



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

June 4-5, 2016

DATE

Team: The Early Church

LESSON TITLE

Act 2:1-12, 41-47; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

WHERE TO FIND IT

God wants his family to work as a team.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Find a kid who comes regularly to your room and form a connection. Ask about a kid's upcoming week and then follow up with them next week. When you follow up, it shows you're listening and that you care about each kid's unique story.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about the kinds of teams they learned about today, especially God's team, the Church!

## large group heads up

Today is the beginning of a month-long series centered on teamwork/sports! We want to help kids understand that we call God's team the church. And our goal as a team is to share Jesus with others.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### THE WIND GAME

- Keep kids in one **large group**. (If your group is especially large, you can split kids up into two groups.)
- Set up chairs in a **circle** in the middle of the room, with enough chairs for every kid. Have kids sit down.
- Have a leader stand in the middle of the circle and call out “A great wind blows for everyone who...” followed by a characteristic that applies to part of the group. For example, “*A great wind blows for everyone who is wearing the color red.*”
- Any kid who is wearing red (and the person in the middle of the circle!) should get up and find a different seat (it must be at least 2 seats away from their old seat.)
- Whoever didn't get a seat is the new leader in the middle!
- Continue to have the leader call out “*A great wind blows*” statements.
- Here are some suggestions to call out:
  - A great wind blows for everyone who has a brother
  - A great wind blows for everyone who is wearing jeans
  - A great wind blows for everyone who has a sister
  - A great wind blows for everyone who has a pet
  - A great wind blows for everyone who ate cereal for breakfast
  - A great wind blows for everyone who's wearing the color green
  - A great wind blows for everyone who who likes math

### TALK ABOUT IT

- What is your favorite team game to play?
- What's it like to be part of a team?

**Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) describe the people of the early church and today's church (2) understand that the church's goal is to share Jesus with others and (3) identify one way to share Jesus this week.

**Why?** The early church did whatever it could to spread the story of Jesus. We still have the same goals today. We want to share Jesus with as many people as we can.

**Tip:** As you discuss how Peter and the early church followed Jesus and shared him with others, make sure to continually emphasize how they worked together as a team.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What was it like being part of the early church? (The people shared everything and did things together. They worked together to share Jesus with others.)
2. How did Peter and the other believers work together as a team? (They shared with each other, prayed together and worshipped Jesus together. They gave to people in need, and took care of each other like a family would.)
3. What special things did the Holy Spirit help them do? (Heal people, do miracles, speak in different languages.)
4. Why does God want his team to keep growing? (He wants **everyone** to be part of his team, including people who don't know Jesus yet.)
5. How can you help bring other people to be part of God's team? Did you think of someone in Large Group? (If you have time, let each kid share one person that they thought of.)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Tell kids that we're going to **work as team to tell a story**, just like we can work as a team to share God's story with others!
- The theme of this story is "How to be a part of God's team." This means that kids should try to make their story about how they can share Jesus with others and be on his team with other people.
- Divide kids into groups of 3-4 and give them a **piece of paper** and **markers**.
- Let the first kid **draw a small picture** to start the story off, then let the second kid add something to that picture to continue the story.
- After everyone has drawn, let them explain their pictures to the group!
- If your group is younger, they may not be able to think of things to say to tell a story about being on God's team. If that's the case, have them try to retell the story of Peter!

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*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, tell kids that everyone will get a turn to add to a new story, but this time we'll say it out loud instead of drawing. When it's your turn, **you can say 1 sentence to add to the story**. Start the story yourself with 4 words ("Once upon a time...") Let the next kid take their turn and add 4 words of their own. Go around the circle and continue to let kids each add their part of the story.*

## special notes

Today we'll be doing motions to go along with 1 Corinthians 9:24-25. Look the motions up ahead of time so you can be prepared to teach kids!

## presenter tips

Kids love to be heard! Try letting kids give answers to questions into your mic.

## script

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### **WELCOME AND INTRO**

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's so good to see you here! I'm really excited, because for the next month, we're going to be talking about being on teams, while we learn about God's story! In our Connect Time game, the leader called out something, and if it matched you, you had to get up and find a new chair to sit in! Were you alone when you got up, or were other people doing it with you? (Let kids respond.) That's right, other people were getting up too! Maybe the leader asked if you had a brother, and if you did, you all got up together and found a new seat. It's like you were on a team with other people who had a brother!

So what do you guys think it means to be on a team? (Let a few kids respond.) Yep, there are a lot of different kinds of teams, but they always involve a group of people working together to accomplish something. That's how a lot of sports are! Does anybody like to play sports or games? (Let kids respond.) Yep, me too. You might like basketball, or dancing on stage, or maybe soccer.

In all of these sports, you work together with other people to win the game! You can't do it on your own, you have to rely on others. Let's watch a movie clip about four guys who are trying to win the Olympics! They ride on something called a bobsled, and they have to work together to finish the race, even when it seems like they won't be able to do it.

### **Video: Cool Runnings / The Last Race**

So how did those guys finish the race? (Let kids respond.) Yep, even though their bobsled was broken, they all helped each other carry it to the finish line. They worked together as team, even when it was hard.



