

We Thank Jesus for the Church

Flicker - God's Workers Lesson 1

Star Awards - Learn that Jesus is the reason we have churches and why we go to church. He is the foundation of our church, and we are to work together telling others about Him.

Know a prayer thank God for Jesus and His church and for giving us a church.

Know the Memory Verse: "Ye are the light of the world"
Matthew 5:14.

Know a song about the church.

Text: Acts 1:1 - 22 (It would be helpful to be familiar with Acts 1 and 2.)

Materials Needed: Flicker Visuals 98-101 Write the name of your church on the placard. Bring a photo of your church.

Also needed Flicker visual 102 (the memory verse poster) Also tell your Sunbeams gold, green, and white are the Sunbeam colors.

Each child will also need a copy of the activity page following this lesson.

Songs: "Come and Go with Me" "I'll be a Sunbeam" "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer: Thank God for Jesus and His church and for giving us a church.

Lesson Approach: (Place the Visual 98 on the board.) Who knows what this is a picture of? That's right, a church building. (Show the photo of your church building.) Who goes to this church? We do, don't we? What is the name of our church? (Show the placard with name of your church.) What are the some things that are nice about our church? (Let each child answer.) What is the reason we want such a nice building to attend church in? Because we come to worship Jesus.

Let's stand up and learn a rhyme about going to church.

To church we will go,

(Make church steeple with hands.)

Whether riding in our car or walking slow.

(Pretend to drive. Walk slowly in place.)

We will learn about Jesus there.

(Place hands together to make a Bible.)

We will thank Him for His care.

(Fold hands in prayer.)

An offering we will gladly bring.

(Pretend to drop offering in plate.)

Then "Jesus Loves Me" we will sing.

(Cup hands around mouth.)

That was fun, wasn't it? Let's sit down and put on our listening ears. I want to tell you a story. Does everyone have on his listening ears? This story is in the Bible. It happened a long, long time ago. (Take out the Bible and keep it on the table.) The best stories are always found in the Bible. That is because it is God's Word.

When Jesus went back to heaven, a group of people watched Him go. (Place visual 100 and 101 on the flannelgraph board.) This group heard Jesus teach and preach many times. They saw Him heal people. Can anyone tell me what heal means? That's right. Jesus made sick people well again. The people saw Him do many wonderful things.

Some of these people were Jesus' helpers. Do you know how they helped Jesus? Jesus gave them special powers to heal people and do other wonderful things, also. Jesus knew that when He went back to heaven someone needed to be able to tell other people about Him and to be able

to help people. These special helpers were with Jesus and saw all that He did while He was here on earth. Jesus prepared them to be able to do His work after He went back to heaven.

These people met together regularly. They prayed for each other. They worshipped God together. They even ate together at times. They told other people about Jesus. They were a church like we are today.

We can't see Jesus like these people did. Jesus is in heaven now. That is why we have the Bible. These special helpers who knew Jesus wrote about Him. God told them exactly what to write. We can read the Bible and know Jesus, too. We meet together, pray together, and worship God together just as these people did. We even eat together sometimes, too. We are to tell other people about Jesus. That is what makes us a church. Jesus is the reason we have the church. Whom can you tell about Jesus? Tell mom, dad, brother, sister, grandparents, and friends about Jesus.

Let's bow our heads and thank God for Jesus. Let's thank God for our church where we can learn more about Him and then tell other people about Him. (Pray.)

Visual 102 - Our memory verse is "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Some of you may already know this verse. Who can say it? Let's all say it together now.

Activity: Let the children color the church and glue the paper candles in each window. Talk to them about how they can let their light shine for Jesus as they work with others in the church.

Take the children on a tour of the outside of your church. Point out how nice your church looks.

Cut a lunch bag in the shape of a church and let the sunbeams color it. Let them cut out some pictures out of a magazine to represent people coming to church. Then they can put them in their church.

The Bible Tells of God and His Creation

Flicker - God's Word - Lesson 2

Star Awards - Know God as Creator of all things and that is recorded in His Word.

Know a prayer thanking God for creating all the things in the world and recording in His Word.

Know the memory verse - "The Lord gave the Word." Psalm 68:11

Learn a song about Creation

Text: Genesis 1:1-27

Memory Verse: "The Lord gave the word" Psalm 68:11

Materials: Flicker visuals- 6,7,8,9,10,11,12, pictures of creation, tote bag

Use your Bible as you present your lesson

Memory verse Flicker visual 3,4,5

copy of activity page for each child

glue sticks

Songs: "The Butterfly Song", "God Made Me" (See last page of this lesson)

Prayer: Thank God for our world and all He created.

Lesson Approach: (This lesson isn't meant for the children to learn the things created. The children are to appreciate the vastness of what God made.)

Who remembers what we learned last week in Sunbeams? The Bible is special! It teaches us many things about God. It tells us what we are to do and are not to do. It also tells us about God. He made our world and all that is in it.

Listen very carefully, and I will tell you what the Bible teaches us that God made first. Close your eyes. What do you see? You can see nothing with your eyes closed. Now keep your eyes closed. I will tell you when to open them. That is the way the world was before God made light. There was only darkness everywhere. God said, "Let there be light." Open your eyes. What do you see now? It is light isn't it? God made the light and

called it day. He called the darkness night. This was what God made on the first day. (Flicker visual 6)

(Flicker visual 7) On the second day God made the sky. When you are outside and look up you see the sky which God made.

(Flicker visual 8 or have some dirt/water) On the third day God made the dry land which He called earth and gathered waters which He called seas. After the land and water were separated, the green plants and trees began to grow. God saw that this was good.

(Flicker visual 9) Then came the fourth day(hold up 4 fingers). God made the sky pretty by placing the sun, moon, and stars up there. The sun lights up the daytime, and the moon and stars give us light at night. Do you like to look at them? God certainly made a lot of stars, didn't He?

