



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

We're All in This Together
One Body, Many Parts
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience
See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.
In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to point
people to Jesus.

SMALL GROUP

10
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver
Opening Activity

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Two people are better than
one. They can help each
other in everything they do.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV

LARGE GROUP

30
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God
Opener
Worship "Alive" from *Hillsong*, and "Our God" by Yancy)
Bible
Story Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Cooperation—Working together
to do more than you can do alone

SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect
Bible Story Review: One Body, Many Parts(*k-1st grade*), A Purpose for Everything(*2nd-3rd grade*)
Application Activity: Way to Cooperate! (*k-1st grade*), Designed to Work Together(*2nd-3rd grade*)
Memory Verse Activity: Duck, Duck, Memory Verse(*k-1st grade*), Build a Verse(*2nd-3rd grade*)
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



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25 MINUTES 10 MINUTES

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

HOST: "Hello, my favorite cast and crew! It's been a great month as we've been finding out how God made us to work together. God gave each of us different skills, talents, and interests . . . and we ALL have a part to play.

"Raise your hand if you think you know our Memory Verse, Ecclesiastes 4:9. (Pause for responses.) Oh, good! Let's say it together.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

LEADER AND KIDS: Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV)

LEADER: "Good. Now this side of the room say the first part, and this side of the room say the second part. Ready?"

KIDS (FROM ONE SIDE): Two people are better than one.

KIDS (FROM THE OTHER SIDE): They can help each other in everything they do. (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV)

LEADER: "Nice job! We really are better together.

*SLIDE: THEME OPTIONAL VIDEO
(MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP*

I thought today we could tell a story that all of us can work on together. It's everyone's favorite—a funny fill-in!



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“You know how this goes. First, I’ll need your help coming up with a big list of words. I’ll write your suggestions here (hold up the printed sheet) . . . and then when we’re all done, I’ll perform a dramatic reading of our story with your words added in.

Use the printed Funny Fill-in Sheet. Have the kids shout out words to fill in each blank, and write those words in the blanks on the sheet.

“All right. Thank you for sharing these brilliant ideas, everyone. I will now read the story for you, VERY dramatically. Let the movie music begin!

AUDIO: DRAMATIC, EMOTIONAL MOVIE SOUNDTRACK MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “COVE OF THE ANCESTORS” FROM AVATAR : T H E WAY OF WATER)

“You’ve got to admit, that story was probably a lot funnier since we did it together. You know what else is fun when we do it together? Worship! Let’s all stand up and get ready to lift our voices and sing.”



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Who's ready to move?! Let's stand up and get ready to sing 'Alive'! This song is about how God makes us strong and fills us with energy! We're going to sing loud, clap our hands, and maybe even do a little dance! Let's show everyone how much joy we have because Jesus is alive in us!"

VIDEO: "ALIVE" LIVE LYRICS

"I loved how you all sang 'Alive' with so much heart! You really showed how happy you are to be in God's family. Now, we're going to sing about all the amazing things God does. He turns water into wine, heals the sick, and so much more! Let's get ready to sing 'Our God' and remember that His power is truly awesome. Join me!"

VIDEO: "OUR GOD" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO

WORSHIP LEADER: Well done! Let's pray.



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! It's great to be here with you as we talk some more about how God can help us work together.

"Today we're looking at something Paul wrote in a letter to the people who lived in Corinth. We can find this letter in the Bible (*hold up Bible*) as the book of 1 Corinthians.

"Actually, 1 Corinthians is one of 21 letters in the New Testament. These letters were written by leaders of the early church to new followers of Jesus. The people who wrote these letters wanted everyone to know about Jesus and the way He wants us to live.

"Jesus treated everyone as important and showed that all people are valuable and special to God. But as people began to join together in following Jesus, they found that they didn't always agree on everything. The church in the city of Corinth was made up of people from many backgrounds. These believers sometimes had trouble understanding each other. So that's one of the reasons why Paul wrote this letter—to encourage them to work together.

Walk over to the easel pad. On the first page, draw a smiley face to represent Paul on the left, and a simple biblical city skyline in the center.

ONE BODY

STORYTELLER: "Before this, Paul had lived in the city of Corinth for a year and a half.

Draw an arrow from the smiley face over to the biblical city skyline.

"He spent time teaching people the good news about Jesus. Soon, the new church began to grow . . . even though the new believers didn't always agree on everything. When Paul left to share the news about Jesus in other places . . .

