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# Children's Ministry

Great Stories of the Bible



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# Kingdom News

*Kingdom Life Lesson 15:*

*God's Family Gathering*

## Today's Story:

Today we learned about our church service, and how it is an important and wonderful gathering together of God's family. In God's family, God is our Father and we, the **Church**, are his children. We are brothers and sisters in the **Family of God**. The church service begins as the family of God **gathers together** in the church sanctuary, which is our Heavenly Father's house. We leave the distractions and activities of the world behind us, and enter through the doors into our Father's house, which is a sacred and holy space. The lit candles on the altar remind us that Jesus, who is the Light of the World, is here. The people who are up by the altar are dressed in white robes because they represent the worship that is going on in Heaven. In the church service we **join with** the worship that is always going on in **Heaven**, where the angels and the people see Jesus face-to-face. We **speak** to God through prayers and he speaks to us, particularly through the Bible. The **Bible** is Kingdom Food that will strengthen us and help us to live and become more like Jesus. Before we receive Holy Communion, we need to have our hearts **cleansed** from sin through praying the Prayer of Confession. Now we are ready to come to the table of the Lord and be fed in the Eucharist, in **Holy Communion**. Everything we have done in our church service so far, has prepared us for this very special moment. In Holy Communion we remember Jesus, meet with him and receive his life into us through the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ. When we have been cleaned, fed and refreshed, we are ready to **go back out into the world** to do the work that God has given us to do. The purpose of our church service, our Family Gathering, is to be with God and God's family, to worship God together with the angels and all God's family in Heaven and on earth, and to be cleansed and fed with spiritual food so we can be strengthened to go out and serve God in the world.

**Bible Memory Verse:** *Jesus said: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* (Matthew 18:20) NIV

## My Art Response:

