Lesson Plan

November 8th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I Am Made for Community
Bible Story: One Church, Many Helpers (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
Theme Verse: "Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice." (Romans 15:5-6)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day. Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus.

Share: In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul wrote that people who follow God are like different body parts. Each person is different, but each person is an important part of God's family. (Read 1 Corinthians 12:27.) We get to teach kids today that we are part of something big, and we can use our gifts and talents to help others.
Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for the special and unique people who make up your team and the kids who make up your ministry.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher** Start 5-minute countdown **5 minutes prior to service start time.**

Teacher Opener: Hello! My name is ____. I am so glad you are here. Today, we get to talk about what it means to live side by side. Live what? (Side by side!) That's right! God made us to live side by side in community. A community is a group of people who are connected by something in common. Stand side by side with a friend and say, "Let's go!" (Let's go!)

Many Helpers

Kids will play tag, linking arms and helping the "Tagger" once they are tagged.
Big Goal: Understand that those who trust and follow Jesus are part of one church with many helpers.

1. Choose one kid to be a "Tagger," challenging the Tagger to tag kids while they all move around the room.
2. Direct kids who get tagged to link arms with the Tagger and help to tag more kids.
3. Play until all kids are linked together.
4. Play again by starting with a different Tagger.

What To Do: Today our game is called "Many Helpers." What's our game called? (Many Helpers!) Raise your hand if you like helping others! (Allow kids to raise hands.) Right now, you'll get a chance to help one another. One person will start out the game by being the "Tagger." The Tagger will walk around the room trying to tag everyone else, while everyone else will walk around the room trying not to get tagged! Once you are tagged, you get the chance to help the Tagger! Link arms with the Tagger, or with a helper who has already been tagged, and work together to tag everyone else! If you're ready to play, pump your fist in the air and say, "Many Helpers!" (Many Helpers!)

Leader Tip: Larger Group or Limited Space Option: Allow kids to play the game in two groups, with one group playing at a time.

Loud And Clear: What was it like when you became a helper? Did you like helping the Tagger? (Allow kids to answer.) When you joined the tagging team, you all worked together with the same goal. Everyone who is part of the body of Christ also works together for the same goal—to love God and love people. We are one church with many helpers. When we say, "One church," we are not talking about just this church. We are talking about God's big church, which includes everybody everywhere who loves and follows Him. Everyone, say, "One church!" (One church!) And say, "Many Helpers!" (Many Helpers!)

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: If you got to go to a place called "Family Fun Center," what activities do you think would be there? (Allow responses.) Great suggestions! Now we get to watch a video about a girl named Kenzie and the awesome adventures she had with friends at a place just like that. Get our video started by saying "Side by side!" in 3-2-1! (Side by side!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Let me hear your best car zoom noises in 3-2-1! (Allow time.) You sound like you're ready for some "Go-Cart Goofin'!" Elsie and Levi really came through for Kenzie when her car stopped. They were a team, and they knew the only way they could finish was if they finished together. That is a great example of what we are learning today. When we follow God, we follow Him with other people. We do not follow Him alone. Even though we are all different, God made us to be a part of something big. That means that we all have special parts to play in His big family. Say, "We are part of something big!" (We are part of something big!) Like friends helping each other win a team race, we get to be a part of God's family, and we each have special ways we can help and encourage each other.

Worship

What You Say: Worship is telling and showing God how great, special, and wonderful He is. It means giving God the highest worth because of who He is and what He has done. Think of it as a giant "thank you" and a celebration party for God. So, let's all come together and worship God this morning.

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.) Let's take a look at what the Bible says about being part of something big. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. The Bible is 1 big book that's made up of 66 smaller books. Today our Bible story is found in the book of First Corinthians. Which book of the Bible? (First

Corinthians!) First Corinthians is in the second part of the Bible. We are made for community, and today's Bible story will show us more about what that means. Let's dive in!

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
    - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: Paul used the example of parts of a body to explain how we are all part of something big. Our body parts have different jobs, and all the jobs are important. Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is part of the body of Jesus. We're not part of His physical body, but we all belong to Him like parts belong to a body as we love and follow Him. We become parts of God's family. We are all individuals with our own personalities, likes, gifts, and talents, but we are all members of the body of Jesus. Everyone, say, "I am made for community!" (I am made for community!) When we are members of the body of Jesus, we are part of the same community. This means we can use our own specific gifts, talents, likes, and personalities to serve God and to help each other.

