



All churches follow the same God

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My family and I may go to the same church most times.



Sometimes we may go to another church.



We may be on holiday far away from our church.
On holiday, we may need to find a nearby church.



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Sometimes, we may be invited to another church for a special occasion.
A wedding is a special occasion.



A baptism is also a special occasion.
Some people are baptised as babies.They may be baptised at a baptismal font.



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Some people are baptised as older children or adults.
The baptism may happen in a small pool called a baptistry, or over a baptismal font.



Church may not always be held in church buildings (used only as a church).
Other buildings such as community halls can be used as a church.



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Church may be celebrated outside, especially on special occasions.



Although churches can be very different,
they are all there for people to worship God.



What is always the same is people coming together to worship God through song.



What is always the same is people coming together to worship God through prayer.



What is always the same is people learning about God from the Bible.



What is always the same is people being fed
and strengthened by God in Communion.



I know that whether things are similar or not,
people come together to worship God at any church.

Notes for parents



This resource has been created to assist people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and their peers in understanding the social situation of attending church services. This booklet focusses upon abstract religious concepts (such as prayer) and the structure of church routines. The underlying theme is that while churches may conduct their services in many ways, they exist for a single purpose: to 'know, love and serve God'.

This resource is suitable for preparing a person with an ASD to confidently attend a church service.

About the author/designer



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The series *What Happens in Church* has been created by Daniel Giles – an honours student at La Trobe University (Bendigo) and an individual living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This project has been inspired by his various passions of: graphic design, photography, assisting other people with ASDs and most importantly, living out his faith in God.

Daniel is pictured above with another project he created for people with ASDs titled *Facing Our Feelings*.

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