

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Building God's Church

Set up: Give each child a paper plate, 4-6 graham crackers, a small amount of frosting, and a popsicle stick. Have baby wipes on hand for clean up.

Say: God's church is more than just a building. It's a group of people who love and follow Jesus! To build God's church, we have to care for people, share God's Word with people, and invite people to be a part of the group. We're going to do an activity right now that will help us think of some ways we can do that!

Directions: Tell your group they're going to work together to build a church out of graham crackers and frosting, but to get to use the different tools and building materials, they have to answer some questions first. When all the questions have been discussed, allow everyone to begin building their building. Once they have had some time to work on their building, try to stack/stick the individual buildings together to form one larger church.

Building Material Questions:

- Graham Crackers: In what ways can we care for and help each other in our church and in this group?
- Frosting: Do you ever tell people about Jesus? What do you or could you say about Him?
- Popsicle Stick: Can you think of someone who doesn't go to church that you could invite to church with you? Who is it? When and how could you invite them?



Date





Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" three times. Write the words, "I LOVE JESUS," three times in the most, fun, creative, and colorful ways you can imagine.



How can you help build God's church? In other words, who could you tell about Jesus or invite to church with you? How would you do it? Write about it.





JESUS FORGIVES PETER BIG IDEA: Jesus wants us to build His church, even though we're not perfect. BIBLE BASIS: John 21; Luke 24:50-53 KEY VERSE: "Here is what I tell you. You are Peter. On this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18 (NIrV)



John 21:1-25. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

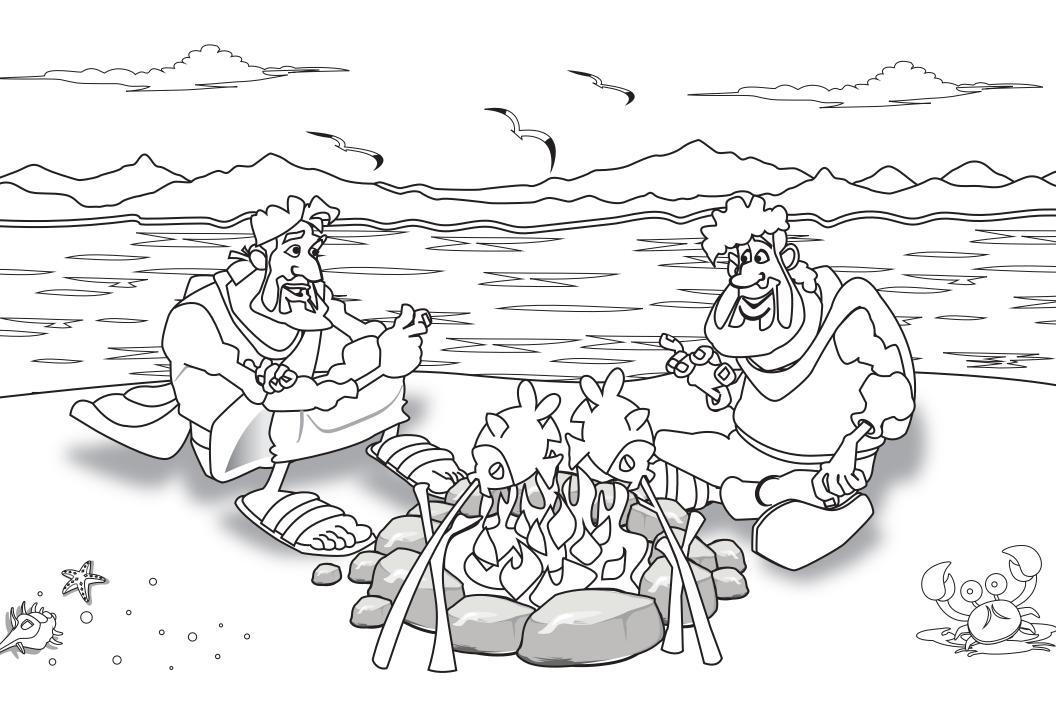


Write a prayer to Jesus and ask Him to forgive you for something you've done wrong.



THE PENTECOST BIG IDEA: God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus. BIBLE BASIS: Acts 2:1-41 KEY VERSE: "But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit." John 14:26 (NIrV)





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MATTHEW 15:18



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