

I AM MADE FOR COMMUNITY

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**I Am Made for Community**
**Elementary Leader Guide**

the place for kids to take their first steps with jesus.

## WIN

Paul teaches that every follower of Jesus is an important and needed part of God's family because we are part of something big.
***BIBLE-*** *One church, many helpers- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

## TOOLS

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## SOCIAL TIME

**The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that "boredom" is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time.**

Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. ** *Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.*

**Games and Music (10 minutes)**

*What You Need:* Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Paper plates (2 per kid), painter's tape (1 roll per group), What Does This Do? Video for Roku

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

VIDEOS

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

**Say,** Paul compared God's family to a body: each part has a different job, and every part matters. Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus belongs to this family. God gives each of us different gifts to help and serve one another. We can celebrate with people who are happy and care for people who are hurting. Together with Jesus' followers around the world, we are part of something big!

GOSPEL CONNECTION

**Gospel Connection: (**refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces**)**

**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

**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-** When Adam and Eve chose their own way instead of God's way, they sinned and broke their relationship with Him; we all sin too. God always had a plan to rescue us and welcome us into His family—we are part of something big!

**Circle 4**- When we trust Jesus, we belong to God's family and can use our gifts to love God, help others, and worship together. We are part of this church and God's big church of Jesus' followers everywhere—we are part of something big!

If you have questions about what all of this means or why it is important, find me or one of your Campus Leaders. We would love to talk with you about how you can have a relationship with Him. We are made for community, and part of being in community means helping other people have a relationship with God.

*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.*

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

**One Body —** 10 minutes
Kids will sit in a circle and be assigned a body part, switching places with other kids when the body part is called out loud.

**Big Goal:** Learn that Christians are individual parts of God's family.

**Leader Prep:** Set chairs out in a circle. Place one chair inside the circle.

1. Direct kids to sit in a circle and assign each kid to a body part: eye, ear, foot, or hand.
2. Invite one kid to sit in the middle and call out one of the body parts.
3. Instruct kids to change places when their assigned body part is called, while the player in the middle also tries to find a new seat. Whoever is left without a seat becomes the new player in the middle.
4. Add a rule that the person in the middle can call, "One body!" to cause everyone to change places.

**Supplies:** Chairs (1 per child)

**What To Do:** Ready to do some switching? Everyone, say, "Switch!" *(Switch!)* First, let's get our chairs in a circle and everyone can take a seat. One teammate will sit in the middle of the circle. *(Allow time.)* Now I will assign each of you to a body part: ear, eye, hand, or foot. Be sure to remember what you're assigned! *(Assign.)* Here's how we will play "One Body." The player in the middle will call out one of the body parts and everyone who has the part will need to find a *new* seat by switching places with someone else who is moving. However, the player in the middle will *also* try to find a seat in the circle. Whoever is left without a seat becomes the new player in the middle.

The one exception is that the player in the middle can call, "One body!" When that happens, *everyone* must switch and find a new seat! Your goal is to try and stay *out* of the middle. Say, "One body!" to get our game started in 3-2-1! *(One body!)*

**Keep It Going:** Play another round in which a leader calls out the body parts. Take out a chair each time a body part is called and prompt players who cannot find a chair to leave the circle. Play until one player remains.

**Loud And Clear:** That was a lot of switching! Give a friend a thumbs-up and say, "Great job!" *(Great job!)* All the parts of the body in our game have different jobs, but they are all important to our bodies. Each person who trusts and follows Jesus is one individual who is part of the same body, or you could call it family—God's family. Everyone, say, "One body!" *(One body!)*

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

## TALK ABOUT IT

**Discussion Questions:**

- 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!
- Have you ever smelled different spices. Cooking spices are all different because each spice has its own flavor, but all the spices we combine to season our food work together to make delicious meals. Like cooking spices, how does God design all of us to be part of something big together? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that God gives all of us our own likes, talents, personalities, and gifts. We each have something amazing that we can offer to our community and to God's family.)*
- 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** (pg. 1272) 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.)*
- 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.)*
- 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?

## WRAP UP

Do you have any questions? (*Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.*) Let's pray and talk to God. (*Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*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.*

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!

## GOING HOME

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.