



## Week One *endeavor*

*Just a couple of things to note...this particular lesson is meant to read like a script. Therefore, please read it ahead of time so that you are familiar and can adjust as you see fit. Also, in your endeavor kits, there are little bags with sun stickers and clings in them. The *sun*STICKERS are in the brown bag (each child will need their own) and *sun*CLINGS are in the white bag (one per family). The clings are intended for the map and the stickers for the water bottles.*

**W**hat does it mean that the church is the light in the world?

Hopefully by the time we are done with the lesson, your family will be able to answer this question: **What does it mean that the church is the light in the world?**

In the meantime, let's give it a shot to see what we already know.... **what does it mean that the church is the light of the world?** (Brainstorm some answers)

*endeavor* Supplies:

- Bible
- YouTube Access
- Illustrated Map of ABQ
- *sun*CLINGS
- *sun*STICKERS
- Water Bootle (per kid)

## *Video - YouTube*



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*Let's see what you remember...*

**W** **hat is the church?**

*Yes, that right, it's not **what**, but **who**...who is the church.... God's people are the church.*

**W** **hat did the early church devote themselves to, according to Acts 2:42-47**

- *Apostles teaching*
- *Fellowship*
- *Sharing in meals*
- *Prayer*
- *Meeting together*
- *Sharing everything they had*

**D** **o you think there is difference between the early church and the church today?**

*-There isn't, not really.... other than they lived a long time ago.*

- *You see, Jesus tells Peter in Matthew 16:18 that he will build his church and not long after that, after what is called Pentecost, the church begins to grow in a mighty way.*

**W** **ho were some of the members of the early church? Read Luke 6:13-16**

*-We know some of them as the 12 disciples:*

- *When daylight came, he summoned his disciples, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.*

Did you know that we are a part of that same family today? Jesus refers to his followers as family, in fact, anyone who has been saved by Jesus is a disciple and a member of the family of God and together we are called the church. Sometimes you might hear what is called the Universal church or the local church. This is just a way to talk about the difference between God's children all around the world, from the ones we know and see regularly. You see, the local church includes those that we worship with on a weekly basis.

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**D**o you know what the name of our local church is?  
That's right, it's North Church.

Also, did you know, that before we were North Church, we had quite a few different names.

Some of you might remember Pastor Dave Bruskas, he was the first pastor and leader of our local church. In fact, God sent Pastor Dave and his team to plant a local church out of another church called, **Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church**. This is where our church story began.

The name of our church plant was **Midtown Fellowship** and after about six years, the church moved to a new location off of Central Ave. and met at the Lobo Theatre. We called ourselves, **City on a Hill** and had the privilege to serve and love the people of Nob Hill. Five years later in 2010, we were asked to combine with a church out of Seattle, called **Mars Hill** to help share the gospel in a big way. It was a special time for our church as many people came and heard about Jesus. Countless people were saved and became members of Jesus' family and the church grew. We moved into the building we worship in today. After about 5 more years, God called us back to serve just the city of ABQ and we renamed it to the name we call it today, North Church.

Just as there were members of the early church, we still have members that are with us today that served along Pastor Dave in the beginning.

That's right, we do. You may even know some of them.

This is one of the really cool things about the church... that there is a whole line of people that have come before us and there will be a whole line of people that will come after us, and together we are part of the church. This is part of what it means that we are a light in the world. Through God's people, which are the church, we are meant to live lives that reflect the goodness of God into the world and into lives of others. From the beginning of time, God has set the church apart to be a hope to the world by sharing who Jesus is. Even though we aren't perfect, God has chosen the church to advance his mission on earth.

## *Family Endeavor*

***"When Jesus is in us, we (individually and as the church) are light in the world."***

*Remember, as your family completes an endeavor place a **SM**CLING on the map to represent your accomplishment. For each endeavor your child participates in for the week, encourage them to place a **SM**STICKER on their water bottle. We want you all to see, firsthand, the impact of your "light."*

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In recognizing the faithful people that came before us, we ask you to consider choosing any **one** or **all** of the following:

1. Drive around town and locate the various locations of our church history. For each location you find, place a sun-CLING on the map (Parent, reference your FL Vision Book).

*-Heights Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church  
-Midtown Fellowship*

*-City on a Hill/Mars  
-Mars Hill  
-North Church*

2. Write a note, make a call or shake a hand (or some COVID friendly air fist bump) with some of the faithful people that came before us and have participated in the legacy of North Church. This list is by no means exhaustive and if I missed you, please let us know (you can forward any emails, or letters c/o Jessica Kennedy at 4700 San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or [jessica@northchurchabq.com](mailto:jessica@northchurchabq.com)).

## **Midtown Fellowship** (Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church)

Pastor Dave & Kara Bruskas  
Pastor Bob Paulsen  
Gary & Sharon Gil  
Lyle & Gale McDaniels  
Mark & Renee Monroe

## **City on a Hill**

Brad & Ashley Jonkman (before  
married)  
Jared & Julie Ashcraft  
Joseph & Andrea Jaramillo  
Olsi & Krista Vrap  
Thomas and Eryn Beechem  
Ashley (Britt) Davidson  
Janelle Harden  
Mike & Tiffany Andersen  
CY & Molly Chan  
RuthAnne Bump  
Sarah Burnett

## **Mars Hill**

Pastor Greg & RuthAnne Bump  
Pastor Nathan & Stephanie Stimson  
Jacob & Megan Black  
Scott Davidson  
Justin & Vanessa Kuehne  
Dustin & Lani McClure  
Aaron & Sarah Burnett  
Nick & Natalie Lenhart  
Ashford & Candace Brunson  
Reggie & Kayleen Yoder

## **North Church**

Linda Garcia  
Pastor Kenyon & Zoe Schlenker  
Pastor Jay & Jessica Kennedy  
Pastor Ryan & Natasha Williams  
Jeff & Lexi Hugaboom  
Justin & Connie Beatty