

# KIDMUNITY | This I Believe

## Lesson 10: We Belong

### Large Group Script

#### Bottom Line:

*The Church is God's family.*

#### Memory Verse:

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

#### Supplies Needed

- 150 ping pong balls
  - Large bins that can hold 100 ping pong balls
  - Small Puzzle (30-50 pieces)
  - Puzzle glue and black foam core
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## CLEAN SWEEP SPPED SCRAMBLE SPECTACULAR

### ON STAGE

- Divide the stage into two sides (boys vs girls, or left vs right)
- Place one bin on each side of the stage
- Spread or dump 75 ping pong balls across each team's area
- Make sure balls are contained to each side to avoid overlap
- Bring up one contestant per side to start (one boy, one girl works great)

### HOW TO PLAY

- The goal is simple: get all the ping pong balls from the floor into your team's bin as fast as possible
- Each round lasts 30 seconds (or until a team finishes early)
- Balls must be picked up by hand—no kicking or throwing from far away

## Round 1: Solo

- One player per team
- No help allowed
- Try to collect as many as possible in 30 seconds

## Round 2: Small Team

- Each player picks two teammates
- Same challenge, same 30 seconds
- Teams can work together however they want

## Round 3: Everyone

- Open it up to the whole section (boys vs girls or left vs right)
- Scatter balls into the audience section for each team
- Everyone works together to get all the balls into the bin
- Fastest and most chaotic round

“Alright, it’s time for the *Clean Sweep Speed Scramble Spectacular!* I need one contestant from each side—come on up. Here’s the challenge: in just 30 seconds, you have to pick up all of these ping pong balls and get them into your team’s bin. Sounds simple... until you actually look at the floor.”

“Round 1, you’re on your own. No help, just you and the mess. When I say go, you’ve got 30 seconds to grab as many as you can. Ready... set... go!”

(Play music and let it run, adding light commentary as needed.)

“Alright, time’s up. That was tough, right? You did great, but it’s hard to get all of that done by yourself. Let’s try something different.”

“For round 2, you each get to pick two teammates. Go ahead and grab your squad. Same challenge, same 30 seconds—but now you’ve got help. Ready... set... go!”

(Let it play out with energy.)

“Okay, that was way better. Same challenge, but it got a lot easier when you weren’t doing it alone. Now let’s take it one step further.”

“For the final round, we’re not just adding a couple teammates—we’re bringing in everyone. Your whole side is now part of the team. We’re going to spread the ping pong

balls into your section, and you've got 30 seconds to work together and clean it up. Ready... set... go!"

(High energy, then stop.)

"Alright, that was the fastest round by far. Let me ask you— which round was the hardest? Yeah, the first one. Doing it alone. And which round was the easiest? When everyone helped."

"Way to go, teams, give yourselves a big hand!"

## **GOD CREATED US FOR COMMUNITY**

From the very beginning, God created people for relationships. In Genesis, God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve. There was no distance, no separation—just closeness with God. That's how it was meant to be.

But sin broke that relationship. Because God is holy and perfect, sin created separation between God and people. Even then, God didn't walk away. He still wanted to be close to His people. In the Old Testament, God's presence would dwell in the tabernacle and later in the temple. God was with His people, but there was still distance. Not everyone could just enter His presence. Relationship was there—but it wasn't the same.

Then Jesus came and changed everything. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid for sin and removed the barrier between God and us. Because of Jesus, we don't have to go somewhere special to be close to God anymore.

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.*

**1 Corinthians 6:19**

This means God doesn't live in a building. He lives in His people. You don't go to church to be with God. God is already with you.

## **SO WHAT IS THE CHURCH?**

The word "church" comes from the Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning "gathering" or "assembly" of people. That means the church is not a building, not a place, and not just something that happens on Sundays.

The church is people. Specifically, people who follow Jesus.

So when you show up to church, you're not going to church. You're showing up *as* the church.

Church isn't a place you go, it's who you are.

## **WE WERE DESIGNED FOR EACH OTHER**

God didn't just create us for a relationship with Him. He created us for relationships with each other. Even when we look at who God is, we see this. God is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They exist in perfect relationship—loving, serving, and working together in complete unity.

That means community isn't just a good idea, it's part of God's design. Faith was never meant to be lived alone. We were created to follow Jesus together.

## **WE ARE ONE BODY | EACH PART MATTERS**

*The human body has many parts, but these parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*  
**1 Corinthians 12:12, 27**

The Bible says the church is like a body. A body isn't made up of just one part—it has many parts, and every part has a different role. But all of those parts work together to make one whole. That's what the church is like. We are all different, we all have different strengths, different personalities, and different roles, but together we make up one body.

And here's what that means for you: you are not extra, you are not unimportant, and you are not just watching from the sidelines. You are a part of the body. And if a part of the body is missing, the body doesn't function the way it's supposed to.

The church is not complete without you.

## **ILLUSTRATION | THE PUZZLE**

(Hold up a single puzzle piece)

"Alright, look at this for a second. This is just one piece of a puzzle. By itself... It's kind of nothing. It's not really a toy. It's not a game. It doesn't even look like anything. It doesn't really have meaning on its own."

(Pause) “It was never meant to be by itself. It was made to be connected to something bigger.”

(Now show a completed puzzle with one piece missing. Glue it so it stays together and on a black piece of foam core, so you can easily hold it up, and kids can see it.)

“Now imagine this. You’ve got a whole puzzle, almost finished... but one piece is missing. I mean, it’s still a puzzle... but it’s not right, is it? Something’s off. It’s incomplete. That one missing piece kind of messes up the whole thing.”

(Pause) “That’s what the church is like. You’re not meant to be on your own. And when you’re not connected—when you’re not here, not engaged, not a part of it—something is missing.”

“The church needs you. Your community needs you. You are part of something bigger.”

## **WE NEED EACH OTHER**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

We don’t just gather for fun or because it’s something to do, we gather because we need each other. We need people in our lives who will help us follow Jesus, who will encourage us when things are hard, and who will remind us of what’s true.

Faith gets stronger when we’re connected. When life gets difficult, we need people around us to help us keep going. That’s part of what it means to be the church.

## **DON’T JUST ATTEND - PARTICIPATE**

Sometimes people treat church like it’s something to consume. They think, “What do I get out of this?” or “Did I like it?” But that’s not what the church is meant to be.

The church isn’t something you consume, it’s something you contribute to. When you show up, you’re not just there to sit and watch. You’re there to be part of what God is doing through His people.

## **WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE THE CHURCH**

When you come to church, it means you lean in and take it seriously. You listen, you pay attention, and you allow God to speak to you. It means you engage, especially in your small group, by talking, asking questions, and sharing what's going on in your life. It means you encourage others by noticing people, including them, and speaking life into them. And it means you serve by looking for ways to help, rather than just waiting to be helped.

You don't just receive—you invest. That's what it looks like to be the church.

## **YOU HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY**

This isn't just about other people. This is about you. You have something to bring and a role to play. Even now, you can live this out by including someone who feels left out, encouraging someone who's having a hard day, helping a leader, or serving your group in simple ways.

You are part of God's church, and you matter more than you realize.

## **LANDING**

You weren't saved to do life alone.

You weren't meant to just sit and watch.

God made you for relationshipS.

Jesus made a way for you to be close to Him.

And now...

You are part of His people.

You are part of His church.

And you have a role to play.

## **PRAY AND DISMISS**

Pray together and dismiss to small groups.