



3RD - 5TH

32-5
We Are Part of
One Church



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Have you ever wished that you had a gift or talent that someone else had? What was it? What gifts or talents do you have?**



AGREE OR DISAGREE?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Guide kids to stand in the middle of the room. Tell kids that you will call out a statement and that if they agree with the statement they should go to the right side of the room. If they disagree, they should go to the left side of the room. After kids have made their decision, direct them to return to the middle of the room. Consider calling out the following statements:

- Broccoli is good
- Reading is better than watching TV
- Summer is the best season
- Chocolate ice cream is the best
- Sour gummy worms are gross
- Anything else you can think of, as time allows

We didn't all agree on everything, and that's OK. In our story today, we'll see how the early church didn't always agree either. But our differences should not divide the church. We'll learn how Paul helped the church to understand that despite their differences, they were all one body in Christ.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Corinthians 12.

- Paul wrote this letter to the church in Corinth after he visited them and preached in the synagogue. Paul's ministry in Corinth resulted in both Jews and Gentiles being saved.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

The church in Corinth had both Jewish believers and Gentile (non-Jewish) believers. Sometimes, differences in culture or upbringing can result in divisions. But no matter our differences, we are all one in Christ Jesus. Paul told the Corinthian church they all have the same Spirit of God living in them, and He gave them their gifts. Faith in Jesus results in every believer being united together through the Holy Spirit.



DISCUSSION

- **Why does God give Christians spiritual gifts?** God gives every Christian special gifts to help others. These gifts aren't for showing off or just for ourselves. They're meant to help the church grow stronger and more loving. When we use our gifts to serve others, we show people what Jesus' love is like. (You can read more in Ephesians 4:11-16.)
- **Why do we need different spiritual gifts?** Imagine if a body was just one big eye—how would it walk, eat, or talk? It wouldn't work! Just like a body needs all its parts, the church needs all kinds of people with different gifts. Some people preach, some welcome others at the door, some take care of the money, and others help with things like sound equipment. Every job matters, and when we all use our gifts, we can work together to tell people about Jesus. (You can read more in 1 Corinthians 12:19-21.)
- **What gifts do you have that you could use to worship and serve Jesus in the church?** If you have trusted in Jesus, God has given you special gifts through the Holy Spirit! These gifts are meant to help you worship God and serve others. You might be good at helping, teaching, encouraging, being generous, or something else! Want to learn more about these gifts? Check out these verses: Romans 12:4-8, 1 Peter 4:10-11, and 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. (You can also read 1 Corinthians 1:4-8 to see how God gives us everything we need to serve Him.)



KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 together. **Christians are united in Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, believers from all over the world can come together as one body—the church.**

Provide each kid with a piece of construction paper and a marker. Invite kids to draw a body part such as a mouth, a hand, an eye, a foot, and so on. Then lead kids to write a word from the key passage on their drawing. Consider assigning more than one word, depending on the size of your group. Next, direct kids to staple their pictures together to create a long banner. Hang the banner in the room to be reminded that we are many parts, but one body in Jesus.



Key Passage: *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*
1 Corinthians 12:12, 27



Big Picture Question: *What is the church? The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.*



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.