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### **GOD'S FAMILY WORKS AS A TEAM**

We can be part of all sorts of teams, like a basketball team, or a swim team! We even have teams when we play board games, or play hide and seek. These are all really fun ways to work together, but there's another kind of team that we can be a part of, and that's God's team! God wants his family to work together to share Jesus with others, and we're going to learn about some people from the Bible who did that!

After Jesus went to heaven, he wanted his followers to help other people be a part of God's family. Do you think Jesus wanted his followers to work by themselves, on their own? (Let kids respond.) Nope, he wanted them to work together, and help each other! Jesus knew that working on our own can be hard, and sometimes we can't do as much when we're by ourselves! But when we work with other people, and help each other, we can do so much more!

We're going to learn more about the kind of team that Jesus wanted us to be a part of. One of Jesus' friends was named Peter, and we're going to watch a video about what he and the other believers helped to share Jesus with others. As you watch, try to figure out how they worked together as a team!

### **Video: God's Story / Peter and the other believers**

So what kinds of things did Peter and the other believers do **together**? (Let kids respond.) That's right; they shared with each other, prayed together and worshiped Jesus together. They gave to people in need, and took care of each other like a family would. Do you think they were a strong team? (Let kids respond.) Yep, they sure were.

What if some people on God's team had decided they didn't want to help each other? Do you think God's team would be stronger, or weaker? (Let kids respond.) The team would be weaker. It's like if you're playing a game of baseball. What if some of your teammates decided to just leave, because they didn't want to play anymore. It would be a lot harder to win! That's what God's team is like. We need to stick together if we want to be a strong team. Because when we DON'T stick together, we're not as strong. But when we DO work together and help each other, we can do way more. We can actually share Jesus with more people!

### **THE EARLY CHURCH GROWS**

When we talk about the early believers who taught people about Jesus, we call them the Early Church. Can you say, the "The Early Church"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Now, sometimes when we think of a church, we might think of a building. But when God talks about the church, it actually means MORE than just a building; it means people!

Do you think God wanted the Early Church to be just a small group of people forever? (Let kids respond.) No! God wanted the church to grow, and get bigger! He wanted as many people as possible to be a part of his family. Now, if God wants us to share Jesus with the whole entire world, and help as many people as possible be in God's family, is it better to have a small team, or a big team? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it's a lot easier if we have a big team, because we'll have more people to help each other. We can show love to a lot more people that way. That's why God wants us to find more teammates to join his team!

Let's watch another video about the church. Some kids are going to help us see how the Early Church grew and got bigger. We'll also see how WE can be a part of God's church too. As you watch, pay attention to the kinds of things you can do when you're a part of the God's church.



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### Video: Kid Bible Story / The Early Church

So what kinds of things can WE do to be a part of the church? (Let kids respond.) Yes! We can act like Jesus, help others, pray for people, show love, tell others about Jesus and obey God. When we do these things, we're a part of the church, and God's team! Do you all want to be a part of that team? (Let kids respond.) Me too!

### RESPONSE TIME

When we're on God's team, do you think it will always be super easy to do all these things we've talked about? (Let kids respond.) No, not always. Sometimes we have to work pretty hard, just like we do on sports teams. Remember that video clip we watch earlier, when the 4 guys tried to race in the bobsled? Was it easy for them to pick it up and walk all the way to the finish line? (Let kids respond no.) Nope, but do you think it was still worth it to do? (Let kids respond.) Definitely!

Let's say we're all on a basketball team. Can we just play a game without ever practicing? (Let kids respond.) No way! We have to practice and TRAIN to be a good team, so that we can win the game! It's the same way with God's team. We have to train, and practice, and work together to be a good team. Let's read a verse that shows us what this is like:

**Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25: In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.**

If we want to be a part of God's family, and we want to add more team mates to God's team, then we have to work, just like athletes do to win a game! Let's do some motions to go along with the end of this verse:

- All who take part in the games train hard. **(Do a strong pose.)**
- They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **(Pretend to place a crown on your head.)**

Good job everyone! Go ahead and sit down. We are ALL a part of God's family, and God's team. Right now we're going to think of someone that we want to invite to be a part of God's team with us. Go ahead and close your eyes, and try to think of one person. (Let kids respond.) Maybe it's someone in your family, or a friend at school. Silently in your head, think of their name. (Give kids a few more seconds of silence.)

### PRAY

Dear God. Please show us how we can work together and be a team, just like the early church did. We want to share Jesus with others, because we love you. Thank you for rescuing us. Amen!

