



# COMMUNITY **CHURCH** AWARD



## PROJECT: **MY CHURCH LEADERS**

### GOALS

**A. CHURCH RESEARCH:** Discover your church's story.

**B. CHURCH LEADERS INTERVIEW:** Interview 2-3 church leaders and/or longtime attendees.

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### **A. CHURCH RESEARCH**

Every church has its story. A team of people were part of starting the church, whether it was a few years ago, decades ago, or centuries ago. Find out the story of your church, how it came to be, and the vision the leaders have for the next season.

#### **Part 1—Research Your Church**

When trying to find the story, research first. Find the information offered to the public about your church. Take notes to bring to your interviews.

- Go to the section on your church's website that shows "Church Beliefs," "About Us," or "Staff." If there is any history about the church record that as well.
- Look for pamphlets about your church at an info table.
- Ask your parents for a church bulletin which may provide staff info or big picture details about upcoming events.

#### **Part 2—Setup Your Interviews**

Ask the staff or church member ahead of time to schedule an interview, or show up during open office hours where visitors are encouraged.

#### **Who Do You Interview?** (2-3 interviews)

- Interview one or two staff members or church leaders.
- Interview one church member who has been a part of the church for a long time.



## **B. CHURCH LEADERS INTERVIEW**

The following questions are suggestions for discovering the story of your church. Add your own!

### **Questions for Church Leaders:**

- When was the church founded?
- Do you know the story behind the church's origin in this city?
- What is your job?
- How long have you been in your position?
- What does a normal week look like for you?
- What is your funniest moment from ministry?
- Who are the other leaders in our church?
- Where do you think God is leading our church in the next 1 - 3 years?
- What are our church's most important values?
- How does the church make big decisions?
- What do you do to stay close to God?

### **Questions for Church Member:**

- How long have you been a part of our church?
- What made you decide to attend here?
- What good things have you seen our church accomplish in the last few years?
- How has our church changed since you started attending?
- Who are the leaders?
- What ministries do you serve in; what things do you help with?
- How has our church helped and supported to you?

## **RESEARCH MORE**

- Check the church library for any information your denomination.
- Conduct even more interviews of leaders and church attendees.

*My child has successfully completed the Project Goals for the topic—My Church Leaders.*

Adult Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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