Draw an arrow from the biblical city skyline over to the right, to show that Paul traveled on.

". . . he heard that things weren't going well back in Corinth. The believers had started forming groups and taking sides against each other.

"In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he started by reminding them that we are all brothers and sisters because of our faith in Jesus. Paul explained that we shouldn't argue, but instead, we should do whatever we can to work together.

"In fact, Paul used a very creative word picture to explain what he meant. He explained that, as followers of Jesus, we should be like one body. "Listen to what Paul wrote.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NirV) and read.



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There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. (NirV)
"One body . . . with many parts! You know, it might be fun if we thought about what Paul wrote this way—with a potato person.

*Flip to the next page on the easel pad and draw a large potato shape.
Stick the printed nose piece onto the drawn potato shape.*

DIFFERENT STRENGTHS

STORYTELLER: "Paul was saying that everyone who believes in Jesus is part of the same body, or part of the same group of people we call the church.

"God created us to grow together, and to live and love others like Jesus did. But none of us can do that perfectly on our own. We each have different strengths—in the same way that the different parts of the body are able to do different things.

Hold up the eyes piece and a leg/foot piece.

"An eye can see. A leg can't do that.

*Stick the eyes and leg/foot onto the potato drawing, in the appropriate places.
Hold up an ear piece and an arm/hand piece.*

"An ear can hear. A hand can't do that.

Stick the ear and arm/hand onto the potato drawing.

"God made the parts of the body to do different tasks well. In the same way, the people who follow Jesus are good at different things . . . but we all have a part to play. When we use those different skills and talents TOGETHER, we can show the love of Jesus, TOGETHER.

Stick one or two more pieces onto the potato drawing.

"God designed us to work as one body. And we can do more when we cooperate than we could ever do alone. Here's what Paul wrote about that.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:15-18 (NirV) and read.

Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. (NirV)



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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

STORYTELLER: "We are all good at different things, and we NEED each other! Each person is made in God's image, and each person is valuable and important. We can come together as one body and be part of God's good purpose for our lives.

Stick one or two more pieces onto the potato drawing. At this point, you should have just one piece left.

(Holding up the last piece) "Where does this one go? (Pause for responses.) Yes—right here.

Stick that last piece onto the potato drawing.

"See? Each part is important. Each one of us can play a valuable part in the work God is doing in this world. And part of that work is to look out for each other.

"Listen to what Paul said about that.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (NirV) and read.

The parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. (NirV)

"Wow! When someone is having a tough time, we come together to help them. We're part of the same body, after all! And if someone is celebrating and full of joy, we can celebrate WITH them. God made us to share life together as we share the love of Jesus with the world.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: *(Reference the completed potato person)* "Look what we've all put together! A body— even a potato body—is made up of lots of different parts. And, of course, the body of Christ is very different from this, because it's made up of all of US.

"Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand that we should come together and cooperate. He wrote:

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NirV) and read.

You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it. (NirV)

"Together, we get to do the incredible work of showing the world what God is like. And when we cooperate to show love to others, the people around us will be able to see the difference Jesus has made in our lives. With our actions, we can point people to Jesus! And that's what we need to remember today:

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Work together to point people to Jesus. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: "Work together to point people to Jesus."



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SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "It's really cool to think that we're all part of something much bigger than ourselves. God made each of us with our own gifts, talents, thoughts, and ideas . . . just like God did for every person we know."

STORYTELLER: "Right. And when we put those gifts, talents, thoughts, and ideas TOGETHER, God can do big things through all of us. We can make a difference in this world as the church. We can show people what God is like. But that takes a lot of cooperation!"

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

HOST: "Yes. Cooperation is about working together to do more than you can do alone."

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

STORYTELLER: "God made us to need each other, and to work together! When you think about how you were created to play a part in God's story, I hope that helps you see the good plan God has for you. I hope it reminds you that *[Basic Truth]* you can trust God no matter what."

HOST: "This might feel different for some of you than it does for others. You might feel nervous about working with others because you might feel like you don't have a lot to offer. Or maybe you feel like you're really good at something and you don't need any help from others. The truth is, your specific gifts are needed and valuable . . . AND you need other people."

STORYTELLER: "It takes all of us, working as one body, to point people to Jesus. We can do that by working together to share His love. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for this reminder today that we are all a part of the body of Christ . . . and that every part is important! We are so amazed that You created us to play a part in Your Big Story, together. Help us to find ways to work with others to point people to Jesus. And help us remember that we can trust You as we share Your love everywhere we go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

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