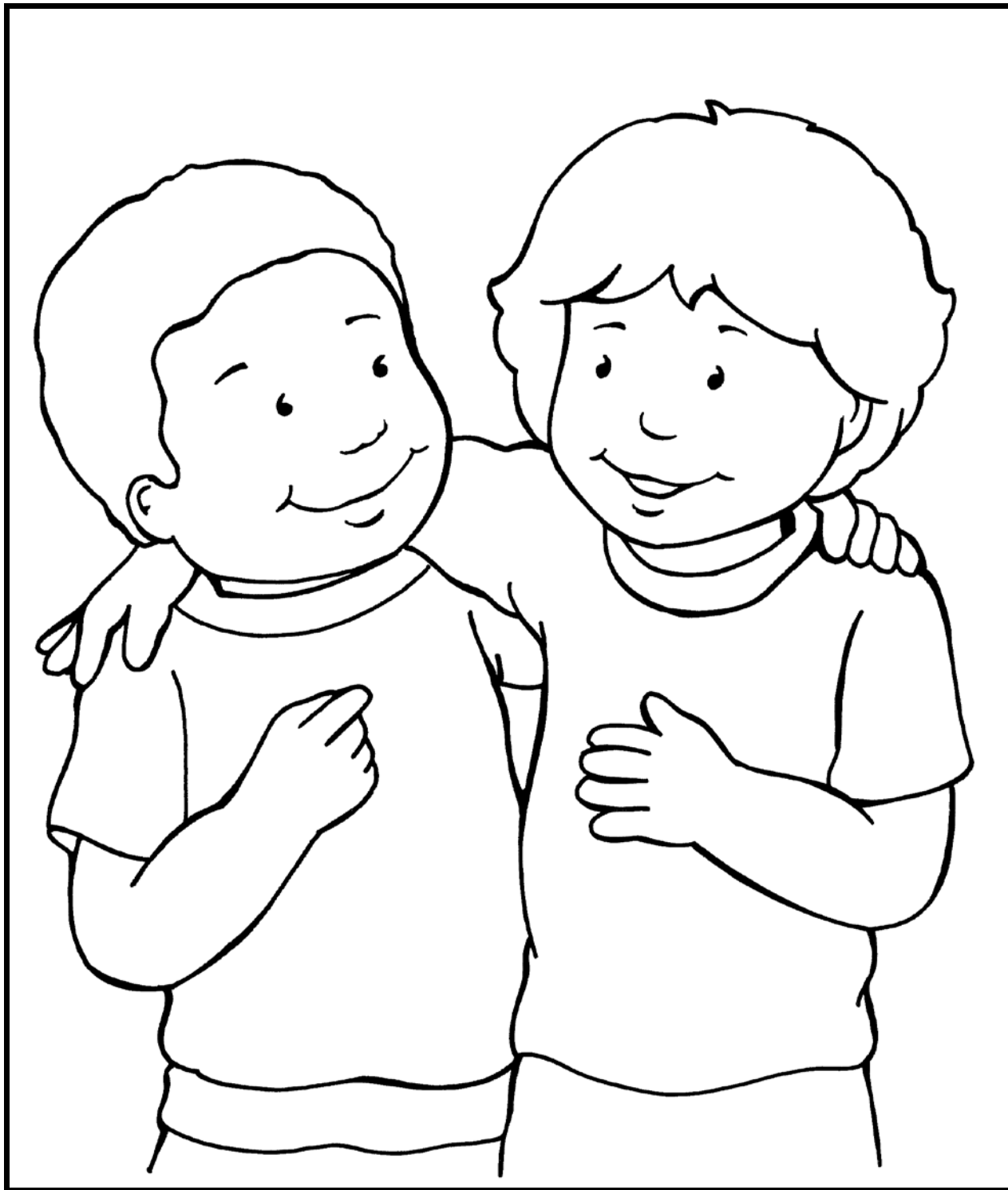


We Are the Church



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Child's Name _____

Dear Parent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child. Today we learned that the church is more than just a building. We come together in a church building and worship God with our giving, our prayers and with our songs. We learned that when we receive Jesus into our hearts, that we ourselves are also called the church. We can give to others that are in need, we can pray for others that are not well, and we can get together with friends and worship God. Wherever we go, we take the church with us when we treat others like Jesus would treat them, with love.

Goal:

Each child will understand that when Jesus returned to Heaven, He wanted us to gather and share his love with one another.

Scripture:

Acts 2:44, "All Jesus' followers met together and shared everything they had.

Song:

Sing, *We Are the Church*, sung to the tune of *Jesus Loves Me*

Church is more than just a place	<i>Put hands above head to make roof</i>
It's the people full of grace	<i>Point to self, then children</i>
When we ask God in our heart	<i>Place hands over heart</i>
He will always do His part	<i>Spread out hands</i>
He, then will lead us	<i>Walk fingers</i>
To, love each other	<i>Place hands over heart</i>
We'll, pray together	<i>Put hands together to pray</i>
And talk about His Words	<i>Pout hands around mouth</i>

Activity Suggestion at Home:

Talk to your child about how important they are to others. When we are kind to others, we are sharing God's love. It is important to go to church (and other places) to share our stories with one another and to help one another, but we don't always have to do that inside a church building. We can gather with our friends that love Jesus and still be the church together. The next time you do an act of kindness for someone else, share with your child how that is being a part of the church that shares with one another.

Young children learn through simplicity and repetition. For this reason, we have provided you with the picture on the reverse side of this paper and the words to today's song. We encourage you to use the picture, Bible verse, and song as a daily reminder of the lesson taught today.