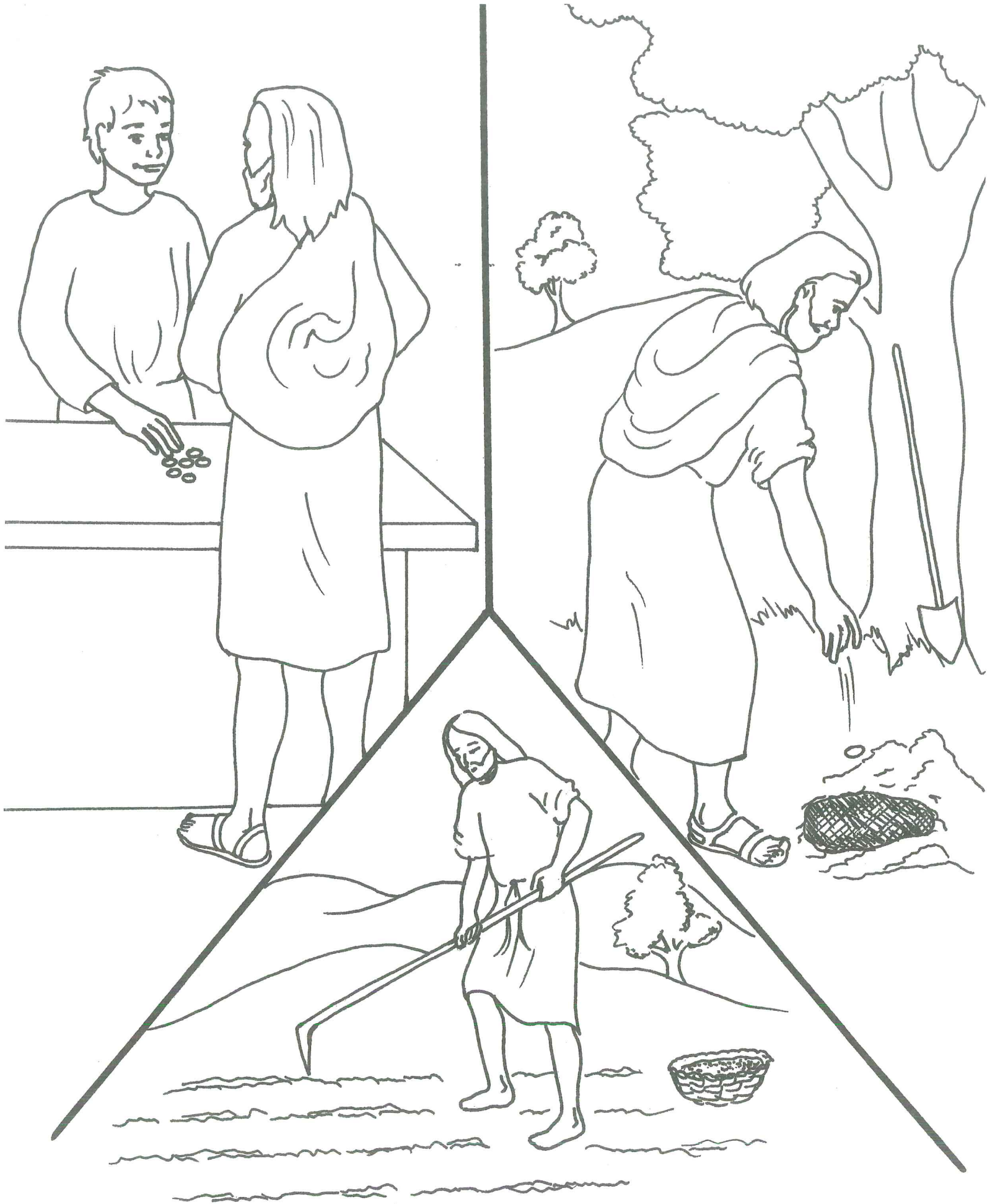
The servant with 2 pieces had worked hard. He brought 2 more pieces and gave 4 pieces to the master. The master was happy and said, "You are a good servant, I will give you a reward."

The servant with 1 piece was lazy. He had buried it in the ground. He brought only 1 piece of money to the master. The master was angry. He said, "You are not a good servant. I will not give you a reward. You are to be sent to hell."



Jesus told us this story to teach us that He gives gifts to each of us. He does not want us to be lazy and not use our gifts. He wants us to work hard. We are to use our gifts in His Church. He has told us the story about Jesus. We, too, are to tell others about Jesus.