God's task was almost finished. (Flicker Visual 10 or a toy fish) On the fifth day, God filled the seas with all kinds of fish, the little goldfish to the great big shark. (Show a toy bird)Then God made the birds to fly in the sky.

There are all sizes of birds, too. All this was pleasing to God.

(Flicker Visual 11 or toy animals) On the sixth day God made all the animals - Cattle, elephants, squirrels, dogs and cats. Can you name some more animals? Last of all God made man. God made all the world and everything in it.He made us also!!

(Flicker 12) By the seventh day God finished His work. He was very pleased. On the seventh day God rested.

All these things are written in God's Word, the Bible, for us to know. (Hold up your Bible) Isn't it wonderful that God gave us His Word?

Work on Memory Verse - Toss a ball to a Sunbeam. Have him/her repeat the memory verse then they will toss it to someone else. This continues until everyone has a turn.

Let's pray thanking God for His Word and all that He created (Always encourage children to bow their heads and close their eyes. This will help them be reverent when praying.)

Activity sheet: Give each child a cut-out copy of the numbered section and God's Creation section from the following page. Glue the tab of God's Creation section to the back of Day 1 section. Fold the numbered section in accordion style so the God's Creation is seen on top. Unfold the long section. Give each child the appropriate geometric shape cut out from copy of the following page. Review the days of creation as each shape is glued in place.

Extra activity: Go outside and look at God's creation. Let the Sunbeams collect rocks, leaves, feathers, flowers, things God created. They will want a paper bag to collect these in.

Song:

"God Made Me"

Tune: The Farmer and The Dell

God made me , God made me,
God made everything and God made me.

God made (child's name), God made (child's name)
God made everything and God made (child's name)

Repeat verses until every sunbeam has been included.

God made me a helper, God made me a helper,
God made everything and God made me a helper.

Finger play:

Here is our Bible

Here is our Bible,
Its stories are true!

(Hands beside each other like open book)

God gave us these stories
For me and for you.
(point toward heaven)

Quiet, so quiet,
We all now will be.
(put finger to lips)

Listen! A story!
(put hands behind ears)

And pictures to see!

Sunbeams are Important in Our Church

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 3

Star Awards - Learn the importance of Sunbeams and learn the Sunbeam motto, song, colors, and emblem.

Know a prayer thanking God for our church and for Sunbeams.

Know the -memory verse: "Ye are the light of the world"
Matthew 5:14

Know the song "I'll be a Sunbeam"

Text: Matthew 5:14-16

Materials needed: A Bible, a yellow, green or white candle with a holder for each child and a name card for each child to attach to a candle and a basket or tall can

Flicker Visuals - 102,112, 113, Insert the flame from behind the candle through the slot noted.

Using the patterns provided on the art page, cut each child a green golder, a white candle, and a yellow flame. Copy the message for the parents at the top of the activity page.

Songs: "I'll Be a Sunbeam," "This Little Light of Mine"

Prayer: Thank God for our church and for Sunbeams.

Lesson Approach: (Prepare names for candles as children arrive. Hold up memory verse visual - 102). Does this candle shape remind you of a verse? That's right. "Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14. Let's say it together now. Who would like to say it by himself? (Give each child time to respond.)

(Take out the yellow, green and white candles. Set near you.) What do you think this verse means? It means that you are to show other people the way to Jesus. Our church helps you learn how to do this by having Sunday School, Sunbeams, and worship services. (List any other services you have). As you learn more and more about Jesus at church, you can tell your families and friends more and more about Him.

(Hold up your Bible.) The Bible says we are to let our lights shine so others will see. We are going to pretend that one of these candles represents each one of us. (Tape each Sunbeam's name to a candle. Tell each child which candle is theirs.) Now watch your candle while I turn off the light for just a second. You couldn't see your candle, could you? What do we need to do to be able to see the candles with light turned out? We need to light the candles! (Light each candle. Flip out the light again.) Could you see your candle now? Of course, you can.

If we are going to let our lights shine for Jesus, we have to know about Him. Just as we have to light the candles, Jesus has to become the light in each of our lives. Jesus becomes the light in our lives as we learn more and more about Him. That is why being in Sunbeams is so important. We learn about Jesus here.

I want you to watch closely again. (Cover each candle with a can. Do this one candle at a time.) Look, (child's name), can you see your light when I cover it? What about you, (another child's name)? (Cover each candle in this manner, including yours.) I can't see my light when I cover it. Jesus teaches us that we should not light a candle and then hide it under a basket. Jesus also teaches us in the Bible that we are to let our lights shine so others can see them. The more we learn about Jesus, the more we want to be like Him. As our family and friends see us being more like Jesus, they will want to learn more about Him, also.

Come over here with me. Let's sit on the floor. I will tell you a story called "Happy Little Candle" and how he let his light shine so others could see.

Happy Little Candle

Little Candle lived in a dark room. (Visual - 112,113 with very little flame) He felt sad and gloomy. It was dark and cold. He didn't like sitting there by himself all the time.

Little Candle decided to take a big bag of cookies over to Old Lady Fly Swatter who sat in the corner. This pleased Old Lady Fly Swatter so much that her corner seemed to be a little brighter after Little Candle was there. This made Little so happy that he felt brighter, too. (Push up the candle a little.)

Next Little Candle decided to make all the beds. He surprised his mother. She was so pleased that she sang a happy song. Little Candle really began to feel brighter and happier. (Push up the flame a little more.)

All day long Little Candle tried to help others. He tried harder than ever to obey his parents. He tried ever so hard to be kind just as Jesus had taught. He was nice to his sisters and brothers and the little fat candle which lived in the other room.

Little Candle was happy doing good. All of a sudden he noticed that the room wasn't dark anymore. Little Candle was shining brightly! (Push up the flame all the way.)

