

**ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN
(K-4TH)**

Peace & Global Witness *(CONTINUED)*

Activity A

Build a Church

Directions: Construct your own church. What would your church look like? Below is the foundation for your church. You may draw either the outside or inside of the church.

CHRIST THE CORNERSTON	PROPHETS: APOSTELS:

Activity B

What Is the Foundation of the Church?

According to Paul, the church or household of God is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.” (Eph. 2:20)

Trivia Game

Directions: Play a trivia game with the children.

1. What is a prophet?
 - A. Messenger of God
 - B. Someone who speaks the truth about contemporary issues

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C. Someone who has spiritual insight into the future

D. All of the above

2. Can you name a prophet?

Prophets	A prophet is a messenger of God who speaks the truth about contemporary issues and has spiritual insight into the future.
Abraham	Abraham, from Ur (or modern day Iraq), radically believes in one God. He hears God's call and leaves land he knows. God makes a covenant with Abraham and tells him that his descendants will be as numerous as the grains of sand. God promises that his descendants will always be his people.
Moses	Moses has his first encounter with God on top of a mountain where he sees a burning bush and hears God's voice. Moses conveys God's message to Pharaoh and later presents the Hebrews with the Ten Commandments.
Jeremiah	Jeremiah warns the people against their sin and worship of false gods. He predicts the fall of Jerusalem and the exile to Babylonia.
Isaiah	Isaiah speaks against the corruptions of the day and about a grand vision for Israel's future.
Amos	Amos sees that prosperity is limited to the wealthy and warns against the injustice and the oppression of the poor. He calls for justice and warns that God will punish.
John the Baptist	John foretells the coming of the Messiah and prepares the way by calling believers to repent and be baptized.

3. What is an apostle?

A. An early Christian teacher

B. Someone sent to spread the word of God and testify to the resurrection of Jesus

C. A student and follower of Jesus

D. All of the above

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4. Can you name an apostle?

Apostles	The twelve disciples were considered apostles (Matt. 10:1-4). (If the leader has access to a computer or iPhone, etc., you could share the 12 Disciples Song: The Bigsby Show).
Simon	Also called Peter
Andrew	Peter's brother
James	Son of Zebedee
Philip	
Bartholomew	
Thomas	
Matthew	The tax collector
James	Son of Alphaeus
Thaddeus	
Simon	The Zealot
Matthias	Replaced Judas Iscariot
John	James' brother

Activity C

Materials:

Chalk (to draw a foundation outside)

or

Building blocks (if these are available)

Copies of footprints (optional)

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Chalk Activity : Standing on the Foundation

1. If there is an accessible area outside, use a solid surface—such as a basketball court or a sidewalk—to draw the foundation of your church. Using chalk, draw a square large enough for your entire class to stand within. Determine where Christ, the cornerstone, the apostles and the prophets are located within your created foundation.
2. Brainstorm important teachings that we learn from Christ (the prophets, and the apostles) that we should follow (for example, love, forgiveness, mercy, justice, humility, peace, faith).
3. As you stand on the foundation, leave your footprint by tracing it with chalk. Fill your footprint with the word that you will take with you from Christ's teachings.
4. We are reminded that when we leave the church we carry these teachings into the world. Students may draw footprints outside of their foundations with the words that they will carry into the world.

*This activity could be *adapted inside by creating a border* for the foundation in your classroom. You may create a sign for Christ the Cornerstone, Apostles, and Prophets. Remind students that we stand on the word of God and the teachings of Jesus.

Using copies of the “Messenger of Peace” footprint template, ask the students what message they have learned from Jesus that they will take with them into the world. The footprints may be taped to the floor as a reminder of taking the message of the Bible and the love of Jesus into the world.

Alternative Activity

Building Block Activity (Younger Children)

1. Have children tape Christ cornerstone, apostles, and prophets, to blocks that your Sunday school may already have in its play center. (You may copy and cut apart the following trivia game chart to label your blocks.)
2. After creating a foundation, students may construct their own church.

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Activity C

Messengers of Peace



Closing Prayer

As believers united in Christ, we come with a variety of talents and gifts that collectively work to glorify God and build up the global church. Forgive us when we try to narrow the church to one building, denomination or nationality. Grant us the peace of Christ that breaks down the walls and unites people of all backgrounds: foreigners and residents, Jews, Muslims, and Gentiles, into the family of God. Help us to be messengers of peace who build up the body of the church throughout the world through our words and deeds. Amen.

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