

Chapter
17

The Church Is a Sign of the Kingdom of God

Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. understand that as followers of Jesus, we are called to be signs of God's Kingdom in the world.
2. believe that Jesus is always guiding us toward God's Kingdom.
3. learn that the Kingdom will come to perfection at the end of time.

Faith Words

eternal life

Self-Evaluation




This session was

- one of the best
- pretty good
- in need of improvement

What worked out best was

For next time I would change

I will be sure to prepare for

Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
Share 15 minutes (p. 195)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray the Scripture verse. • Read the text and discuss personal experiences. • Complete the travel brochure activity. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a postcard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials for prayer corner (p. 192C) or see Prayer Corner • crayons or markers <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one 4 x 6 inch index card for each student • pens or pencils • markers <p>Activity Master 17a See Catechist Guide, page 192D.</p>	<p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Old Turtle</i> Douglas Wood (Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 1992) Beautiful watercolors enhance this fable for children and adults about life in God's kingdom.
Hear & Believe 25 minutes (pp. 196-197)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the illustration. • Read and discuss the Scripture story about God's Kingdom. • Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches." • Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Word. <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw parable pictures. 	<p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles 	<p>Audio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 13 <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gandhi, Peaceful Warrior</i> Rae Bains (Troll Books, 1990) This biography of Mahatma Gandhi describes the Indian leader's efforts to create peace and justice through peaceful nonviolence.
Respond 20 minutes (pp. 199-200)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the prayer activity. • Do the Kingdom activity. • Complete the pictures activity. • Pray "A Prayer of Petition." <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a poster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD player • markers • pens or pencils <p>Additional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sheet of poster paper (one for every four children) • glue • scissors • magazines <p>Activity Master 17b See Catechist Guide, page 193.</p>	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (Unit 5 song, page 192) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 6 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #16 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #640 • "The Kingdom of God" *SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS CD, Track 10 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #639

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- Complete the **Chapter Review**, p. 201.
- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Christian Churches Working Together, p. 202.
- Distribute the **Take Home Family Time** pages for the next chapter.