Boys and Girls, you can learn more and more about Jesus. You can try to be more like Jesus wants you to be. You will shine brightly, too. That is why we are called Sunbeams. A sunbeam is a really bright light. That is what Jesus wants each of us to be.

(Visual 102) Can everyone say the memory verse now? What shape is this? Who can tell me the colors used to make this candle? The candle is our Sunbeam emblem and the Sunbeam colors help us to remember that we are Sunbeams and that we are to let our lights shine brightly for Jesus. We have a Sunbeam song, also. Most of you already know it. Let's sing it now. (Sing "I'll be a Sunbeam").

Let's bow our heads and thank God for giving Jesus to help us and for giving us a church and Sunbeams.

Activity: Pass out the note to parents. Read the note. Pass out the candle shapes. Have the children clue the different parts of the candle in the appropriate places on the candle outline. Talk about the colors and emblem as they work. Send the note home. Remind children to have parents help them learn these facts about Sunbeams.

Our Church is like a Family

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 4

Star Awards - Know that the church is made up of many different people.
The church is not just a building.

Know a prayer thanking God for our church family and for Jesus.

Know the memory verse "The Lord added to the church daily"
Acts 2:47

Know a song about the church

Materials Needed: A photo album is needed for the display of visuals. If possible, take photos of appropriate people or places represented by the packet visuals. Place the packet identification card below each photo. If photos cannot be taken, use packet visuals. You will need visuals 114 - 121. Put them in album in numeric order. You will also need visuals 103, 122, 123 (mice finger puppets). You will also need visual 124 to visualize the memory verse.

Each child will need a copy of the activity verse to color following this lesson.

Songs: "Come and Go With Me" "This is the Way we go to Church"

Lesson Approach: (Note: Be sensitive to your children's home situations.) (Take Molly Mouse finger puppet your visuals.) Molly wants you to meet her family today. Molly's family is very special to her just as your family is very special to you. Who do you think is in Molly's family? (As children name father and mother, place them on your fingers beside Molly.) This is Molly's mother and her father. Would anyone like to tell me about his family?

Jesus gave us our families, didn't He? We should thank Him every day for our family. Molly loves her family and is thankful; aren't you Molly? I know each of you loves your family very much, also. Molly's family works together and plays together at times. Does yours?

Molly, her mother, and her dad make one nice family, don't they? There are other people in your family, aren't there? Can you name some other people

in your family? (Brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles) All of these people are in your family. Some of you have large families.

(Take out the church family album.) Do any of you have books like this at your home? This is called a photo album. They are filled with photos of you and your family.

I want to show you this photo album. It is filled with pictures of another family. This is your church family. Each of you is very important to your church family.

(Show your photo album with the Flickr visuals or photos of your church you have taken.) Each person has a special place in the church family. The church family loves each other and works together telling others about Jesus.

114 - On our first page is a picture of Jesus with people. This shows those who are closest to Jesus. The church is like Jesus' family.

115 - Here is the congregation. These people worship together. This is our church family.

116 - Here is the pastor. He leads our church. Who is our church's pastor?

117 - Others in the church help our pastor with his many duties. We should be thankful for our music, education, and youth directors. Our deacons are very special leaders with our pastor, also.

118 - These people help in very special ways, also. Records are kept; the church is cleaned; order is given to our worship services.

119 - I know you appreciate these members of our church families. Here are our teachers. They tell us God's Word. Who are your teachers?

120 - Here is our Sunbeam family. We learn God's Word together. We are important in the church.

121 - Where does the church family meet? Right here. This is the church building. The people make the church.

I wonder what Molly and her parents thought about our church family. They might think that they are a part of our church family, also, since they are

here today. So you want to ask them?

124 - Let's learn our memory verse for today. Our memory verse is "The Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47)

For many years people have met together to worship God and learn more about Jesus. The Bible tells us about the first church who met and worshiped after Jesus went back to heaven. This church loved God, and they loved each other. God blessed them, and many people wanted to be part of that church. God added many people to that church. This means that God added more people to the church, not more buildings. The people are the church. Let's say the memory verse together now.

Let's bow our heads and thank God for our church family and for Jesus. (Pray).

Activity: Let the children color the pages. They will need to be cut out. Add the steeple to the building. Fold the pictures and the people inside the church by moving the folded strip. Talk about the memory verse as they work. Help them repeat it.

Let the children draw a picture thanking a church member for their service. Help them sign their name to the picture. The child can take the picture to the person.

Our Pastor Leads Our Church

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 5

Star Awards - Know who their pastor is and what some of his responsibilities in leading the church family

Know to thank God for our church and our pastor

Know Memory verse - "The Lord added to the church daily"
Acts 2:47

Know songs about church and Sunbeams

Text: Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some ,pastors and teachers;"

Materials needed: Flicker 103 - Molly Mouse Puppet, 124 - memory verse visual, 125 - 131 - the church family photo album, Flicker visuals 125-131

For each child, copy the activity page following the lesson.

Songs: "Come and Go With Me" "I'll be a Sunbeam"

Prayer: Thank God for our church and our pastor.

Lesson Approach: Last week we looked at our church family album and saw different people. (Show album.) God chose someone to lead our church family. Can you tell me who this person is? What is he called? (Show photo of pastor in album.)

The Bible teaches us that God calls special men to be pastors. Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;" Everyone can't be a pastor. Only the men God chooses can be pastors. God leads each chosen man to pastor a certain church. That is why (your pastor's name) is our pastor. God wants him to lead us.

(Take out Molly Mouse finger puppet.) Since Molly Mouse knows our pastor, would you like to ask her about him? (Pretend that Molly whispers to you.) Molly told me that she wants us to look at pictures to learn what she sees and hears our pastor doing. (Take out flashcards 125-131.)

The pastor of (name of our church) is (your pastor's name). He stays busy. He is called by many different names. What do you call our pastor?