Paul told the Christians in Corinth that, like all the parts of our bodies that are important for our bodies to work, everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is an important part of God's family. What Paul said to the Christians in Corinth is true for us as well! One body part is not more important than another body part, and no one who is part of God's family is more important than someone else who is part of His family. God made each of us individually, and He made each of us exactly who He wants us to be. When we are part of God's family, we can rejoice with other people who are happy, help others who are having a difficult time, and be kind to the parts of God's family who are suffering. This makes us part of something really big—God's big family that includes everyone who follows Him all around the world! Everyone, say, "We are part of something big!" (We are part of something big!)

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 3) Jesus is the One who makes us part of something really big. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose again so that we can be part of God's family. God makes us part of His family—meaning the community of people who love and follow Him—when we trust in Jesus

and repent. To repent means to admit our sinful, wrong choices and turn away from disobeying God, to obey Him instead. All of us who trust in Jesus and repent are members of God's family forever. Let me hear you say, "God's family forever!" (God's family forever!)

(Circle 1) When God created the first two people on earth, Adam and Eve, the world was perfect. Adam and Eve walked with God on earth. They lived the way God made them to live by obeying Him. They were part of something big because they were part of God's family.

(Circle 2) But everything changed when Adam and Eve sinned. Sin is doing what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. When the first people sinned, it broke their relationship with God, and it even broke how they saw themselves. Since then, all of us sin and need a way to be part of God's family again. Thankfully, God knew how He would make His people part of His family before He even created the world or anyone in it. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit always had a plan to rescue us from our sin and make the way for us to be part of something big. Everyone, say, "We are part of something big!" (We are part of something big!)

Sometimes it can be hard for us to figure out our place. When we trust in Jesus, though, we can always know that we belong to Him. Our "place" is that we are part of God's family. We get to follow God and use the talents and gifts He has given us to accomplish the same goal—to love God and love people. We get to help others who are part of His family. While we have the chance to be a part of this church, we are also part of God's big church, which includes all the people who love and follow Him. That means we can follow and worship God together with all Christians everywhere! We really are part of something big!

Talk with me or your Small Group Leader if you would like to hear more about being part of the body of Jesus. We would love to talk with you about how God made us all to be part of His family. God teaches us what it is like to live side by side with other people who trust and follow Jesus. Turn to a friend and say, "Side by side!" (Side by side!)

Theme Verse Review:

Theme Verse Motions:
Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement (Bring both arms up, palms facing in, then make muscles with your arms by your head. Bring your right arm down and out with a thumbs-up.)
grant you to live in harmony with one another, (Clasp both hands together in front of your chest, then point out to the side with your right arm, then left.)

according to Christ Jesus, (Keep your arms where they are, but flip your right hand, then left, so that your palms are facing up.)
so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Bring both arms all the way up with your palms facing in, then bring your right arm down, then left, with palms facing up.) with one mind and one voice. (Bring both hands with palms facing down to your temples, then down with palms facing out around your mouth.)
Romans 15:5-6 (Hold hands out like a book.)

What You Say: We are made for community! What are we made for? (Community!) Now we get to learn a Bible verse about living in community with everyone who is part of the body of Jesus. Let's learn the Theme verse together along with Kenzie from our Main Idea video!

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: Everyone, say, "We are part of something big!" (We are part of something big!) God makes us part of something big—His big family—when we trust in Jesus and follow Him. God helps us "live in harmony" with each other, which means we bring things that make us the same and different together for one great purpose—to honor God! Honor who? (God!) God helps us love each other, care for each other, and support each other, even if we don't always see things the same way. He gives us one mind and one voice, even though we are individual parts of His family, so we can follow Him and point others to Him as one!

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: Turn to a friend next to you, shake hands, and say, "We are part of something big!" (We are part of something big!) We all become part of God's family when we trust and follow Him. We are made for community, and being part of God's big family is the best community! Even though we are all different, we have important parts to play in helping one another follow Jesus and pointing others to Him. We can know we have a place to belong when we follow Jesus together in community. Let's take a minute now to pray and talk to God, thanking Him for allowing us to be part of something big.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for allowing us to be part of the body of Jesus when we trust and follow You. Thank You for making each one of us individuals of one body, and thank You for letting us rejoice with members who are happy, help members who are struggling, and be kind to members who are suffering. We love You. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Let's talk more about what it means to live side by side!

