

## The Church... It's About Your Place

As a member of God's family, you also play an important role. God has given you many gifts and abilities that He wants you to use to help grow and build His family (1 Corinthians 12:27). The first church understood this very well.

Turn back to Acts 2:41-47

How did the first church use their gifts and abilities to help grow and build God's family?

What are some attitudes the first church family had that you can take on to help make your own new family successful?

Finally, remember, as you search for a local church family, be careful not to look for perfect people, but people who are faithfully serving the Lord!

Pray and ask God to lead you to a church where you can fellowship with La Familia!



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## La Familia (The Family)

### Your Family

Families come in all shapes, colors and sizes. Think about your family. What are some special things about it? Is it big or small? Are you really big sports fans? Does your family celebrate any special events in a big way?

Share some of those things with the rest of the group.

I have to go to the beach with Coach!



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What are some benefits of being part of a family?

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Christ's Return? (Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Christ's Death? (Read 1 Peter 2:21-24)

Christ's Birth? (Read Matthew 1:23)

Christ's Identity? (Read John 1:4)

What does the Church teach us about...  
It's All About Christ

The church is a place where the Bible, God's Word, is honored as holy and true and is faithfully preached on a regular basis. Let's check out what the church proclaims:

**It's Huge!—Grandissimo**  
Like we said before, God's family is huge! Really, there's only one church, but there are millions and millions of Christians in communities all over the world! We can't all possibly get together for church every Sunday! As a result, we have lots and lots of local churches to choose from. This is very biblical. Acts 9 lists several places where local believers gathered to worship God.



Now, read Hebrews 10:23-25  
According to these verses, why do you think it's essential for a Christian to be connected to a local church family?

Read Acts 2:42-47  
As you read these verses, do you see any other benefits of being involved in a local church family? List them here:

Ephesians 4:11-12

2 Timothy 4:2

According to the following verses, what else does the Church provide for God's family?  
commands.

**The Church... It's All Good!**  
God as our heavenly Father designed the church as a place where His children can grow and be nurtured in a loving environment while learning about His Word and obeying His

3. And we have some pretty special feasts to celebrate together! (Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

2. We're all on the same team cheering for the same cause. (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:16)

1. God's family is huge! (Revelation 7:9)

Did you know that when you accepted Christ, you were adopted into a new family? The Bible calls it the "Body of Christ," or the Church. And, just like your biological family, your new spiritual family has some unique things about it:

**The Church... A New Family**