125 - Each Sunday, Molly hears (your pastor's name) preach from God's Word. She hears him pray.

126 - Then she watches him go to the door to shake hands and say hello to everyone.

127 - (Your pastor's name) stays very busy on other days, too. He visits the sick people at the hospital and in their homes. He prays for them, too. Sometimes our pastor comforts people when they are sad. He is always glad to help them.

128 - When new people come to our town, he goes by to welcome them to town and to invite them to our church.

129 - Sometimes (your pastor's name) teaches classes. He is always eager to tell boys and girls about Jesus.

130 - Sometimes (your pastor's name) marries people. These are always happy times.

131 - (your pastor's name) works hard in his office studying his Bible and praying. This is very necessary to keep him prepared to be the pastor God wants him to be for us. God called (your pastor's name) to be our pastor, and he is always happy to serve God. He serves God as he goes about helping our church each day.

124 - Our memory verse is "The Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:47). (your pastor's name) is very happy when God adds someone new to our church. Let's practice saying our memory verse.

Let's bow our heads and thank God for our pastor and for our church.

Activity: If possible make arrangements with your pastor prior to class to come to your class and introduce himself to each child. Then allow him to take them to his office and possible talk with them about his responsibilities. He might wish to show them the pulpit area and other areas of the church. Be sure that he is aware what your lesson is about and how much time he will have to be with the children.

After returning to your classroom, prepare a thank you note for your pastor and let each child sign his name to it. Let the children help decorate the card.

Suggestion: Draw tree limbs on a poster. Let the children put their fingerprints on the tree for leaves. On the top of the poster write 1 Thessalonians 5:18. On the bottom of the poster write "Thank you for being our pastor".

Additional Activity: Pass to each child the pastor and suit jacket. Let them color. Discuss when the pastor wears his suit and what some of his responsibilities are.

Sunday Is a Special Day

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 6

Star Awards - Know that Sunday is the Lord's Day. One way to show our love for God is to observe the Lord's Day by going to Sunday services.

Know how to thank God for His church and His special day, Sunday.

Know the memory verse, "The Lord added to the church daily"
Acts 2:47

Know songs about going to church and worshipping at church

Materials needed: From previous lessons, needed are the memory verse (Flicker - 124) and flashcards of people in church (Flicker 104 -111) or you can use photos of your church members doing these activities.

You will also need a calendar and a Bible. Also needed Flicker 132 - visual of Moses with the Ten Commandments.

Each child will need copy of the activity page.

Songs: "This is the Way we Go to Church" "Come and Go With Me"
"Praise Him"

Prayer: Thank God for His church and His special day, Sunday

Lesson Approach: I want you to listen very carefully while I tell you about some special rules God gave Moses a long, long time ago. This story is in our Bibles. (Show your Bible.)

Visual 132 - God gave Moses ten rules. (Hold up both hands, and count to ten with your fingers.) These ten rules told the people how God wanted them to live. Rule number four was "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

In the Old Testament, God's people rested and worshiped on one day each week. Since Jesus arose from the grave on the first day of the week, Christians began to worship together on that day. (Say the days of the

week. Direct attention to the fact that the days of the week follow a regular pattern.)

What is the first day of each week called? Sunday, that's right. We who love Jesus also call it the Lord's Day, the time the church worships Him together.

(104 or photo of people arriving at church) Where are all these people going? That's right, they are going to church. Who knows what day it must be? (Let children to answer.) It is Sunday. Of course, we go to church on other days, too. However, God planned that on Sundays we would come together with the church for worship. Sunday is a very special day.

We are going to pretend it is Sunday morning. Let's all lay our heads down. Ring - ring - ring!!! That is the alarm clock. Wake up (child's name)! (call each child's name.) It is Sunday morning. It's time to get up and get ready to go to Sunday School and church. (Help the children act out getting up, getting dressed, eating breakfast, and driving to church. As the children pretend to arrive at church, have them join you in walking around the room. Sing "Going to church" to the tune of "Here we go 'Round the Mulberry Bush.")

This is the way we go to church,

Go to church, go to church.

This is the way we go to church,

Every Sunday Morning.

Aren't you glad we have a church and that God gave us a special day to come to church?

What are some of the things that you do each Sunday at church?
(Encourage children to tell you about their Sunday School and church.)

106 or photo of someone singing - At church we worship God. When we worship God we show him how much we love Him. We tell Him that He is good and kind. We worship God by singing about His love and how much we love Him.

107 or photo of someone taking up offering - We can worship God by

giving. We use money all week long, but on Sundays we give it to God. God is happy when we give our money at church. It is used to help other people and to take care of our church.

105, 109, 110 or photos of pastor, teachers, children listening - We worship God by learning about Him from the Bible. We can listen carefully to our teachers and to our pastor as he preaches from the Bible.

108 or photo of someone praying - We can worship God by praying. This is how we talk to God. We can talk to God on any day. (Show the calendar). Sunday is a special day to talk to God.

Let's bow our heads now and talk to God. We can thank Him for giving us a special day to worship Him. Let's thank Him for our church and for his love.

124 - Who can tell me what this shape reminds him of? Let's say the memory verse together.

Activity: Pass out to each child a copy of the activity following this lesson. Talk to the children about what is going on in the church building. Let them color the picture and then fold it.

Repeat the memory verse.

We Worship by Singing

Flickers - God's Workers - Lesson 7

Star Awards - Know that singing is an important way to worship God.

Know a prayer to tell God how glad we are that we can sing praises to Him.

