



Unit Overview

Jesus Began the Church



Jesus is the central and supreme character in God's unfolding story. During His earthly ministry, Jesus taught many things and performed many miracles. His death and resurrection fulfilled God's promise in Genesis 3:15, but God was not done. This unit will help older preschoolers see how Jesus began the Church and how He used the early church to love people, help people, and communicate to them the truth about Jesus. In this unit children will see the biblical story is not over. Christians today now are part of the Church Jesus began on the day of Pentecost. This unit will help them understand that as they respond to God's love, they're part of God's unfolding story! God wants to use them just as He used the people in the early church. This unit includes the following lessons.

Lesson 1: "Jesus Began the Church" (Acts 1:4-9; 2:1-47)
Bible Truth: I can tell others about Jesus.

Lesson 3: "The People in the Church Loved One Another" (Acts 9:36-43)
Bible Truth: God wants me to love others.

Lesson 2: "Peter and the Lame Man" (Acts 3:1-10)
Bible Truth: I can obey Jesus' command and help others.

Lesson 4: "The People in the Church Shared About Jesus"
(Acts 8:4-6; 26-40)
Bible Truth: I can tell others about Jesus.

Kingdom Perspective

Jesus is the promised Messiah and King of the Old Testament who inaugurated the kingdom of God when He came. After His death and resurrection, Jesus began the Church.

The Church, which consists of all those who are true believers in Jesus as the Christ, is the bride of the King (Jesus Christ) and part of God's plan to establish His kingdom.

Making the Most of the "Jesus Began the Church" Unit from God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be downloaded from [SundaySchoolZone.com](#). In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on the website that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

The Session Schedule

God's Unfolding Story Cube

Lesson Components

Who Developed this Stuff?

Parents Connect

Scripture References and Bible Phrases

Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?

Materials and Supplies

What We Believe

God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers Study Plan

Preschoolers are Incredible People!

Where Is this Going?