



## What Is a Church?

What makes something a church? Does the word “church” have more than one meaning? In a group, brainstorm all the things that you associate with a church. With younger children, it might be good to focus on what we do in a church and what things are in a church building because these are tangible.

Now read aloud a few pages (or all of) *The Important Book* by Margaret Wise Brown to show how she gives several ideas about something and then identifies the most important thing. Follow this format to come up with several key things about churches or the church you attend. What is the most important thing about a church? Write down your ideas as a group or individually. You should end up with a list of key things about a church and end with a sentence that begins with the words: “But the most important thing about a church is....”

Here is an example of what someone might write:

Our church has a big window with lots of colors.  
There are lots of chairs for people to sit on.  
The Word is at the front of the church on the altar.  
But the most important thing about a church is that we can worship the Lord together.

Younger children may want to make a picture of a church. These can be displayed on a bulletin board with the words that the group writes together.