

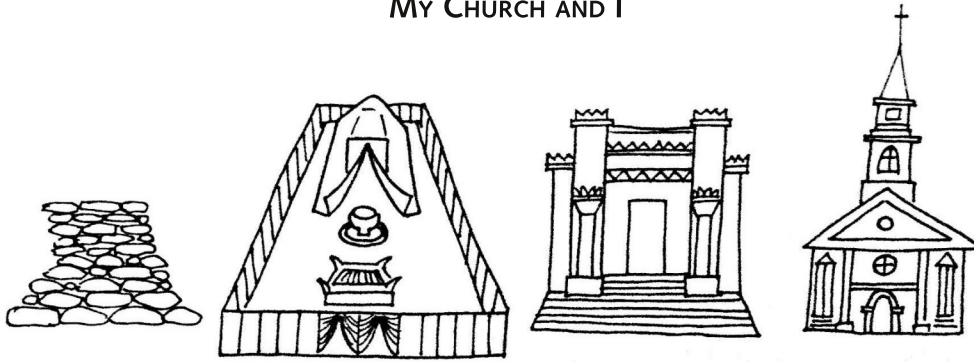
LESSON 1

MY CHURCH AND I

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Practices of the Early Church

Open your Bibles to Acts 2:44-47 and try to list all of the practices of the early church members in the box below.

What "Church" Means for Us Today

Look up the following verses and write them below.

1 Corinthians 12:12

Romans 12:5

Matthew 12:49-50

Ministers of the Early Church

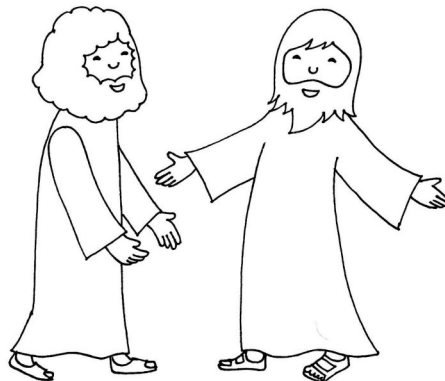
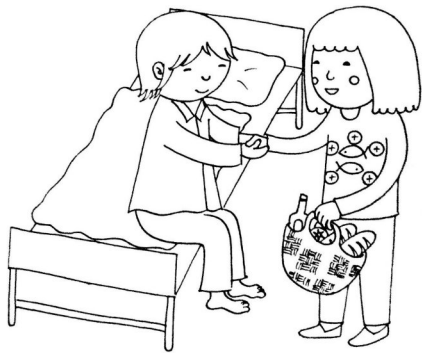
What kinds of responsibilities did Timothy have as a pastor? Turn to the following verses and write them down.

- 1 Timothy 1:3-4; 6:20 _____
- 1 Timothy 1:18 _____
- 2 Timothy 1:6 _____
- 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:2 _____
- 2 Timothy 2:3 _____
- 2 Timothy 4:5 _____

Ministers in Our Church Today

- 1. Pastors also need to be _____ of the _____, to _____ the _____ of the _____ by _____ them with spiritual food.

- 2. Some of a minister's duties consist of _____, _____ the _____, _____ and _____, and also _____ God's _____.



FELLOWSHIP

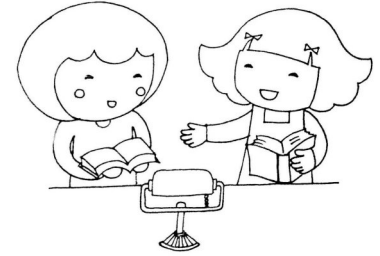
1. God uses the analogy of a body to describe the relationship believers have with one another and with Jesus Christ. But who is the head of the body?

Colossians 1:18 says, "_____ is the head of the body."

2. Each believer is given different but equally important responsibilities in this spiritual body, the church. Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:14-27.

a. Who gave the members their various functions? (v. 18)

b. What bad attitudes can lead to disharmony in the body of Christ? (vv. 15-16, 21)



c. Why are there no unnecessary functions (members) in the body? (v. 20-22)

3. "Fellowship" is from the Greek word koinonia, which means, "sharing in common." So what kinds of things can we share, and with whom? Pair up with a friend or two and come up with some things that we can share, and with whom we can share these things. Then, draw what you came up with in the boxes below.

WE CAN HELP THE CHURCH

Even though we are young, what we do makes a difference! As Paul encouraged Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."

Instructions: Read the following scenarios and write down what you would do in that scenario.



Scenario #1

Haley went to church on Saturday. After the morning sermon, a church council member announced that there was a family visiting from another state. One of the kids in the family was around the same age as Haley. After the announcement, Haley went to get lunch. In the lunch line, she noticed that the visiting family was right behind her in the line.

If you were Haley, what would you do next as part of a church that shows love?



Scenario #2

After RE class ends, Billy sees some E1 students playing tag around the church. To avoid getting tagged, some of the kids are running pretty quickly. Billy sees one of the E1 students knock down some pencils and books from a table.

If you were Billy, what would you do next to help the church?

TESTIMONY: THE BLESSINGS OF FELLOWSHIP

There was a brother who moved to a new area. Moving to a new area was a big challenge. He had to adapt to a new school, new friends, and a whole new environment.

Thank God, in that area there was a strong fellowship. They had a prayer meeting every Wednesday night, when the members would come together to share about their week and their prayer requests, then pray for thirty minutes. From these prayers, he felt that there was something in this fellowship that he couldn't find in any other group or club—a family in Christ.



During the year, he faced a difficult trial. He felt pressure to conform to what his school friends were doing. There were other friends who would listen to his concerns, but he didn't feel like they had the heart to sympathize. However, when he brought this up to the fellowship, he finally felt that there were people who sincerely cared about his situation. They offered him words of encouragement from their own experiences, which he cherished. But it was their willingness to pray for him that really touched his heart.

How many people are there who honestly intercede on your behalf to the heavenly Father when you go to them with an issue? All the words and ideas in the world can only do so much, but truly it is only prayer that can bring about a resolution. Through the prayer and support in this fellowship, he received the strength from God to overcome the trial he was facing. From that point on, he felt the spiritual peace and confidence to stand strong in front of his school friends.

Questions to Think About

1. How did the fellowship impact this brother's life?
2. What do you think his life would have been like if he had not joined this fellowship?
3. Do you have a fellowship in your area? Please share what it's like.