*Whatever you do, do all to the glory  
of God.*

*1 Cor. 10:31b*



CHURCH: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE GOD  
MATTHEW 25: 14-30

**I. Use the numbers from the box to fill in the blanks:**

The master gave to one servant \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of money,  
to another servant \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of money,  
and to another servant \_\_\_\_\_ piece.

\_\_\_\_\_ of the servants worked hard and  
brought back \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of money.

But servant number \_\_\_\_\_ brought back \_\_\_\_\_ piece.  
He had done no work.

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9	10	11	12
1	2	3	4

**II. Circle the correct answer:**

1. Jesus told us this story to teach us
- To save our money.
  - To serve Him with our hearts.
  - To dig holes in the ground.

3. We are to serve Jesus with our gifts so that
- We won't get punished.
  - Others may hear about Jesus.
  - We can get lots of toys.

2. God gives gifts to
- Grown-ups but not children.
  - Children but not grown-ups.
  - Children and grown-ups.

4. We use our gifts and serve Jesus when
- We sing in church.
  - We eat our food properly.
  - We do all of these things.

**III. Put an "S" by the items which are for your soul, and a "B" for those which are for your body.**

_____ ice cream	_____ the Bible	_____ Sunday School
_____ a puppy	_____ rain	_____ Vacation
_____ church	_____ Baptism	_____ Devotions
_____ T.V.	_____ Jesus	_____ toys

**IV. Memory passage: The passage was typed backward! Write it the correct way.**

"God of glory the to all do, do you whatever." 31:10 Corinthians 1

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### Lesson 5

Text: Haggai 2:1-9

# HOW DO WE PICK A CHURCH?

Church is a gathering of believers. We go to church because it is the home of our God. In church God talks to us. We sing and pray to Him. Each of us is to use his gift from Jesus in the church. How do we know which church to go to? God tells us this story.

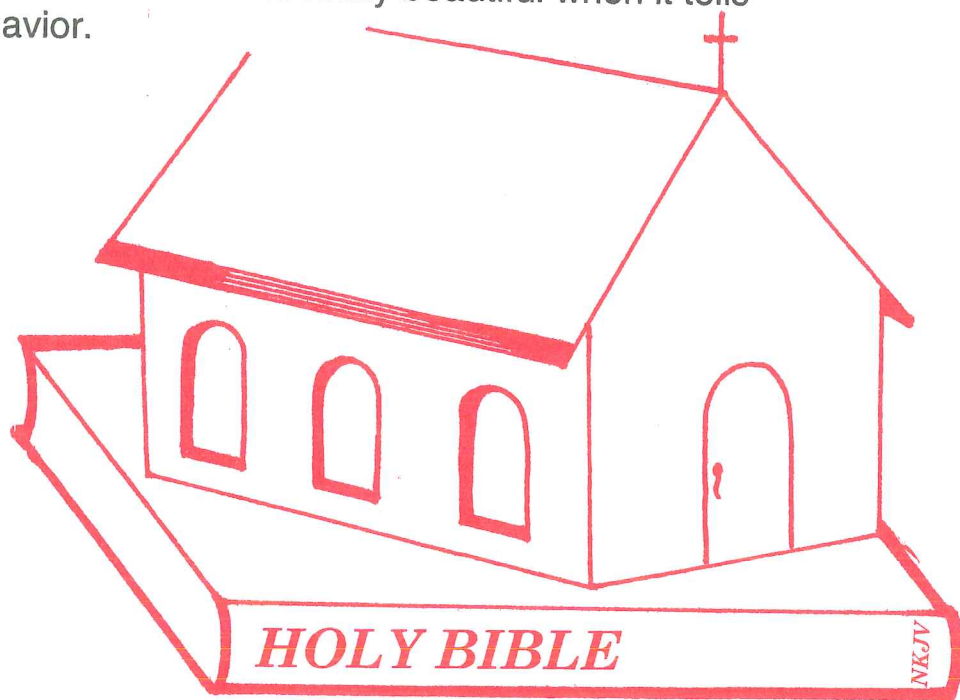
Our story takes place many years before the birth of Jesus. God's children had a big church in Jerusalem. It looked very beautiful. The people had worked hard to build it. They used a lot of gold and silver in the church.

