

# **Group Time Guide**

**Supplies Needed: Puzzle Pieces** 

#### 1. Introductions

**Circle Up:** As you come into the room, have Kid-Os say "hi" to someone else in the circle as they sit down. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

#### 2. Discussion Questions

- What are some things that the people in the first church did? (Served others, helped each other, ate together, learned about God.)
- Who is part of the church? (Anyone who follows Jesus.)

## 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This**: Put the puzzle pieces in the middle of the circle. Talk about how each piece is important and they are made to be together. Then start putting the pieces together.

**Say This:** When the puzzle pieces are together, they make a beautiful picture. In the same way, when people in the church gather together they can show us a beautiful picture of what God's love looks like. Together, we can learn and grow in our faith.

**The Point**: Anyone who follows Jesus can be part of the church. In the church, we can encourage each other, serve together, and get to know Jesus better.

### 4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, Stickers, and Prayer

**Do This**: Practice the Memory Verse and the Big Idea with the kids.

**Memory Verse**: Colossians 2:7 – "Build yourselves up in Him. Grow strong in what you believe."

**Big Idea**: I can be part of the church.

**Do This**: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

**Do This**: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to get to know people who love Jesus by being part of the church. Amen."