

Activity: God's House



FAMILY TIME
TRAINING

Teaching Goal: Christian faith today is founded on Jesus and the lives of Christians who lived before.

Scripture: John 10:7 Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate {door KJV} for the sheep...I am the gate {door KJV}; whoever enters through me will be saved.

Ephesians 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Materials: Template included
Pencil and markers
Scissors

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and Discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

ACTIVITY: **We are going to build a special house.** Pass out a house template to each person. Invite a volunteer to read John 10:7. **Jesus is saying that he is the gate or door and the only way to get inside.** So let's write the name "Jesus" on the door. Write. **If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and if you follow Jesus by doing what he teaches, then you can come into this house.**

Invite a volunteer to read Ephesians 2:19-22. **Ephesians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul to Christians attending the church in the city of Ephesus. Who does Paul call the cornerstone of the house? Jesus. Let's write "Jesus" on the cornerstone.** Write. **The definition of cornerstone is: A stone on which the structure depends or stands.** Paul is saying that people in this house live lives dependent on Jesus and standing on what Jesus teaches.

In addition to Jesus, who does Paul tell us is in God's house? *Listen to answers.* "You" which refers specifically to Believers in Ephesus and can also refer to all Believers. Apostles. Prophets. **Let's make a list of apostles on the open space to the left of the house template and a list of prophets on the open space to the right of the house template.** Encourage people to guess and make the two lists. For example:

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Apostle

Peter
Andrew
James, son of Zebedee
John
Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew
James, son of Alphaeus

Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Jonah
Micah
Zechariah
Malachi

You may want to make another list to include Bible leaders like: Abraham, Moses, Gideon, David, Solomon, etc.

There is room on our house below the line to write these names. Let's write the names from our lists and fill in this space.

Above the line is room to write the names of Christians today. Let's see if we can fill that space too. Think of family and friends today who believe in Jesus and follow his teachings.

There is one more area we need to fill in...the roof. These are people we know who are not yet believes but who may learn about Jesus through God's Spirit and through us. Or they may be people we do not yet know like future children and grandchildren. Since we don't know who will come through the door, lets fill in the roof with titles like "family" "friends" "teammates" "classmates" "children" "grandchildren" "great grandchildren."

V. Memorize

**God's House is for Us:
All Who Stand on Jesus**

VI. Close in Prayer

Thank God for Jesus, the door and cornerstone.

Thank God for the lives of past Christians who passed the faith on to us.

Thank God that we can now live in his house.

Pray for those who don't follow Jesus and those yet to be born. May they come into God's house through Jesus the door and live lives standing on Jesus the cornerstone.

VII. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.