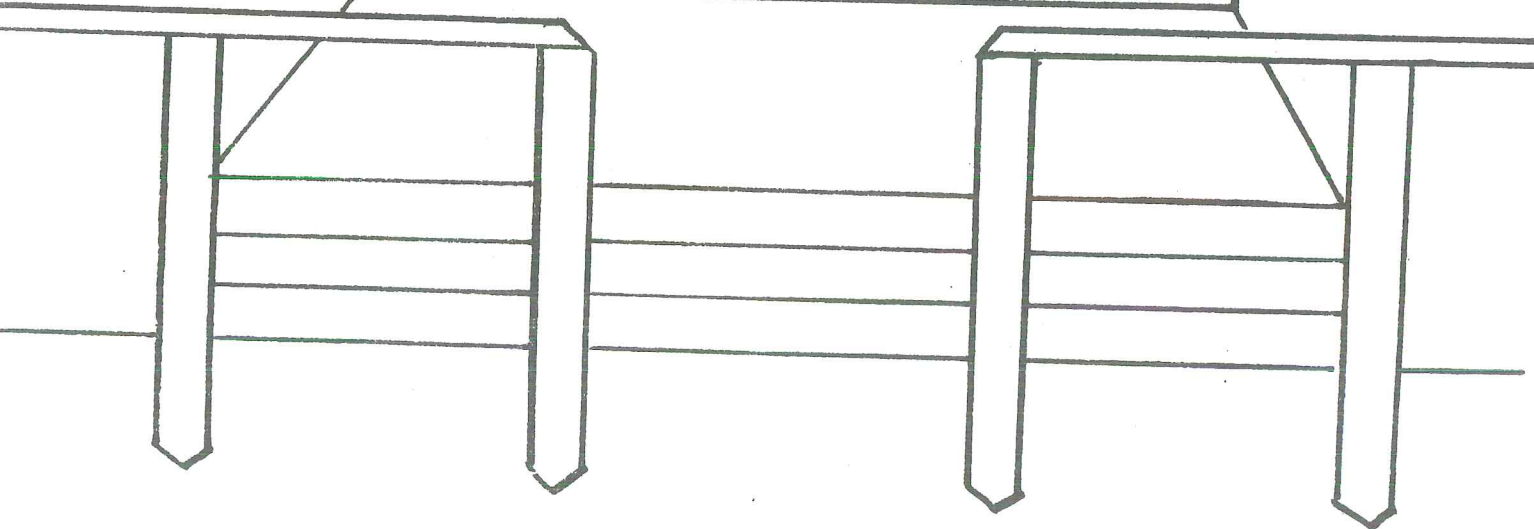
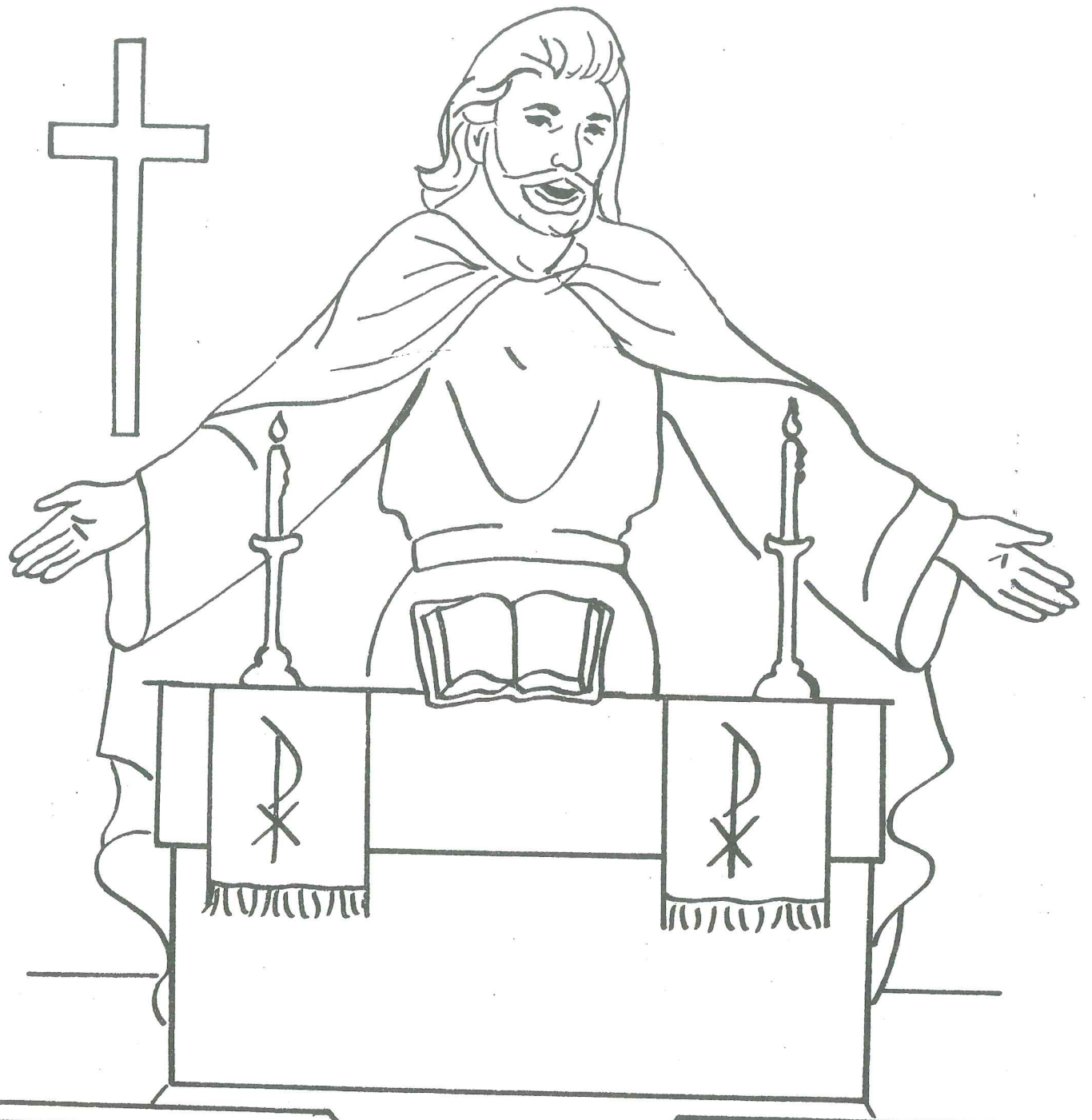
The church was destroyed. The people had to build a new church. The new church was not very big. The new church was not as beautiful as the old church. Some of the people cried. They wanted a big, beautiful church.

