

Chapter 5 Activity: Who Are You? The Body of Christ



Teaching Goal: Understanding the importance of different gifts in the body of Christ.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-20 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body...Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they are all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Materials: Legos
Blindfolds

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A. Christians are a group of people. Can you think of other groups of people? *Family. Schools. Teams. Ethnic groups: Africans, Americans, Asians.* **In Paul's letter to the people at Corinth, he tells us that Christians as a group make up the Body of Christ. Christians, working together as a group, do the work of Christ on earth. Paul also tells us that although Christians as a group make up one Body, individually we are different. We have different skills. Working together, we can accomplish things that would be impossible as individuals.**

Why is it important to know that individually we may be different, but together we make up one body? *Helps us to value others. See a vision for working together.*

God made us different. It's important because we need to support each other's differences. Our tendency is to try and change others to be just like we are. God made us different, and being different is okay.

We need each other. It's important because God's plans are bigger than what can be accomplished individually. Only by working together, pooling our spiritual skills, can we accomplish God's plans.

Invite a volunteer to read I Corinthians 12:12-20. **What spiritual skills do you have that others may not have? And what spiritual skills do others have that you may not have?**

Resources. Ability to work with the sick. Speaking a foreign language. Mechanical skills. Prayer warrior. Compassion.

B. ACTIVITY: We are going to build a tower. Each one of you will have special skills and only by working together will you be able to build the tower. Divide into groups of four. Think about which children to match up with which skill.

The special skills:

Director: This person may either be an adult or a child who has the directions, but may only whisper to Person C.

Person A: **You are the hands and feet.** (Blindfold this child.)

Person B: **You are the eyes.** (Loosely bind this child's hands and feet.)

Person C: **You are the ears, but you cannot speak out loud. You may only whisper to Person B.** (Blind fold and loosely bind hands and feet.)

Person A is in the front standing. Person B is sitting in a chair behind person A. Person C is sitting in a chair behind Person B, but close enough that Person C can whisper instructions to Person B. The Director is standing behind Person C.

After everyone is in place, the Director scatters a group of blocks on the floor in front of Person A. The blocks should vary in size or color. In this example, the blocks will be the same size but different colors.

The Director then returns to the back of the line and whispers one direction at a time to Person C. Person C whispers each direction to Person B. Person B will verbally direct Person A to pick up the boxes one at a time and build the tower.

Example Directions:

1. Put the green box on the bottom of the tower.
2. Put the blue box on top of the green box.
3. Put the yellow box on top of the blue box.
4. Put the red box on top of the yellow box.

C. When the task is completed, remove the blind folds and celebrate everyone working together! What would have happened if you didn't have the special skills of Person A? Person B? Person C?

In the same way, we need each other and our different skills to accomplish the task God has given each one of us. We each have special skills to use to accomplish God's purposes within the Body of Christ.

Example: The missionary; the school that trained the missionary; the people who send money to pay the missionaries expenses.

Example: The greeters at church welcoming new people; the people who sing and put everyone in a mood for worship; the preacher who gives a message that teaches about Jesus.

Memorize: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” I Corinthians 12:27

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