Know the memory verse: "Let us worship...the LORD" Psalm 95:6

Know songs praising God and Jesus

Text: II Chronicles: 29:1-36

Materials Needed: Flicker 133 - View inside the church or draw the inside of a church, add people singing to it

134 and 135 - Visualize the Bible story and the memory verse. 103 - Molly Mouse

Songs: "Praise Him All Ye Little Children" "Jesus Loves Me"

"I'll be a Sunbeam" "Praise Him"

Lesson Approach: (Place Flicker 133) Can you point to the children that are singing? How can you tell they are singing? I really enjoy hearing you sing. After everyone sits down, we are going to talk about how we show God our love through singing.

There are many ways to worship God. Do you know what the word worship means? It means to show love to God. How can you show love? (Encourage responses - hugging, doing nice things for someone, being very kind, and telling that person you love him.)

One way to show love to God or worship God is by singing. Do you like to sing? Let's stand and sing. Do you remember the song "Going to church"? Let's sing it now. (The tune is "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush." Pretend to walk to church by walking around the room.)

This is the way we go to church,
Go to church, go to church.
This is the way we go to church,
Every Sunday morning.

Now let's learn another stanza to this song.

This the way we sing to God,
Sing to God, Sing to God.
This is the way we sing to God,
We worship God by singing.

Visual 103 - Look who is visiting us today!! (Animate with Molly) Do you think Molly heard us singing? She probably wanted to sing with us. Would you like to sing one more song and let Molly sing with us? What would you like to sing?

There is a story in the Bible about some people who sang songs to God. Singing made them happy. They enjoyed worshipping God.

Can you be quiet as Molly while I tell you the story? (Set Molly aside.)

The temple was the place where people in Bible times worshiped God. In our story, the temple had been forgotten. The people did not come there to worship God anymore. They let God's house of worship get dusty and dirty. Many of them forgot how to worship God. They did not sing to God, talk to Him or play pretty music to Him.

Hezekiah was the new king. He knew that it was wrong for the temple to be so dirty. He knew that the people needed to learn to sing to God again.

So Hezekiah called all the leaders together. "It is time that we cleaned up the temple. We are going to teach the people how to worship God and sing again," he said.

The men set out to clean the temple. They worked very hard. The temple

was so dirty that it took them a long time to clean it.

At last, the men told King Hezekiah that they were finished. (Flicker 134) King Hezekiah called all the leaders together. They all went to the temple and made beautiful music together and worshiped God.

When the people heard the beautiful music, they came to the temple. They wanted to worship God, too. The leaders played their instruments. The people sang beautiful songs. Everyone worshiped God.

God is happy when we make music for Him. In our Bible story, some people blew horns and some played other instruments. Everyone sang songs. (Flicker 135) Our Bible says, "Let us worship...the LORD" (Psalm 95:6). When we sing songs to God, we are worshiping God. Let's practice saying our memory verse. (As you repeat the verse, point to the picture representing singing.)

Let's bow our heads and thank God for his love. Let's tell Him how much we love Him.

Activity: Let the children color the picture and then glue the songbooks in the children's hands.

Let the children make simple rhythm instruments out of a tin can or frosting containers. Put rice or beans in the containers. Seal them shut with tape. Let the children decorate with paint/ markers.

Let the children sing while they play their instruments.

We Worship by Giving

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 8

Star Awards - Know that giving at church is a way to worship God. Giving at church helps many people.

Know to thank God for His Word and teaching us to give.

Know Memory verse: "Let us worship...the LORD" Psalm (95:6)

Know songs about worshiping God

Text: Mark 12:41-44

Materials Needed: Flicker 136 - 138, 140-145. Memory verse visual - 135 and Church visual - 133 will also be needed. If you have a church poster you will need a photo of a person giving offering to go on your poster.

Songs: "Jesus Loves Me" "This is the Way We Go to Church" "Praise Him"

Lesson Approach: Can you point to the children giving their offering? God is happy when we give at church. The money helps many people.

I am going to tell you a story about giving that Jesus told. It is found in the Bible. (Open your Bible to the text)

137 - One day Jesus was teaching His helpers in the temple. The temple was like our church building. Jesus was near one of the offering boxes, where people gave their money for God's work.

136 - Jesus watched the people drop their offerings into the boxes

138 - Some people had a lot of money, so they put a lot of money in the box. They still had a lot of money at home. (Remove 138)

139 - One woman did not have a lot of money to put in the box. All she had was two coins, like our pennies. She did not have any more money at home.

Jesus and His helpers watched as the woman put her two coins in the offering box. Jesus said, "Some people put a lot money in the box, but they

still have lots of money at home. That poor woman only put in a little amount of money. She doesn't have any more at home. She loves God so much that she wanted to give all she had."

Jesus wants everyone to be happy to give their offerings. He taught His helpers to give their money because they loved God and wanted to help do His work.

Let's add another stanza to our "Going to Church" song today. (Lead the children in the song as you march around the table. The tune is the same as "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush.")

This is the way we go to church,

Go to church, go to church.

This is the way we go to church,

Every Sunday Morning.

Our new stanza is:

This is the way we give to God,

Give to God, give to God.

This is the way we give to God,

Our offerings help others.

Let's sit down around the table now. I want to tell you about five pennies.

140 - Mary reached into her purse and pulled out five pennies to drop into the offering plate. She had saved them all week to bring to Sunday and give to the church.

"I'm glad you brought your pennies to Sunday School," said Mary's teacher. "Our offerings will be used to buy many good things, and that makes God happy."

"Did you hear that?" said the first little penny to his friend in the offering plate.

"We're going to be used to buy good things."

"I wonder what I will help buy" said the third penny. "Wait and see," said the fifth penny.

So the five shiny pennies waited to see what good things they would help buy.

141 - The first little penny helped to buy a flower for a lady who was sick in the hospital. The flower made the lady happy and made her feel better.

142 - The second little penny helped to buy a Bible for some children far away in another country. The Bible was a very good thing to buy.

143 - The third little penny helped to buy a mop for the man who took care of the church. The man used the mop to help keep the church floors clean.