At that time there lived a Christian named Haggai. He believed in Jesus and served God. God sent Haggai to talk to the people. He told them what really makes a church beautiful. A church is really beautiful when it tells sinners about Jesus the Savior.

Without Jesus a church can only look beautiful on the outside.

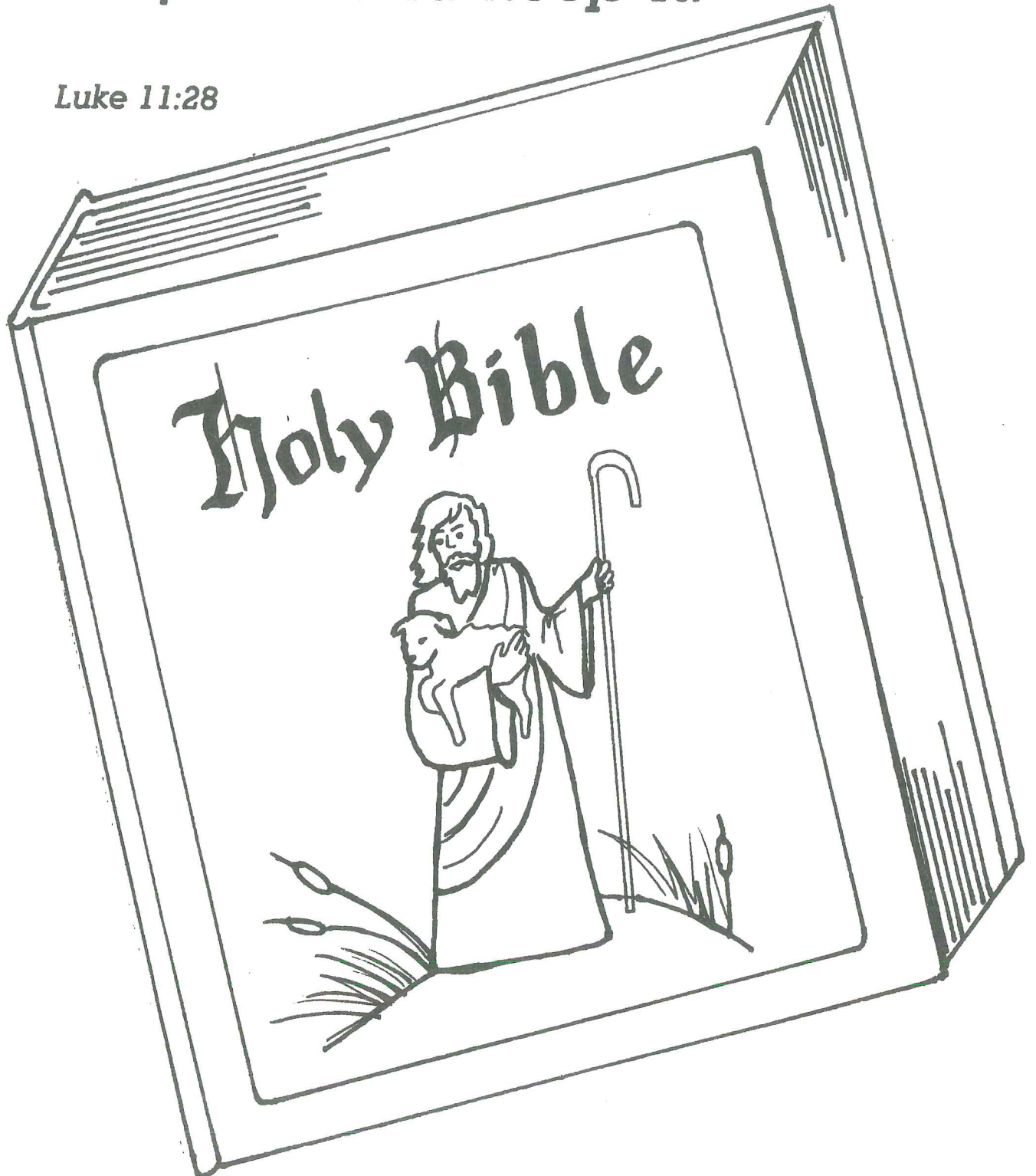
How are we to pick a church? God tells us to look for Jesus. We find Jesus in the Bible. God wants us to go to a church that teaches the way the Bible does.





