

Week 1

Where did your church come from?

Needed:

- *History of who started your church and how it started.*
- *Any major improvements and how and when they happened.*
- *Copies of Craft for children*



Have you ever thought about how your church started? Who were the people that decided to start it and what did they need to get it up and going. Did they think that you would be sitting here on this day in history? Where did the people come from to start your church? Where did all the things that are in your church come from? (Tell how your church started.)

There is a new church starting that is just like yours in a town called Medford Oregon. (Show young children on a map) Its name is Upward Christian Church or Upward Church for short! A large church in Medford saw how fast a certain part of town was growing and knew they had to do something to help the people know Jesus. So they are helping start it. 30% of their church or approximately 70 people from their church are going to help start the new church after each family had prayed to God to move in their heart and tell them whether He wanted them to go. It's an exciting time in the sending churches history as they expand their ministry and follow God by being a church planting church in a big way!

Also an organization called the OCEF Church Planters is helping start this church by helping with giving them money and some oversight. The OCEF consists of several different churches, from all over Oregon and one in Idaho, combining their money to help pay for all the things needed to start the church. Can you help this church? There are lots of things that will need to be purchased. Will you take a church bank and fill it with coins or dollars for 4 weeks (Each church determines how long before collection)? There will be more video's about this church plant. You'll see some of the people and some of the items that need to be purchased.

Thank you for helping in a big way!

(SEE CRAFT BELOW)

Craft:

Decorate donation box as a church (Can be made in Week 1 or 2.

Write students name on the bottom.

Cut out (per student)

- 1 Cross,
- 1 door from brown paper or construction paper using template
- 4 windows per student from tissue paper or from template
- Upward logo.



Fold door half way then fold side doors to the middle. Put a dot for the doorknob on each door. Glue or tape on front of box.

Glue or tape windows (2 on each side), , logo (on the back) and the cross to the top of the front of the box! Send home with students to fill.

Announce weekly when the boxes are to be returned.

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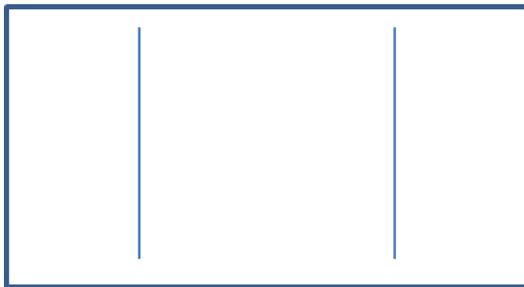


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