144 - The fourth penny helped to buy a table for the Sunday School room. The children sat around the table and listened to the Bible story.

145 - The fifth little penny helped to buy a picture of Jesus. When the children looked at the picture, they thought about how much Jesus loves them.

One day Mary said to her teacher, "My pennies helped to buy some good things, didn't they?"

"Yes, they did," said her teacher. "Our offerings are used to buy good things and that makes God happy."

Giving to God is another way to worship Him. We are showing Him that we love Him. Let's practice our memory verse now. "Let us worship...the LORD" (Psalm 95:6)

Would one of you like to lead us in our prayer?

Activity: Trace each pupil's hand on a sheet of colored paper. At the top of the paper print the memory verse. Help each child draw a happy face near the verse. Tell the children that everyone should give gladly. Give each child a shiny penny to tape in the middle of the hand. Tell them to bring it back as an offering next week.

Additional activity: Give each an activity sheet. Let them color the page. They will then need to cut the shapes out. Glue the edges of the bag together (tape maybe used). Review the story of "Five Pennies" as the children count the pennies. Let children act out the story by giving their pennies.

Add photos of people giving their offering to your church poster (If you made one).

We Worship by Praying

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 9

Star Awards - Know that prayer is talking to God and that God is always listening. Praying is one way to worship God.

Know a prayer thanking God for always listening when we pray.

Know the Memory Verse: "Let us worship...the LORD" Psalm 95:6

Know songs about prayer and worshiping God

Text: Luke 11:1-4

Materials Needed: Flicker 146 - 149 (telephone shaped flashcards), Flicker 135 - (memory verse visual), Flicker 133 (Church visual) or your own church poster.

Copy and cut out for each child the telephone following this lesson. One foot of yarn will be needed for each child. You will also need tape.

Songs: "Praise Him" "I'll be a Sunbeam" "Whisper a prayer"

Lesson Approach: (Direct your children to the poster on the wall.) Which group is praying? How can you tell? (Lead your Sunbeams in "This is the way we go to Church")

This is the way we go to church,

Go to church, go to church.

This is the way we go to church,

Every Sunday morning.

This is the way we talk to God,

Talk to God, Talk to God.

This is the way we talk to God,

We talk to God by praying.

Today we are going to learn how we talk to God. Who knows what talking to God is called? That's right. It is prayer.

(Show your Bible.) The Bible tells us that Jesus' helpers asked Him to teach them how to pray. They heard Jesus praying to God, and they said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." So He did.

Would you like to hear about a little boy named Bill and how he learned to pray?

Bill's little sister, Susan, was very sick. (Flicker 146) "Only God can make her well," Mother said.

How worried Bill was. "I'll just have to talk to God, and ask Him to make her well," Bill said. But Bill didn't know how to talk to God. "I'll call Him on the telephone," Bill thought. So run, run, run went Bill to Grandmother's house.

(Flicker 147) "Grandmother," said Bill, "Please dial God's number for me so I can talk to Him."

"Oh, Bill," Grandmother said, "I can't do that. I do know where you can learn to talk to God - at Sunday School and church. Would you like to go with me tomorrow?"

"Yes," said Bill.

(Flicker 148) So the next morning Bill went with his grandmother to Sunday School and church. What fun it was to sing songs and say the Bible verse. Bill liked the Bible stories, too. Then the teacher said, "Now we are going to talk to God. God is listening no matter where you are." She started to pray.

(Flicker 149) "Oh," said Bill, "now I know how to talk to God. I just talk, and he listens." Bill prayed to God, too. "Dear God," Bill said, "please help my little sister get well."

When Bill got home, guess what? Susan was better! "Thank You, God," Bill said. God heard that prayer, too.

(Pick up your Bible.) Boys and girls, God loves you, and He always listens to your prayers. He always answers your prayers, too. Sometimes He

says no, just like your parents. Still, He always answers in a way that is best for you.

You can talk to Him at home or anywhere else, but it is especially important to talk to Him at church. We come to worship Him here. Praying to God is an important way of worshipping God.

Remember that we don't just talk to God when we need something. We talk to God to tell Him that love Him. We thank Him for all He does for us. We tell Him how wonderful He is.

(Refer to your Bible.) When Jesus told His helpers how to pray, He told them to ask that God's will be done. That is what we are to do, too.

Don't you think we should pray now? Who would like to lead our prayer? (Allow time for all who want to pray.)

(Flicker 135) Do you remember our memory verse? "Let us worship...the LORD" (Psalm 95:6). Let's practice saying it now. (Repeat verse.) Praying is a way of worshipping God. Which hands show prayer on our memory verse poster?

Activity: Let children color their phones and cut them out. Help the children fold telephones to stand alone. Tape flaps over the bottom. Each child will need a piece of yarn about a foot long. Help the children tape the yarn to the telephone and the receiver. Let the children pretend to talk to each other on their telephones. Constantly emphasize that a telephone isn't necessary to talk to God. Let children put them down their telephones and pray to God.

Extra Activity: Print "Jesus Hears Me" in the middle of a paper plate. Let the children decorate with stickers or different shapes of macaroni.

We Listen and Learn at Church

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 10

Star Awards - Know the importance of listening and learning at church

Know a prayer thanking God for our church where we can listen and learn more about Him.

Know memory verse "Be ye kind" Ephesians 4:32

Know songs about worshiping God

Text: Luke 10:38-42

Materials needed: Flicker 103 - Molly Mouse finger puppet, 133 - the church, 150-157

Each child will need a copy of the activity page following this lesson.

Songs: "I'll be a Sunbeam for Him" "Praise Him" "This is the way we go to Church"

Lesson Approach: (Direct children's attention to the church on the wall.) Which group of children seems to be listening? We're going to learn another stanza to our "Going to Church" song. Are you ready to join me? (Sing to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush.")