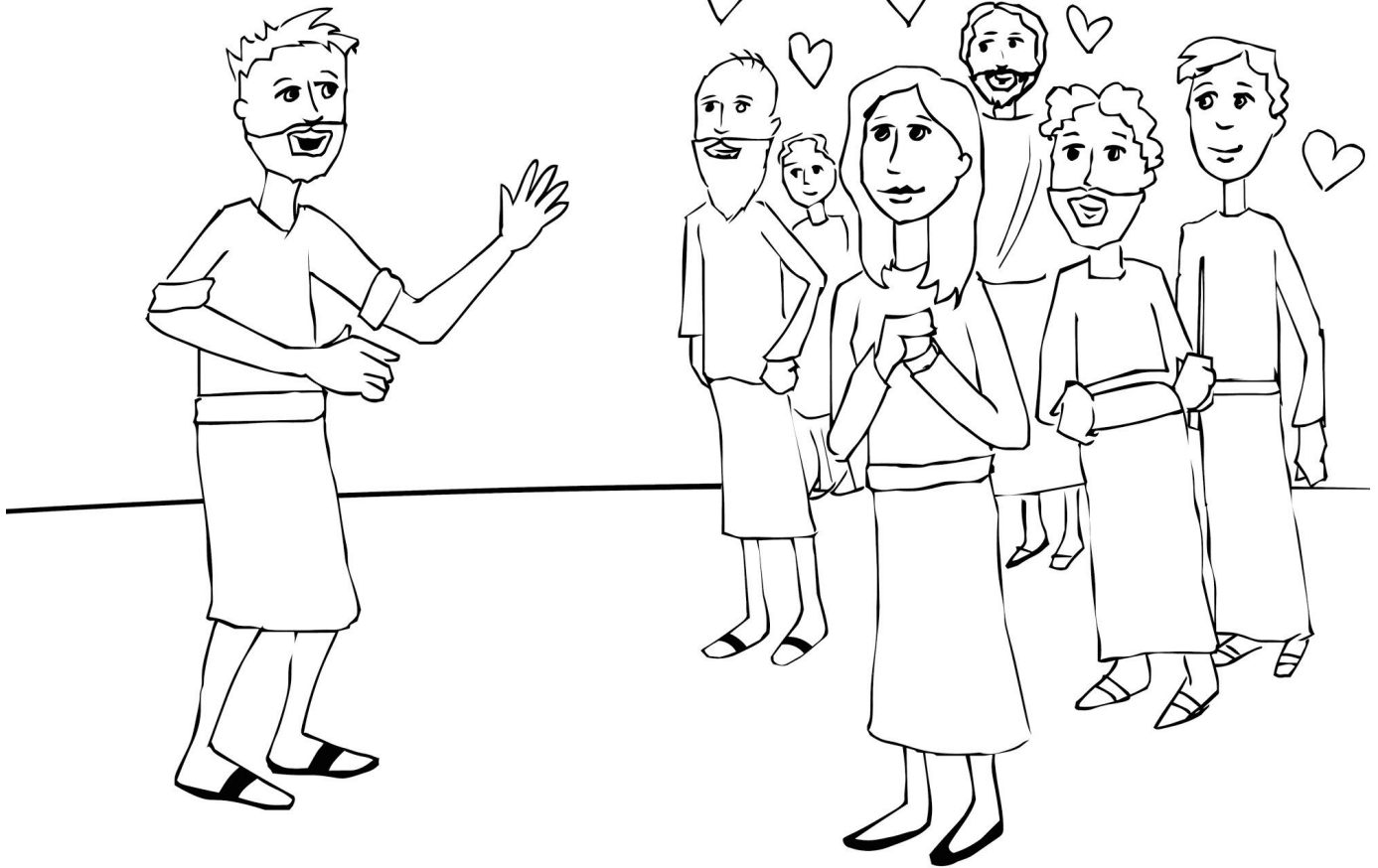
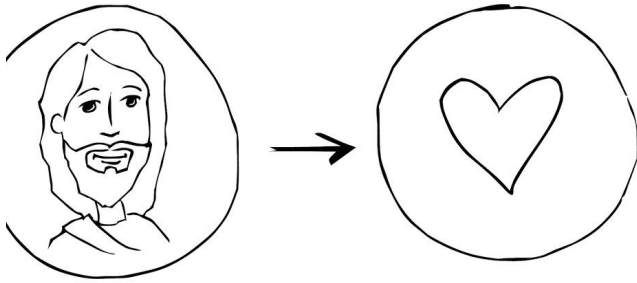
### WORSHIP

Remember how God's family praised Jesus together? Well we can do that too! Let's sing and dance out loud right now, as a team!

**Music Video: Before I Go**

**Music Video: You Are**

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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

The Wind Game - no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers

**Per kid:** Coloring page, 1 piece of 8 x 11 white paper

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Summer Series Team Unit Intro loop (KC/SM media videos songs>slides>summer series slides>team)
2. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
3. Video: Cool Runnings / The Last Race (KC/SM media videos songs>videos>movie clips>Cool Runnings/The Last Race)
4. Video: God's Story / Peter and the other believers (<https://vimeo.com/126928525>)
5. Video: Kid Bible Story / The Early Church (<https://vimeo.com/136645535>)
6. Slide: Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 - In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
7. Music Video: Before I Go (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)
8. Music Video: You Are (<https://vimeo.com/112963091>)

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## connect questions

Tell me about the Early Church.  
How can we be part of God's team?