

# PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020

## THE CHURCH

**TEXT** Acts 2:1-47

**MEMORY VERSE** Acts 2:46a “And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house...”

Or

Acts 2:46a “...continuing daily with one accord in the temple,”

### STORY - THE VISIT

Bidemi looked around his class in church. Service was over and he was waiting for his mother to come and pick him up. He admired the posters on the walls, the colourful chairs and tables, the toys that had been returned to their places on the shelves or in the boxes, and the books on another set of selves. He enjoyed coming here every Sunday.

“Good bye, Auntie Nneka.” Bidemi said as he picked up his Bible, notebook and pencil.

“Good bye, Bidemi. See you next week.”

“I won’t be here next week or the week after. I’m going to spend some time with my cousin.”

“Okay. I will miss you. I will miss hearing your voice during praise and worship. Have a nice time, but remember to read you Bible.”

“I will, ma.”

A few days later Bidemi travelled with his parents to the village. The family they stayed with had three children, but only Seun, the first born, was the same age as Bidemi. Life was so different from what he was used to in the city, but Bidemi tried to adjust. On Sunday they all went to church. Service for the adults was in a building with two small rooms and a long hall. The children went to sit under the trees in the garden. The children sat on benches while the teacher, Auntie Bola sat on the chair.

“Is this church?” Bidemi asked Seun while waiting for the service to start.

“Yes, it is.” Seun whispered back.

“But there’s no building. There are no tables.”

“We are here and God is here.”

Bidemi couldn’t say anything else because at that moment Auntie Bola called on one of the children to pray. Bidemi was a little doubtful, but he decided to keep an open mind. Guess what happened. Bidemi had a nice time. He enjoyed praising God. Although he was one of the few children who had Bibles, Auntie Bola shared from the scriptures. Bidemi enjoyed the way Auntie Bola told the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. There were no worksheets, but Auntie Bola taught them an action song that was related to the lesson of the day. Before he knew it, service was over and it was time to go home.

That evening, after supper, Bidemi shared his experience with his parents and his cousins. His mother, Seun’s younger sister, and Seun’s father also shared what they had learnt that morning. Bidemi’s father rounded off the discussion.

“We’re not having church service now,” Bidemi’s father said, but we are having church. For God said that where two or three are gathered in his name he is there.

We are the church. We are gathered here sharing his word. We are making connections with his word. We are having fellowship.

## QUESTIONS

1. What was Bidemi's picture of church at the beginning of the story?
2. What was Bidemi's picture of church at the end of the story?
3. Mention some similarities between the church structure for Bidemi (in the city) and the church structure for Seun (in the village).
4. Summarize what happened on Sunday evening at Seun's house.
5. What are the most important things about having church?

## ACTIVITIES

1. **With younger children** – All of you should mention things in the house that is also present in the church building. E.g. light, chairs, stools, Bible.
2. **With older children** - Sit in a circle and turn by turn you should mention people in the Bible and one or two things about them. E. g. Moses – shepherd, deliverer; Paul – tent maker, evangelist; Deborah – judge, prophetess