1. Let's talk about different objects that are made of different parts. (Pause for responses after each question.) What are some parts that make a car? What are some parts that make this church building? What are some parts that make one of your favorite toys? Each of those things is one item that is made of different parts, just like how we all make up different parts of God's one big family!
2. The Bible tells us that we are made for community, and being in community with other people who trust and follow Jesus makes us part of something big. Let's open our Bibles to 1 Corinthians 12:27 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the Bible verse aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the Bible verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the Bible verse so everyone can follow along together.) When we trust and follow Jesus, we each become individual members of the body of Christ. We are not part of His physical body, but we belong to Jesus, along with everyone else who trusts in Him. How can the way our different body parts work together remind us that we are part of God's family? (Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that God made us exactly how He wanted so we can serve the body of Christ in our own unique ways.)
3. When we trust and follow Jesus, we are all important parts of God's family. We can help and care for the people in God's family. What are some ways you can help and care for people in God's family? (Allow kids to answer. Point out specific ways people can care and support, such as prayer, giving money, donating things such as food and clothes, and offering a listening ear.)
4. The Bible tells us that we are part of something big when we belong to God's family. We become part of one big church that includes everyone who follows God, and we all get to be helpers. This means we help each other, side by side. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: We All Fit Body Puzzle

Supplies: Large body puzzle pieces, poster paper, crayons/markers, glue or tape

Leader Prep:

1. Cut out the different body puzzle pieces (head, arms, hands, legs, feet, body, etc.).
2. Write “Many Parts. One Body.” at the top of the poster paper.
3. Make sure there are enough puzzle pieces for each kid to have one. If needed, create additional pieces.
4. Have crayons, markers, and glue or tape ready.

What To Do: Today, we learned that the Church is like a body! Just like our bodies have many different parts that work together, God's family is made up of different people who all have an important part to play. We are going to create a body puzzle to remind us that we all have a part to play in God's family!

First, everyone will get a piece of our body puzzle. Look at your piece! Does everyone have the same piece? (No!) That's right! We all have different pieces, but we need every piece to complete our body.

Now, write your name on your puzzle piece. Then think of one way you can help others or serve God. Maybe you can pray for someone, encourage a friend, help someone in need, or show kindness. Write or draw that on your puzzle piece and then decorate it! (Allow time.)

Now that everyone has decorated their pieces, let's see if we can put our body together! Look at the piece you're holding. Do you think your piece could make a whole body by itself? (No!) Of course not! We need all the different pieces to make a complete body.

One at a time, bring your puzzle piece up and help us put our body together on the poster. (Allow time for kids to assemble the body puzzle.)

Look at our finished body! Every piece is different, but when we put them all together, they make one body!

Keep It Going: Allow kids to decorate the poster around the completed body puzzle with hearts, encouraging words, or pictures of ways they can serve others. Kids can also share what they wrote on their puzzle pieces and explain how they can use that action to help others.

Loud And Clear: In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul tells us that the Church is like a body. Our bodies have many different parts, and every part has an important job! Our hands, feet, eyes, and ears all do different things, but they work together.

The same is true for God's family! God has given each of us different gifts and abilities that we can use to help others and serve Him. Some people are great at encouraging, others are great at helping, and others are great at teaching. We don't all have to do the same thing because every person has an important part to play! Look at our body puzzle. Would it be complete if we only had one piece? (No!) That's right! We needed all the different pieces to come together to make one body.

Just like this puzzle, the Church is made up of many different people who belong to Jesus. We need one another, and every person matters! Even though you are a kid, you can still make a difference in God's family. When we work together, encourage one another, and use what God has given us to serve others, we show what it means to be the body of Christ! Let's say, “Every part matters!” (Every part matters!) Now point to yourself and say, “I have a part to play!” (I have a part to play!) That's right! We all have a part to play in God's family!

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that everyone who follows Jesus is part of one church with many helpers. God makes us part of something big!

Loud And Clear: God made us for community. God sent Jesus to die on a cross and rise again so that we can be part of the body of Jesus when we trust and follow Him. That’s the best community we will ever be part of!

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group

- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we can be part of Your family forever when we trust and follow Jesus. Thank You for making us part of something big and for allowing us to help and support each other. Help us remember that You made each of us exactly who You wanted us to be. Show us ways to use our own individual talents, gifts, personalities, and likes to help and support each other. We love You, and we thank You for loving each one of us more than we can imagine. Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.