

# "HIS STORY" PARENT GUIDE

## Lesson 4.2: The Church

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:40-47

### SUMMARY

After Jesus ascended into heaven, more and more people began to follow the message of Jesus. All these people gathered together in what is called the Church – the Body of Christ. The Church was distinct from other types of gatherings, in that the Church focused on the Bible's teaching, prayer, fellowship (spending quality time together), and providing for the needs of each other. The church had an immediate, dramatic impact on earth as God's people went from a small collection of Jesus' followers to an ever-growing body of believers. The church plays an extremely important role for all believers in the world today as the body in which Christians gather to accomplish God's mission together.



KEY VERSE:

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*  
(Acts 2:42)

### KEY THOUGHT:

In Lesson 4.2 we learned that God established the Church to be His representation of the kingdom of God here on earth.

### KEY WORD:

**The Church:** the whole body of professing believers in Jesus Christ throughout the world

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- What things first come to mind when you think of the church?
- Why does God compare the church to a human body? How is it similar?
- What types of things does the church do?
- We know that learning about the Bible is important. What are some ways that we can make sure we learn about the Word?
- What things should Christians do when they spend time together?
- Agree or disagree: A church is not just a building with a steeple on top. Why or why not?
- How would your life as a Christian be different if you weren't an active part of a church?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?