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What is a church?
A church is a group of people who worship God and serve Him together. They love and help each other as a family. Everyone needs a church family.

What does a church do?
Color these pictures of things a church family does.

Locate the hidden pictures in the picture above

Why do we need more churches?
Millions of people live in North America. Many of them live in large cities. There are not enough churches for everyone to have a church family. We need to start more churches so everyone can have a church family.

Can you help the boy follow the street to find the church family at the end?

What is a missionary?
A missionary is a person who is sent to tell people about God’s Son, Jesus. He or she may be sent to faraway lands or near their own hometowns. Missionaries do whatever it takes to help people become friends with Jesus. Two Bible verses are very important to them. Crack the code to discover these verses. Find them in your Bible. Explain what they mean.

Ask an adult for help, if needed.

How to become a Christian
People who are friends of Jesus are called Christians. Do you know how to become a Christian?

First we must admit we are sinners—that we do wrong things that make God sad.
Then we must believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that He died to take the punishment for the wrong things we have done. We must also believe that He rose from the dead and went into heaven.
After we accept what Jesus did for us, we should be baptized and learn all we can about Him by going to church, praying and reading our Bibles. We should try to be like Him.
If you would like to become a Christian, or have questions about it, talk to your parents, your leader or another Christian adult.
Why do we need missionaries in North America?

Millions of people in North America do not have Jesus as a friend. They do not know about His love for them. Without Jesus they cannot go to heaven when they die. North American missionaries help people know who Jesus is so they can become His friend and follow Him.

Help these boys and girls find their way through the maze. Go past the paths that may distract you, and follow the path that has things that help you learn and grow as Jesus' friend.

Where do missionaries come from?

Missionaries come from churches like yours! Churches help teach their members how to tell people about Jesus and how to start new churches. Maybe someday you will be a missionary!

In the blanks below, write the names of missionaries sent from your church or people in your church you think could be missionaries.

Missionaries show God's love to people. Unscramble the words below that tell how you can show God's love to others.

PLAY HELP GIVE

Every year, visitors from all over the world come to Atlanta, South Florida, New Orleans, and Puerto Rico. Atlanta is the home of Coca-Cola®, Stone Mountain and the Georgia Aquarium. South Florida has beautiful beaches and Everglades National Park. New Orleans is famous for its Mardi Gras celebration, jazz music and crawfish gumbo. Puerto Rico is known for beaches and a beautiful tropical forest.

Circle the crawfish and the fish with stripes. Write the letters in the blanks to see an important message for visitors and people living in Atlanta, South Florida, New Orleans, and Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico is a tropical island in the Caribbean Sea near Haiti and the Dominican Republic. It is a territory of the United States and under our protection. Though it is not a state, the people there are U.S. citizens. Spanish and English are the official languages in Puerto Rico, with Spanish being the main language spoken.

God loves the people of Puerto Rico and wants them to know and love Jesus. Missionaries to Puerto Rico are helping by planting new churches and providing relief from disasters and poverty. Puerto Ricans can know God's love through our love.

Circle the pictures of the things you would not find on a tropical island.
In 2017, Puerto Rico was hit by two terrible hurricanes. Most homes were destroyed. For a long time after the hurricanes hit, there was no electricity, food or water for the people who survived. Many were sick or injured. Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers rushed to help the people. Sadly, hurricanes sometimes strike islands in the Caribbean.

In the word search below, find 10 words that describe things we can provide and things we can do to help the people of Puerto Rico in their times of need.

**Chicago** is located on Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes. The Chicago River runs right through the city. You can take a boat ride on the river and see many tall, beautiful skyscrapers. Chicago has a famous nickname. Look at the picture, and guess the nickname. Write it in the blank. Color the picture according to the numbers.

1 - Blue  2 - Green    3 - Orange    4 - Gray or Pencil    5 - Brown    6 - Yellow   7 - Red

**Philadelphia** is home to the Liberty Bell and the first American flag. Pittsburgh is best known for its iron and steel factories. Both cities need more churches. Build a church building for the people in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh by connecting the dots. Color the building.

