Trinity Lutheran Church wanted to make its preschool playground safer. So it applied to participate in Missouri’s Scrap Tire Program to resurface the playground.

Now, ADF is representing Trinity Lutheran Church at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The state denied the preschool a grant because the playground is operated by a church.

Missouri claimed that providing the grant would violate the establishment clause, by “providing direct or indirect aid to churches.”

But what exactly is “Direct or Indirect Aid to Churches?”
Constitutionally speaking...

Missouri's actions violate the 1st and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Missouri’s own constitution states that “no preference shall be given to nor any discrimination made against any church, sect or creed of religion, or any form of religious faith or worship.”

"The safety of children on Christian preschool playgrounds is not less important than the safety of children on other playgrounds."

-David Cortman, Senior Counsel

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