This is the way we listen at church,

(Cup hands to ears.)

Listen at church, listen at church.

This is the way we listen at church,

We listen and learn and at church.

Listening is very, very important. How do I know that? God gave me two ears. How about you? Do you have two ears? Where are they? Isn't it wonderful God gave us two ears so we can be good listeners? We can learn a lot just by listening.

(Take out Molly Mouse and let her whisper in your ear.) Molly had a friend who didn't use his ears to listen. Would you like to hear about him? (Take

out flash cards. Set Molly aside.)

Flicker 151 - Robbie was about the noisiest mouse anywhere! "Robbie!" his mom called, "you are making too much noise!" Robbie was quiet for a while. Soon he was making more noise than ever. Even Chirpy the cricket who was one of Robbie's best friends had to admit that Robbie was very noisy.

Flicker 152 - "A little noise is all right," Chirpy said to a grasshopper who was practicing high jumps, "But Robbie is never quiet; and he never listens!"

The grasshopper stopped jumping long enough to listen to Chirpy. "How will he ever learn anything if he never listens?" He asked.

"Chirpy," said a small voice. "Psst, Chirpy!"

Flicker 153 - Chirpy turned and saw a ladybug standing on a songbook. "What is it, young lady?" Chirpy asked kindly.

"I came over to invite you, Robbie and the grasshopper to my party," said the ladybug. "Robbie is making so much noise he doesn't hear me. You are bigger than I am and have a louder voice. Would you mind calling him for me?"

Chirpy nodded his head and called loudly, "ROBBIE! ROBBIE!"

Robbie was so busy yelling and playing that he didn't hear Chirpy either.

"Well, I'll have to ask someone else in his place," said the ladybug. "You and grasshopper will come, won't you?"

Chirpy and the grasshopper said, "Yes, we'd be delighted."

Flicker 154 - A little while later, Robbie found Chirpy brushing his feelers together and checking his antennas. "What are you doing?" Robbie asked.

"I am going to a party," said Chirpy. "I want to look my best."

"A party!" cried Robbie. "No one invited me!"

"Well, someone invited you," said Chirpy, "but you were making so much noise that you didn't hear her."

Flicker 155 - Robbie went back home. He felt sorry for himself. He went about the house very quietly. When Mother asked if he wanted some cookies, he heard her the first time!

Flicker 156 - Suddenly, there was a soft tap, tap on the door. Robbie heard it. "Come in," Robbie called. The door opened and there stood the ladybug.

"Chirpy said it might be a good idea to ask you once more to come to my party," she said.

This time Robbie heard every word. "Thank you very much," Robbie said. "I would love to come to your party."

Robbie thought as he hurried along, "I wonder how many good things I have missed because I didn't listen."

Robbie almost missed a good party because he didn't listen. Have you ever missed any good things because you weren't listening? Do you know that what your parents and teachers tell you is very important? What if you are not listening?

Your teachers and pastor at church have very important things to tell you. They want to tell you about Jesus. There is a story in the Bible about Jesus' friends listening to Him.

(Cup ears.) If you will use your two ears and listen quietly, I'll tell you what one of Jesus' friends learned about listening.

One day Jesus went to a house where two sisters lived. One sister was named Mary. They were friends of Jesus. They were very glad to see Him.

(Flicker 157 - with Martha folded back out of sight) When Jesus came into their house, Mary sat down to listen to Jesus talk about God. Martha finished cooking a big meal for Jesus. After a while, Martha became angry with Mary. Mary was not helping her finish cooking the food.

(Fold Martha into view.) Finally, Martha went to Jesus. She said, "Jesus, tell Mary to come and help me."

Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, don't be angry with Mary. I'm glad you want to cook dinner for me, but Mary wants to listen to me. It's important to

listen to Me, Martha."

Martha almost missed hearing Jesus tell about God because she was so busy cooking dinner.

Jesus may have something very special for your teachers to tell you. If you are not listening, you will miss it!!

(Gradually lower your voice.) Listen, I'll tell you our memory verse. (Allow each child to say the memory verse.)

Let's thank God for giving us two ears so we can listen to our parents at home and to our teachers at church. (Pray)

Activity: Pass out the activity sheets to the children. Discuss the teacher's actions. Tell the children to look carefully at the boys and girls in the picture. Some are listening and some are not. Tell them to circle the children who seem to be listening to the teacher. They may color the picture.

We Use Nice Manners at Church

Flicker - God's Workers - Lesson 11

Star Awards - Know that it is important to use good manners at church.
This pleases Jesus as well as the others in church.

Know a prayer telling God how much we love Him and want to use good manners in church.

Know the memory verse, "Be ye kind" Ephesians 4:32

Know songs worshiping God.

Text: Ephesians 4:32

Materials Needed: Flicker 104 - 109, 133, and 150. Flicker 150 illustrates the memory verse. These visuals maybe used to illustrate the song "Going to Church."

Copy activity pages for each child.

Songs: "Oh, Be Careful" "Jesus Loves Me" "Praise Him all ye Little Children"

Lesson Approach (Be familiar with different stanzas of "Going to Church." Show children different motions to go with the different stanzas. Direct the children's attentions to the large church on the wall. (133) Would one of you go to the church on the wall and show me which group is praying? Who will show me the group that is singing? Raise your hand if you see someone who is giving an offering. What is the other group doing?

Today we are going to talk about our manners at church. Who can tell me what manners are? (Encourage response of doing and saying kind things.) That's right, good manners mean being kind and nice to other people.

Where are you supposed to use good manners? I know you try very hard to use good manners at home, shopping with your Mom, at Grandma's. Today we are going to talk about using good manners at church.

Rather than just talking about good manners at church, let's see if you can show me what good manners you can have at church. We will sing the song "Going to Church." Do you remember the tune? ("Here We Go

'Round the Mulberry Bush")

Are you ready? Let's line up and sing. (Have the children act out the song.)

