

Extension Activity 15

What is a Church?

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1. At Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family, the Church.
2. God speaks to us through his Church.

During lesson time your child:

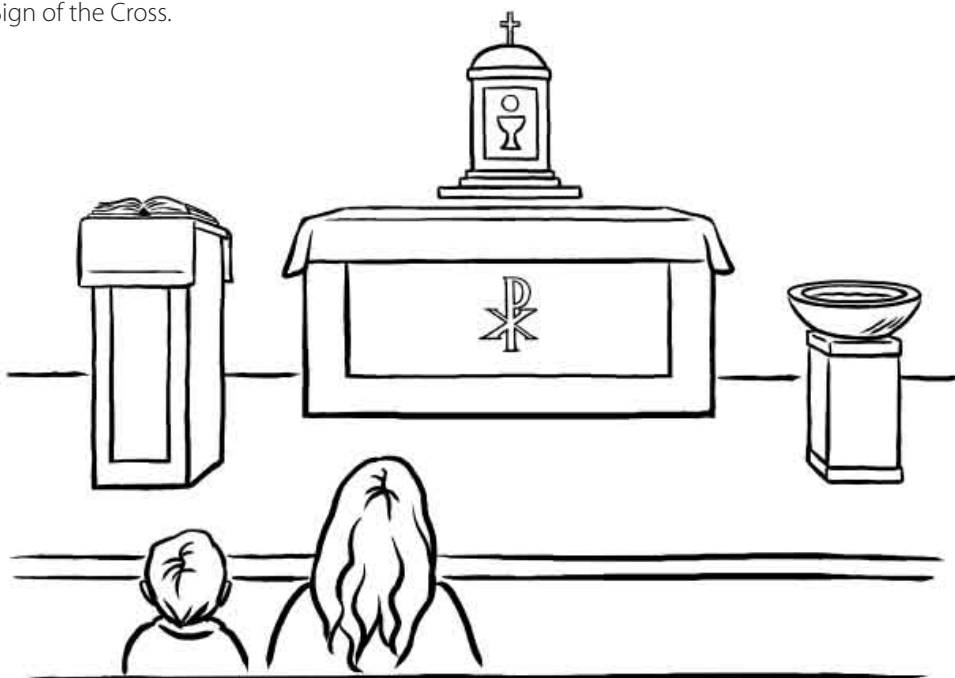
- *viewed pictures and discussed some of the key features found in a church, including tabernacle, baptismal font, altar;*
- *learned that a church is a special place where people from the Church family gather to meet and pray.*

The church is a very beautiful place where we can meet with other people in God's family. It is a special place where we can feel close to God and pray to him. Each church has a special name. Normally it is named after a very holy person, who has tried to live like Jesus. We call these people saints. When we enter the church we make the Sign of the Cross just like we do before we pray. Just near the entrance door of the church there is a special container with Holy Water in it and we use this to make the Sign of the Cross.

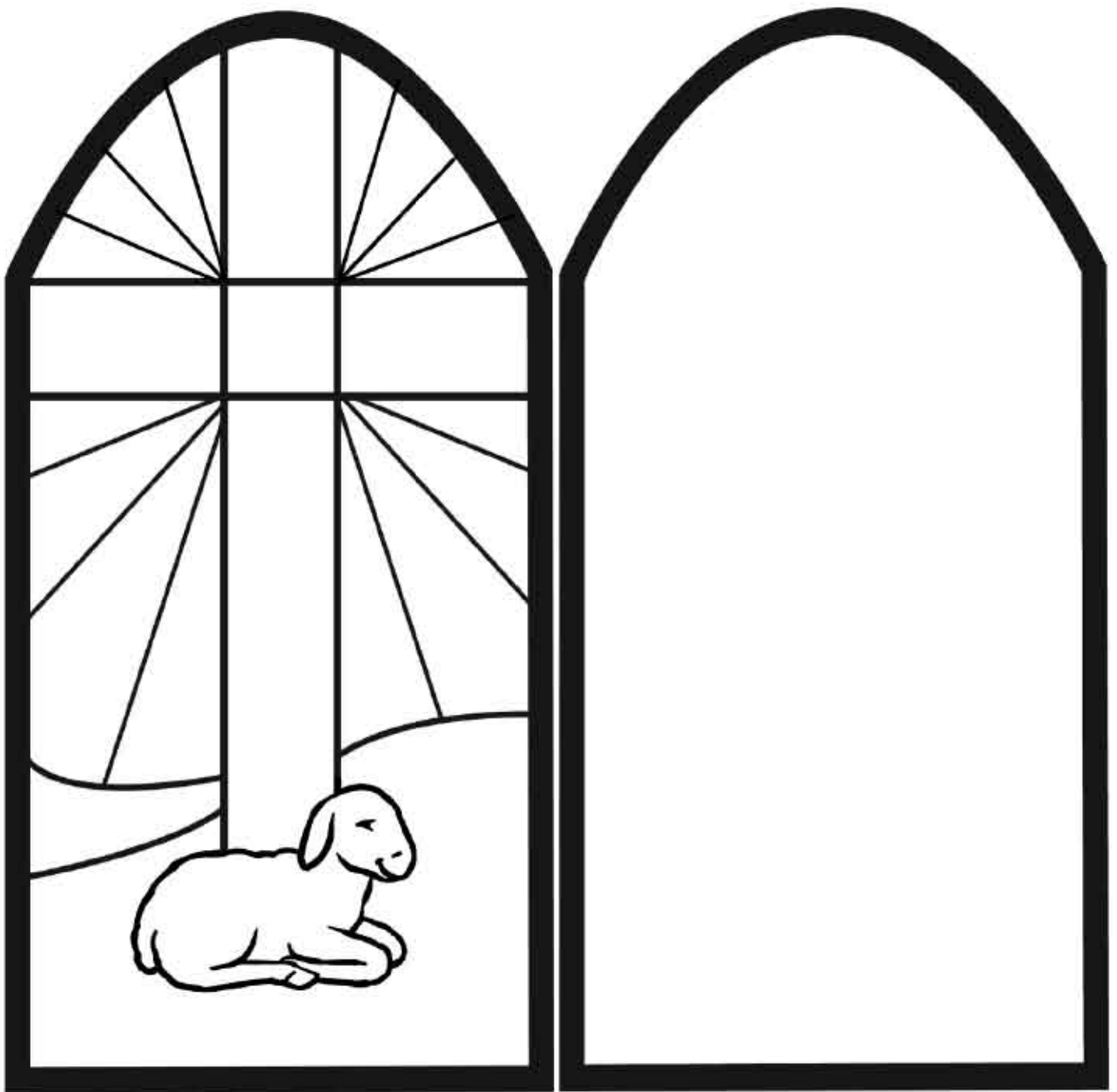
SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Take your child to the church, point out its main features, and explain why each feature is important. Sit with your child in the church for a while and encourage him or her to think about God and say a short prayer to him.
2. Point out the stained glass windows, emphasising their beauty.
3. Talk to your child about the name of the church.



Colour the stained glass window from the church and then make your own.



To Remember:

Our church home is a very special place.