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Editorial

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' - Psalm 122:1

Weekends can be so much fun, but they always (at least for me) seem to fly by so quickly. Then why bother getting up early and spending a whole morning singing, learning about God, and talking with other christians? Surely it doesn't matter too much if you don't (although, if your parents are christians and go to church, you usually don't have a choice). Even if you feel like staying in bed or doing something else on Sunday morning, it is worth choosing to have a good attitude about going to church. The bible tells us that being part of a church is not optional (Heb 10:25). It is very important for our spiritual growth, just like bible study and prayer. But maybe, because your parents aren't christians, just getting to church is a challenge for you.

See if you can hitch a ride with a friend's family and go to their church. I know one eleven-year-old girl who does that.

It is dangerous and even illegal for christians in some countries to meet together for church, but many still risk getting in trouble to do it! They understand how essential meeting together, worshipping and learning more about God, and encouraging each other is for spiritual growth. Pray for them, that God will keep them safe and bless their meeting together. If you are one of them, I pray the same for you and your family!

By the time the next magazine comes out I and my family will be in Alaska! (We are probably moving back to the US.) Please pray for us as we get ready and say goodbye to all our friends.

Check out the bible verses, evaluation questions, and application activities to learn more about how important church really is and how we can show love to our fellow christians. There are also some fun puzzles. A new serial story will be coming soon! Enjoy and keep growing.

-Sophia



Evaluation Questions

- Do you **complain** about going to church?
- Do you have a **worshipful attitude** at church?
- Do you sit and **listen attentively** during the teaching or at Sunday school?
- Do you **serve others** at church with the gifts God has given you?
- Do you **pray** for the needs of others in your church?

Memory Verses

Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Psalms 35:18

“I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you.”

Verses on Church

Look up each passage in the ESV bible, then fill in the blanks.

Ps 111:1

“Praise the _____! I will give _____ to the Lord with my whole _____, in the company of the _____, in the congregation.”

Ro 12:4–5

“For as in one _____ we have many members, and the members do not all have the same _____, so we (believers), though many, are one body in _____, and individually _____ one of another.”

Hebrews 10:24–25

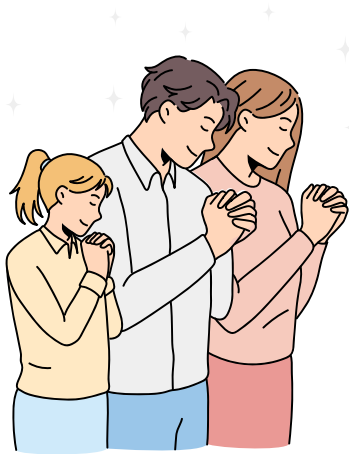
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Application Activities

1. **Study** the book of Titus.
2. **Read** and discuss with your parents Part 13, “About God’s Church,” in *Leading Little Ones to God* by Marian Scholland.
3. **Listen** to the album “Kids Praise! 3 “Funtastic Family” by Ernie Rettino and Debby Kerner Rettino. Your parents can find it on Spotify. It contains some great songs about the body of Christ around the world.
4. **Read** 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 alone or with your parents. What does it mean? Write thank you notes to your church leaders and Sunday School teachers or thank them in person for the work they do and the difference they make in your life.
5. **Keep** a notebook for recording notes from the sermon or Sunday school at church each week. Write down a specific action you can take based on what you learned. Share your goal with your parents so they can help you and keep you accountable.
6. **Ask** your church leaders for a regular job you can do to serve your church, such as sweeping the floor, doing the dishes, straightening song books, helping with morning tea etc.
7. **Think** of ways to minister to other believers in your church; sending them baking, giving birthday cards, visiting them etc. Then put them into action!

