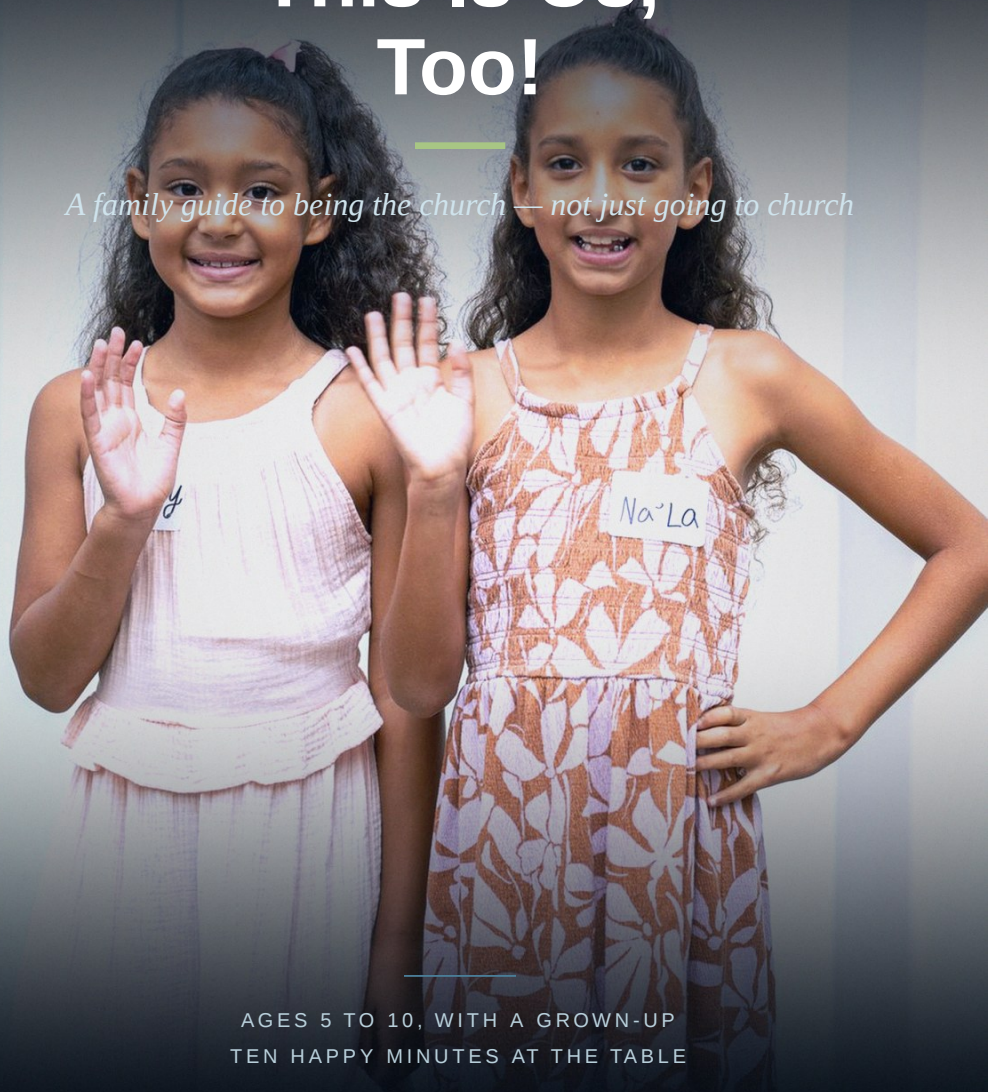




FAMILY GUIDE • GOODLAND KIDS

This Is Us, Too!

A family guide to being the church — not just going to church



AGES 5 TO 10, WITH A GROWN-UP
TEN HAPPY MINUTES AT THE TABLE

THE GOODLAND CHURCH • SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

Church is people

Grown-ups, this one is for you and your kids together. Sunday's message taught the whole church that we don't just go to church — we ARE the church. And that includes kids. Not someday, not when they are taller. Now. This guide turns the message into ten happy minutes at the kitchen table: a story, four big words, a quiz, and a paper activity your family will keep on the fridge all week.

Ask your kids: when you hear the word “church,” what do you see? Most kids (and most grown-ups) picture a building with chairs. Here is the big truth from Sunday: the church is not a building. The church is PEOPLE. When you and your family eat dinner and thank God together — that is church. When two friends pray before a test — that is church.

Pastor Rhema told the church that Jesus said, “I will build MY church.” Jesus is the one building, and he uses ordinary people — moms, dads, grandmas, and kids — as his bricks. Tell your child: you are a brick in God's house, and God does not make broken bricks. He makes family.

OUR MEMORY VERSE

“They met together every day... and God added to their number every day.” — Acts 2:46-47, short version for small voices



Church is...

FAMILY

Church is the family we belong to. Everyone gets a seat, a name, and a hug.

TEAM

Church is a team we play on. Nobody watches from the bench — even kids have a job.

HOSPITAL

Church is where hurt people get better. If your week was sad, church is the safe place.

SQUAD

Church is a team that fights dark things with prayer — together, never alone.

Kids sometimes think church is something their parents do while they color. Not at The GoodLand. Remind your child that Jesus said “let the little children come to me,” and that when they sing, serve, and pray, they are being the church as much as any grown-up.

If your child asks a hard question — like why church people can be mean sometimes — be honest. Say that church hurt is real, even Pastor Rhema said so. Then say the good part: God never stops building his family, and our family is a safe place to heal.



Family quiz time

1. What is the church?

- A. A building with a steeple
- B. People who love Jesus
- C. Only grown-ups
- D. A Sunday outfit

Answer: B

The church is people! You can have church with two or three people anywhere, because Jesus promised to show up.

2. Who said, “I will build MY church”?

- A. Pastor Rhema
- B. Moses
- C. Jesus
- D. Paul

Answer: C

Jesus builds the church, and he lets all of us help. That is why we never have to be scared for his church.

3. On God’s team, who gets to play?

- A. Only the pastor
- B. Only the singers
- C. Everyone, including kids
- D. Nobody, we just watch

Answer: C

Nobody sits on the bench in God’s family. Kids can welcome people, sing, pray, and help — for real.



4. What do we do when someone at church is hurting?

- A. Ignore them
- B. Love them and pray for them
- C. Ask them to be happy
- D. Wait for someone else

Answer: B

Some people don't need our opinion — they need our compassion. That is a big word for showing love first.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY

The paper chain church

The paper chain church: fold a sheet of paper like an accordion, then cut out paper people holding hands — a paper chain family. Have your child draw one person per cutout and write a real name from church on each one: a teacher, a friend, a grandma, the parking team. Tape the chain somewhere everyone sees. Each day this week, thank God for one name on the chain out loud. By Sunday, your child will know more names in the church than most grown-ups — because around here, we don't just know faces. We know names.

FOR PARENTS

This guide works with zero prep and zero craft skills — scissors and paper are enough. If your family has been hurt by a church before, it is okay to say that out loud with your kids and to let them hear you say that God is healing it. The paper chain is the point: kids belong to a church the size of the names they can pray for. Start with five names. Watch what God does with it.

A BLESSING FOR YOUR WEEK

“Let the little children come to me.” — Jesus, who builds his church out of people like us

