

# Twinkles Doing Church Differently

## Week 7 - God loves it when we go to church

The aim of this session is to teach the children that the church building is God's house and that the church is the people not just the building.

### **Message/Story time:**

Ask the children 'What is church?'

Start by talking about how church is a building we usually go to on a Sunday. The church building is God's house.

Ask 'What do we do in church?'

Examples might be singing, going to Twinkles, eating biscuits or seeing our friends.

Ask what the most important thing is about church.

The most important thing about church isn't the building, it isn't the singing, it isn't even the juice and biscuits at the end! The most important thing about church is the people in it and that they follow Jesus.

Explain that, in fact, church isn't actually just a building, church is the people. The church is God's family and we are always part of that family, on a Sunday and every other day of the week.

Watch this video together which talks about the church being God's team.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBnII9TybQ>

Talk together about how we are not able to go to the church building at the moment because of coronavirus. But even though we are apart, we are still part of the church and playing our part in the family:

- We are doing church in our houses on a Sunday
- We are still talking to our church family
- We still love all of our church family
- Our church family is still helping each other when we can

Soon, when coronavirus lockdown is over, we will be able to go to the church building together again. God loves it when we go to church to be with our church family and learn about Him.

Try learning this **memory verse** together: **Psalm 122:1 "Let us go to the house of the Lord"**

## Prayer time:

Paper chain prayers. As a family, write or draw some things you would like to pray for or say thank you for on strips of paper. Link them together as a paper chain. Drop an email to [laura@stmatthews.org.uk](mailto:laura@stmatthews.org.uk) with the number of links in your chain and we'll see how long our virtual prayer chain gets across the whole Twinkles church family! Come back to your chain later in the week and see if God has answered any of your prayers.

**Worship time:** Big family of God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rawq3usrzsE>

## Craft time:

Envelope church. Use an opened out envelope to make the church building and fill it with a lollipop stick congregation!