**Minneapolis** and **St. Paul** are called the Twin Cities because they are located close together. In many ways they are alike, but like most twins they have some differences. For instance, Minneapolis is newer and more modern than St. Paul. And, because it is older, St. Paul has more history. But both cities need more churches.

Circle the seven differences between these twins. Color the pictures.
A famous car race called the Indianapolis 500 is held every year in Indianapolis. Detroit is called the car capital of the world because many major carmakers are located there.

Help the racecar driver win the Indianapolis 500 as you discover the only way to get to heaven. Find the “Start” line. Color the space with the letter “J” green. Color the next space red. Continue coloring the spaces green then red so every other space is the opposite color.

Racing clockwise around the track, write the letters from the green squares in the spaces below. Ignore the letters in the red spaces.

JE SU IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN.
**Phoenix** is the capital of Arizona. It is located in a desert area called the Valley of the Sun. **Denver** is the capital of Colorado. It is located in the high plains of Colorado and is called the Mile High City.

Both Phoenix and Denver have many sunny days throughout the year. Both cities have many Spanish speakers living in them. Do you know how to say “Jesus loves you” in Spanish?

To learn how, use the Morse Code dots and dashes noted below. Put the correct letters in the blanks. Color the picture.

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The Canadian cities of **Montreal** and **Toronto** are close to the U.S. border. People in Toronto speak mostly English while the people in Montreal speak mostly French. Ice hockey is a big sport in both cities.

Find the words from the list in the Word Search that name things you would use to play hockey. Also, find things that missionaries can use to tell people in Montreal and Toronto about Jesus.

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Calgary and Edmonton are both located in the province of Alberta near rivers. In the spring of 2013, these cities had lots of rain that caused terrible flooding. They needed our help.

Below are pictures of items we can use to help hurting people like those in Calgary and Edmonton. Write the correct name of the item in the correct place to complete the crossword puzzle.

**Across**
1. W A T E R
2. S L O P E
3. S A T I V E
4. M O N E Y
5. U P

**Down**
1. B R O O M
2. I B L E
3. S L E E P
4. B L E E P
5. T R A C K S

Two famous bridges are in **San Francisco**. One is the Bay Bridge and the other is the Golden Gate Bridge. People living in San Francisco need bridges to connect them to other people. There is a person who is like a bridge connecting people to God. What is His name?

Find the letters hidden in this picture and put them in order to spell the name. There are five letters.
Millions of people live in and go to school in Vancouver. Most of them enjoy winter sports such as hockey and skiing.

Missionaries went to Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympics to tell people that knowing Jesus is worth more than a gold medal. Their ministry is called More Than Gold. Many people who might never have heard of Jesus before heard about Him in Vancouver.

Help them share the message on the flags by drawing a line to show the correct path. Put the words in the blanks below to show Olympians the message of More Than Gold.

Knowing Jesus is worth more than a gold medal.

What is Send Relief?
Send Relief is a compassion ministry of the North American Mission Board. Compassion is a big word, but the meaning is simple. Compassion is feeling concern for the hurts of others and helping with acts of kindness.

In the Bible, there are lots of stories about Jesus showing compassion to hurting people. He provided food for hungry people. He healed sick people. He showed them compassion through these acts of kindness.

We are grateful for our nation's military, which includes the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and National Guard. People who serve in any of these defend us from harm and keep us safe. Military life is hard for families. They often move, sometimes to a city or country far away from friends and family. Perhaps you belong to a military family and know this yourself.

The North American Mission Board wants to help military families have a church family no matter where they live by starting new churches near military bases all over the world. They need the help of people and other churches. They want to plant hundreds of churches, so they are going to need a lot of help! Try to think of ways you can encourage your church to help.

In the sentence below, cross out every third letter. Write the letters in the blanks to discover something military families need to know. Write the message in the blanks.

Jesus loves them.