



CHURCH HISTORY

Builder Level

Purpose

To provide a framework for you to gain a general understanding of the history of not only your local church and denomination but also the universal church.

Exploring

1. The church as we know it today began when God sent His Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost. Write down the answers to the following questions:

- a. Who preached one of the first sermons? Acts 2: 1-4

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- b. What was the main message of that sermon? Acts 2: 38-39.

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- c. What was the response to that sermon? Acts 2: 41.

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- d. What was life like for the people in that early church? Acts 2: 32-35.

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- e. What were some of the problems faced by that church? Acts 4: 1-4, Acts 5: 17-18.

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2. The gospel of Christ spread throughout the New Testament world. Churches were established in cities such as Rome, Corinth, Philippi, Colossae and Thessalonica.

With an adult's help, use a Bible Commentary, Bible Dictionary or Bible Concordance and write a short report on the church in any one of these cities with reference to how it was started, who was involved and what they did.

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- 3. Approximately 1500 years passed between the New Testament Church and the church that your Cadet Club is associated with. There was joy, sorrow, persecution and periods of calm throughout these years. Many people played important roles in the life of the church. Some of these were men such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, John Wycliffe, John Wesley and Abraham Kuyper. Select any one of these men and write a brief one-page report on who he was and what he did that was important in the history of the New Testament Church.
- 4. With the help of your Counsellor, parent, and/or Pastor write a brief report on your church denomination covering its history since inception and in which countries it can be found.

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Doing

Complete one of the two following projects:

- 1. Contact your Pastor and ask about the history of your local church and write a brief report. Include items such as: When did it begin, who were the former Pastors, was it an off-shoot from another congregation etc.

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- 2. Make a graph of the history of the Church.
Include Pentecost, the early churches, The Reformation, your Church.

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Ask your Counsellor to sign below and arrange for the presentation of your badge.

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