This is the way we go to church,

(March around the room.)

Go to church, go to church.

Flicker 104 - Stop!! Do you push or wait your turn as you come into the church? Do you walk or run?

This is the way we go to church,

Every Sunday morning.

Let's all sit down. Do you talk loudly or softly in Sunday School? What do you do if there is someone new at church? (Encourage response.) Speak to visitors, and make them feel welcome. Do you stand up and walk around the room when your teacher says to sit down? No, you obey.

Stand up, and let's sing the next stanza. Do you remember it? (You will probably need to sing the different verses more than once.)

This is the way we sing to God,

Sing to God, sing to God.

Flicker 106 - Stop! Do you yell and scream while you are singing? Who can tell me how you should sing? That's right, you are to use your best singing voice and follow the person who is leading the singing.

This is the way we sing to God,

We worship God by singing.

Please sit down again. God enjoys hearing you sing and so do I.

Let's think about giving our offering. How can we use good manners when we give our offering? (Have a designated place in the room for children to give their offerings. You may want to collect the offering at this time.) Let's stand up, sing, and put our offering in the plate.

This is the way we give to God,

Give to God, give to God.

Flicker 107 - Stop! Do you walk or run? Do you throw your money in the plate or place it quietly? Do you wait your turn or push ahead of someone else?

This is the way we give to God,

Our offerings help others.

Please sit down. How can we use good manners when we pray or when someone else is praying? (Sing softly.)

This is the way we talk to God,

Talk to God, talk to God.

Flicker 108 - Stop! Do you sit or kneel quietly, or do you wiggle and squirm? Do you shut your eyes or look around the room? Do you bow your head and fold your hands?

This is the way we talk to God.

We talk to God by praying.

What about listening? How do you listen to your teachers and to the pastor? You should listen nicely to each other, too.

This is the way we listen at church,

Listen at church, Listen at church.

Flicker 105 - Stop! Do you wiggle and giggle when someone else is talking? Do you try to talk at the same time someone else is talking? Do you listen quietly?

This is the way we listen at church.

We listen and learn at church.

Flicker 109 - As we use good manners doing each of these things, we are

showing God that we love Him. This is worshiping God, and He is very pleased. Let's add one last stanza to our song.

This is the way we worship God,

Worship God, worship God.

This is the way we worship God,

We worship God at church.

Flicker 150 - Our memory verse is "Be ye kind" (Ephesians 4:32). We worship God also as we are kind and use good manners.

Activity: Give each child a copy of the activity page. Discuss the children's actions and let the children color the page. Cut them out and let children make a book by putting yarn through the holes.

Extra activity sheet: Draw the children's hands on the extra activity sheet. Let them draw faces on the finger tips to represent ten friends.

We Work Together at Church

Flicker God's Workers - Lesson 12

Star Awards - Know the importance of church people working together and helping each other. This shows love for each other and for God.

Know a prayer thanking God for our church where we can work together and help each other.

Know the memory verse: "Be ye kind" (Ephesians 4:32).

Know songs about worshiping God.

Text: Acts 4:32-37; 6:1-8

Materials Needed: Flicker 158, Flicker 150 (Memory verse visual).

Each child will need a copy of the activity page, green crayons, glue, and small baking cups or foam flowers to complete the work.

Songs: "I'll be a Sunbeam for Jesus", "Praise Him" "Jesus Loves Me"

Lesson Approach: (Clutter the room before the children arrive. Place paper on the floor. Place chairs in an unorderly manner.) Look at this room? Will you help me clean it? It is so nice and kind of you to help. Cleaning the room is so much easier when we all work together. God is pleased when we all work together.

(After the room is placed in order, ask the children to sit down.) Doesn't our room look nice now? Thank you for helping me. Our Bible story is about some people who worked together and helped each other. They even lived together. There were many jobs to do and everyone helped and worked together.

If you brought your listening ears with you, I'll tell you about those people who were the first church. (Open your Bible to Acts.)

Flicker 158 - After Jesus went back to heaven, Jesus' helpers wanted to be together. They worked together and helped one another. They talked about Jesus and remembered all the things He told them.

Some of Jesus' followers brought all their things and divided them. That way everyone had enough food, clothes, and money. They were happy to share their things. They knew that it made Jesus happy.

Soon, so many people gathered together that it was hard for Jesus' helpers to make sure everyone had plenty to eat and still have time to tell other people about Jesus. Everyone gathered together. Seven men were chosen to help the people. These were the first deacons.

The seven men who were chosen made sure everyone had enough food, clothes, and money. Jesus' helpers did not need to worry about it anymore. They had to work harder telling and teaching people about Jesus.

Jesus' followers liked being together. Other people watched them and said, "How happy you are! You share your things. You help one another."

Jesus' followers said, "We do this because Jesus loves us. He helps us share our things and love one another." How happy Jesus's followers were that they could work together and tell other people about Jesus!

We live in our own homes with our families. But we all come to church and work together telling other people about Jesus.

We have a pastor, (your pastor's name), and other leaders to help. We have deacons just like the early church did. God is pleased when we all work together and help each other. The Bible teaches that we are to work together with God. That means God helps us do our work, and we help God when we do good things.

What are some good things you can do? (Coming when called for the lesson, sharing crayons, picking up toys and playing nicely together.) Another good thing that pleases God is when you learn your memory verse. (Flicker 150) Who can say this verse?

Let's bow our heads and thank God for our church where we can work together and help each other. (Pray)

Activity: Let your Sunbeams pass out supplies for this activity. They can color the stems green. Place the flower (small baking cup or foam flower) on each stem.

Talk to the children as they work. Note that one flower doesn't make a

garden. When many flowers are together, they make a beautiful garden. The flowers have to work together to make a garden. We must work together to make our church helpful to others.