

05. THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY

Belonging To God Means Belonging To His People



BIG IDEA

Through Christ, believers become part of God's family. The church is meant to be a place of belonging, encouragement, care, growth, and shared life together.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:19

Additional:
Romans 12:10
Galatians 6:10
1 Timothy 3:15
John 13:35

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 2:19

"...fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

MAIN QUESTION

What Does It Mean To Belong To God's Family?

ESTIMATED TIME

45
MINUTES

SESSION SNAPSHOT



OPENING ACTIVITY
10 min



TEACHING
15 min



DISCUSSION
15 min



CHALLENGE & CONNECTION
5 min



PRAYER
5 min

SESSION GOALS

By the end of this session, students should understand:

- The church is a spiritual family.
- Christians are called to love and care for one another.
- Belonging involves both encouragement and responsibility.
- The church should reflect Christ's love visibly.
- Christians grow stronger through shared life together.
- Jesus creates a new kind of family centered on Him.



OPENING ACTIVITY

"WHERE DO YOU BELONG?"

1 ASK STUDENTS:

"What are some groups or places where people feel like they belong?"

Write answers:

sports teams • friend groups • clubs • online communities
families • fandoms • churches

2 ASK:

"What makes people feel accepted or connected there?"

Allow discussion.

> TRANSITION:

Say: "Every person wants to belong somewhere. The Bible teaches that through Jesus, believers become part of God's family together."



SUPPLIES:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers

LEADER TIP

Some students may come from broken homes, difficult family situations, loneliness, or painful church experiences.

Be sensitive and gracious.

Focus on Christ creating a people where believers are known, loved, and cared for.

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Encourage participation
- ✓ Foster welcoming discussion
- ✓ Listen carefully
- ✓ Help students think relationally
- ✓ Keep pointing students toward Christ

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Bible
- Leader Sheet
- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers



We are God's family—called, loved, and sent together.