

CITY SG – March 29 - 30, 2025

Today's Bible Story: We're All in This Together (One Body, Many Parts) • 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to point people to Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Cooperation—Working together to do more than you can do alone

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: "Many Parts Bingo Cards" (10-12 per group), "Many Parts Bingo Calling Cards (1 set per group), and Bingo chips

What You Do:

- Greet the kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask, "How did you practice cooperation this week?"
- Give each kid a Bingo card and about 15 Bingo chips.
- Shuffle the calling cards and lay them in a stack face down.
- Encourage each kid to cover their "free space" with a chip.
- Draw a calling card and display it for the kids to see.
- Then, direct the kids to cover that body part on their card.
- Continue drawing cards and directing the kids to cover the matching images.
- Declare the first kid to shout "BINGO!" as the winner.
- Have kids jump in as they arrive.
- If time allows, play another round.
- Before you head to large group, say **"Let's go hear about something else made of many parts. Come with me!"**

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. A Purpose for Everything

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Butcher paper, markers

What You Do:

- Place a large piece of butcher paper on a table or floor.
- Instruct the kids to gather around the paper.
- Explain to the kids that they will create a team drawing of a human body.

- Give each kid a marker.
- Start by drawing a large head using a thick marker, leaving space for the body, legs, and arms.
- Let the kids know you're drawing the head.
- Choose another body part and invite a kid to add it to the picture.
- After each addition, pause and ask:
 - "Can you imagine if we were just a(n) [name of the body part] walking around?"
 - "What do you think a(n) [name of the body part] can do on its own without the other body parts?"
- Continue in this way until the entire body is drawn.
- Give the kids a few moments to add details, such as hair and clothing, to the drawing.
- Say, "Hands, eyes, and feet can't do everything on their own—it's the same with us! We need to work together to show the world who Jesus is. When we help each other, we make a big difference. Sometimes we might not feel like we want to work with others, but we can show a clear picture of what Jesus is like when we do! So, let's **work together to point people to Jesus.**"

2. Designed to Work Together

Application Activity

What You Need: Chairs, and a phone for playing music

What You Do:

- Set the chairs in a circle.
- Explain to the kids that they'll be playing musical chairs with a twist.
- Share the rules:
 - When the music stops, you will call out a body part, and kids are to sit in a chair while pointing to that body part.
 - Instruct any kids who forget to point to a body part to stay seated in their chair.
- Start the music.
- After a few moments, pause the music and shout out a body part.
- Before starting the music again, ask the kids to share ways they can use that body part to point others to Jesus.
- For example:
 - Mouth: to share Jesus, pray, or share encouraging words
 - Eyes: to see who needs help, is hurting, or needs encouragement, etc.
 - Hands: share a hug or a high five with someone who is down, serve a good cause, etc.
 - Arms: help clean up with a group of friends
- After a few rounds, the game ends.
- Say, "Do you ever feel like you don't need help? (*Invite responses.*) Imagine if you were just one big nose or ear—you wouldn't be able to do much! But just like our body parts work together, God made each of us to work together as the body of Christ to show others who Jesus is."

3. Build a Verse

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: “Memory Verse Cards” (2 sets per group), and floor tape

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Use the floor tape to create two equal start lines and finish lines in your group area.
- Take the two stacks of memory verse cards and shuffle them, making sure to keep the stacks separate.
- Place each stack at the finish lines.
- Instruct the teams to stand behind their team’s starting line.
- Explain the rules:
 - The first kid from each team runs to the stack at the finish line, draws one card, and brings it back to their team.
 - The teams must work together to place the cards correctly to form Ecclesiastes 4:9.
 - Teams can only grab a new card once everyone agrees on where it should go.
 - After placing their card down, the next kid on the team runs to the finish line to get the next card.
 - The game continues until the verse is complete.
- Once a team thinks their verse is correct, encourage them to say it together loudly.
- Declare a winner based on the team that says the verse correctly first.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...
“God, thank You for giving all of my friends here unique gifts and talents. We know that You want everyone to know about Your Son, Jesus. Help us to work together to point others to Him! Remind us that we are better together and that, as a team, we can do amazing things for You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to explain how everyone can work together by using their gifts and talents to point others to Jesus.