*Blessed are those who hear the  
word of God and keep it!*

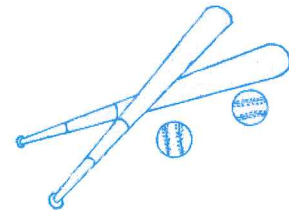
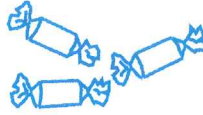
*Luke 11:28*





CHURCH: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST  
HAGGAI 2:1-9

I. Put an "X" on the things that are not important in church:



II. Match the story with the main thought:

Ananias and Sapphira

Haggai

Master and his servants

Samaritan woman

The song about the LORD'S house

The church is the home of God.

Worship God in spirit and truth.

Church is a gathering of believers.

Use our gifts from Jesus in His Church.

Jesus is the true beauty of the Church.

III. Write down the items that make a church beautiful.

IV. Draw a line connecting the Bible passages:

The Lord knows them

Happy is the person who

Blessed are those who hear the word of God

Whatever you do

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good

- trusts in God.

- for His mercy endures forever.

- that are His.

- and keep it.

- do all to the glory of God.

V. Memory passage: Fill in the blanks.

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VI. On the back, write down some of the things you learned this week.

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### MEMORY VERSES

#### Level 1-2:

*2 Timothy 2:19* — “The Lord knows those who are His.”

*Psalms 84:12* — Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

*Psalms 136:1* — Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

*1 Corinthians 10:31b* — Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

*Luke 11:28* — Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

#### Level 3-4:

*John 10:27* — My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

*Psalms 122:1* — I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

*John 4:24* — God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

*1 Corinthians 10:31* — Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

*John 8:31-32* — “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

### MEMORY HYMN

*The Lutheran Hymnal* — Hymn 2:1,2,6,7

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| 1. To Thy temple I repair;<br>Lord, I love to worship there<br>When within the veil I meet<br>Christ before the mercy seat.          | 3. While Thy ministers proclaim<br>Peace and pardon in Thy name,<br>Through their voice, by faith, may I<br>Hear Thee speaking from the sky. |
| 2. I through Him am reconciled,<br>I through Him become Thy child.<br>Abba, Father, give me grace<br>In Thy courts to seek Thy face. | 4. From Thy house when I return,<br>May my heart within me burn,<br>And at evening let me say,<br>“I have walked with God today.”            |

### SUGGESTED PRAYER

Dear LORD God, we confess that we are sinful. We have made mistakes.

We indeed are weak, but You are strong. Help us!

O LORD, make us members of Your Church and gather us together with other believers.

O LORD, make us happy to be in church, for it is Your home on earth.

O LORD, lead us to worship You, the true God, in spirit and in truth.

O LORD, help us to use the gifts You have given to us in the work of Your Church.

O LORD, teach us to look to Jesus Christ, for He is the true beauty of the Church.

O God the Father, O God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, give us grace to spend our days in the courts of the LORD.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior from sin, we pray. Amen.