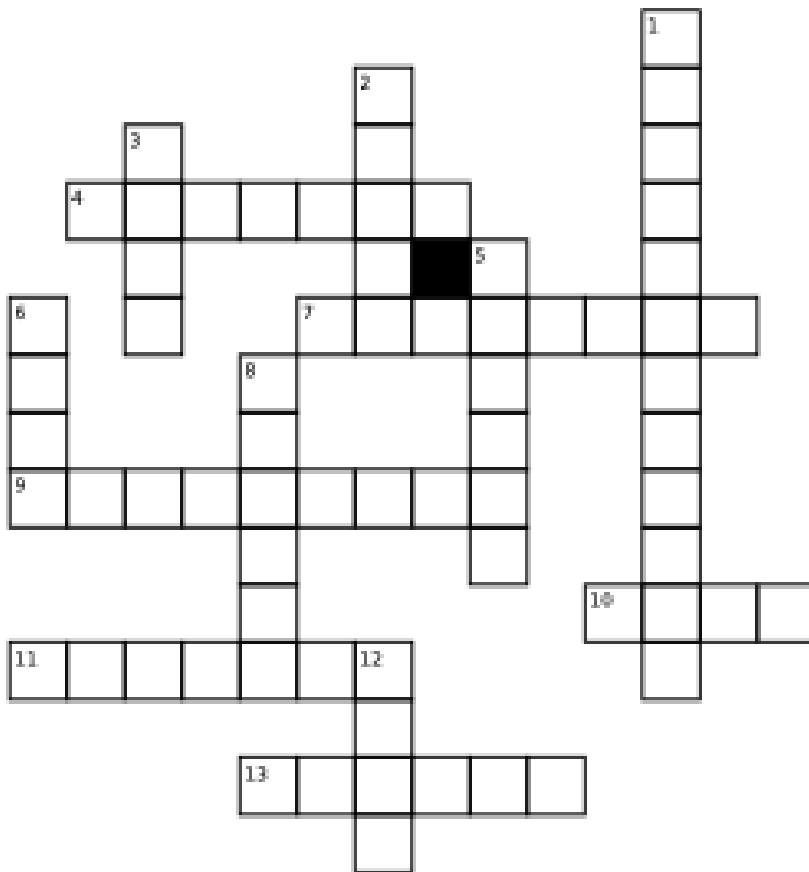
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Sudoku



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Church Crossword

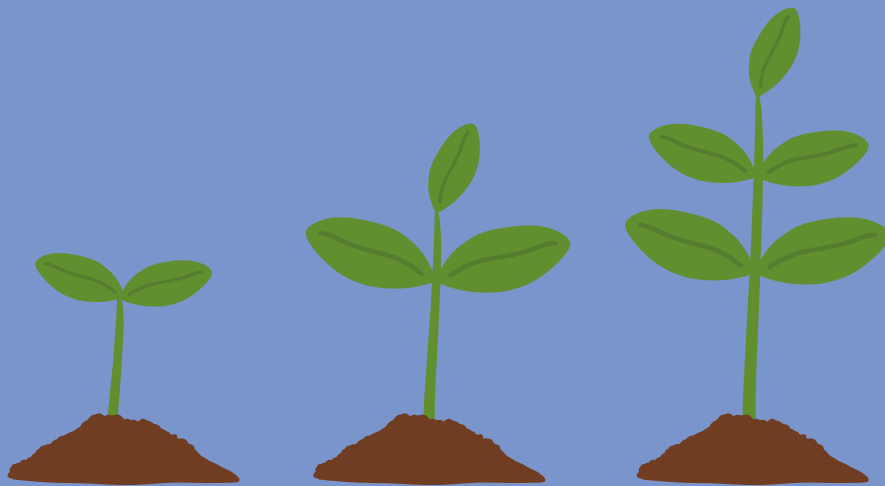


Down:

1. congregation
2. serve
3. meet
4. listen
5. love
6. church
7. pray

Across:

1. members
2. believer
3. encourage
4. body
5. worship
6. praise



Growing as a christian to become more like Jesus is an amazing and rewarding journey. Keep on cooperating with God as he transforms you!