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For my daughter Claire



H! My name is Josh. Everyone needs a family. God made the Church to be our spiritual family.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-18;
Ephesians 2:19; 1 Timothy 3:15*

If you have trusted in Jesus, you are a part of the family of God, which is the worldwide Church.

You share a spiritual bond with every Christian in the world.



1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:12-14; 1 Peter 2:9

A local church is a group of Christians who join together to worship God, love one another, study the Bible, grow as God's children, and make Jesus known to the world.



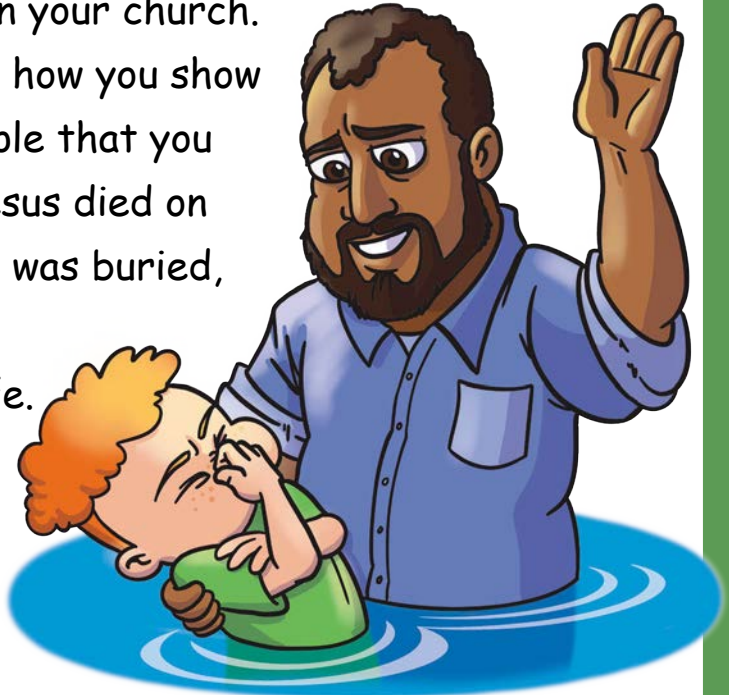
Acts 2:37-47; Romans 10:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Hebrews 10:24-25

Every Christian should be a faithful member of a church in their area, because God did not create us to be alone.



Genesis 2:18; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:27

After you trust in Jesus, you should be baptized in your church. Baptism is how you show other people that you believe Jesus died on the Cross, was buried, and came back to life.



Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4-11

At Church, Christians regularly eat the Lord's Supper together. We eat bread and drink grape juice to help us think about what Jesus did for us on the Cross and what we will celebrate in Heaven. The Lord's Supper is a special time to help us stay connected with other church members.



Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26