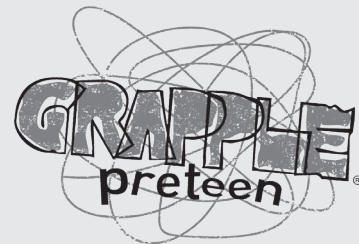


Grapple Parent Page

Grapple Question:

Why Do I Have to Go?



Kids Learn:

Encountering God in Community

Dig Into the Bible:

Luke 4:14-16; Colossians 1:18-20; Hebrews 10:23-25

Have you ever had this happen to you on a Sunday morning? As you're struggling to get the kids up and out of the house, your preteen asks the inevitable question: "Why do we even have to go to church?" And you respond with your most respectful and understanding tone of voice, "*Because I said so!*"

Think about why it's important to you that your kids go to church. Is it because you want them to hang out with their friends, so your neighbors will see you going to church as a family, or because you hope your kids will listen to their Sunday school teachers even if they won't listen to you? Or is it because you realize that some of the most powerful life-changing moments happen in the midst of other Christians, while listening to a friend share about a tough situation, for example, or worshipping in a large group? Find a quiet time (*not* on your way out the door to church!) to talk to your preteen about the importance of experiencing God in community. It's all about growing in relationship with God and others.