

THE CHURCH (1)

GOD'S PLAN IS THE CHURCH

A CCS Resource
for Parents & Carers



FOR OLDER KIDS
& TEENS



KEY POINT:

The church is important because the church is God's plan!



- How do you feel about church?
- How would you describe to a friend what church is?
- When was the last time you made a plan? How did you feel about the plan?



PRAY for God's help as you come to His Word
READ [EPHESIANS 1:1-10 & 2:19-22](#)



1. What is God doing? What is his big plan for the world? *List everything that you see! He chose people before he made the world to be his children, to be forgiven, to be blameless, to be built together, to be united in Jesus.*
2. Who is at the centre of this plan? *Jesus. God accomplishes the plan through Jesus. (Count the number of times it says 'in Christ' or 'in Him!') Jesus is also the end goal of the plan - to have a everything under him!*
3. From these verses, what do we contribute to the plan? *Nothing. We only bring our sin (v7). God accomplishes it all through Jesus! We only benefit from it!*
4. Watch the kids slot and/or the sermon video. How does the story of the Bible help us to see that God has been working out this plan the whole time? *From Genesis, to Abraham, to Exodus, to the church... God has been working to establish a people of his own.*
5. How do 2:19-22 help us understand more about what the church is? *It is God's people built together on the foundation of Jesus and his word (apostles and prophets). It is what God is doing as he builds his church.*



1. How does this passage challenge or correct our view of the church?
2. How should we feel about the church having seen that it is God's big plan?
3. In light of these verses, how do we respond to a friend who says 'I don't need to go to church. I can just listen to things online.' or 'I don't need to go to church. As long as I believe in Jesus, it's okay.'
4. If the church is the big thing that God is doing in the world. How should this shape my priorities?



PRAISE God for his awesome plan and for the privilege of being included in it! **GIVE THANKS** for the church and **PRAY** that God will help you to long for the day when all his people will be together under Jesus forever!