

## 4. The church community

From our Open The Book story: A New Community

*On that day they all came together, in Jerusalem. From that day, they were all followers of Jesus. From that day they formed a new community. That was the day when the church began!*

1. What do you think 'church' means in the story we heard? Does 'church' today mean the same thing?
2. If you believe in God but are not a Christian, how would you describe your faith community?
3. Christians believe God is a relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit - one God whom we experience a bit like a family. Christians also believe that God invites everyone to become a part of that family. What do you think about this way of understanding God and his relationship with humanity?
4. If Christians believe that God loves every one of us - whatever kind of person we are - and invites us all into being part of his great family, does that make a difference to how we should value and care for other people?
5. Think of three people you know. Add their names to the circles below. What could you do to show them that you value and care for them? You might like to ask God to bless these people.

