



Standard #5 Church

Illustrate a basic understanding of Church.

Performance Indicators

- ~Relate that the Church was born on the Feast of Pentecost.
- ~Recognize the roots of the Church in the many signs and symbols of the Old Testament.
- ~Identify God's presence within the Church, the Body of Christ.

Assessment : How will you know that the young people learned or are able to perform the indicators?

Where in your catechetical materials did you find the performance indicators?

Some Sample Activities



Provide the group with print media from which they can select materials that show the Church in action. Together, make a collage or booklet about how we become the Body of Christ through these actions.



Ask the young people to read the Nicene Creed and discuss the importance of understanding the Church as "one," "holy," "catholic," and "apostolic."



Discuss from Scripture references the meaning of the reign of God and have the young people write a report on the reign of God in today's Church and world.



Identify Old Testament symbols that foreshadowed the Church, e.g. Ark of the Covenant, temple, tent of meetings, etc.



Help the group prepare and actively participate in a parish liturgy. Discuss how participation in Church events helps us to become the Body of Christ.



Read and recreate the Pentecost event as described in the Book of Acts. Discuss the changes that took place in the apostles after Pentecost. Show how the Holy Spirit changes us. Talk about why Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.



Discuss why "Body of Christ" is a good description of the Church.

Other activities I found useful...