I Am Made For Community — We Are Connected

5th Grade • All Leaders

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Mt Pleasant Church



Bible Story: Unity In Jesus (Ephesians 2:11-22)
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)

Large Group

1. Welcome / Large Group Leader — 2 minutes

Leader Tip

Move to the front during the last 15 seconds of the timer to get the kids excited and lead them to count down the last 10 seconds.

Script

Hi, everyone! I am ____. I am so happy to see you here! Today we get to talk about what it looks like to live side by side in community. Side by side in what? *(Community!)* A *community* is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. Everyone, lean to the left *(demonstrate leaning to your right)* and lean to the right *(demonstrate leaning to your left)* and say, "Side by side!" *(Side by side!)*



2. Main Idea Video / Large Group Leader — 5 minutes

Script

Everyone, say, "Friends!" *(Friends!)* Say, "Zees!" *(Zees!)* Now say, "Friendsies!" *(Friendsies!)* If you've never heard that word before, then you will in our video featuring a girl named Kenzie and her friendsies! Count down from three and say, "Kenzie's Friendsies!" to get our video started. Ready? 3-2-1! *(Kenzie's Friendsies!)*



Presentation

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Script

Kenzie thought she was completing the “Carousel Challenge” all by herself, but Levi and Elsie were right there! Kenzie remembered that being part of a community means you are connected with others in that community. The same is true for us. When we love and follow God, **we are connected** with other people who follow God. We are all part of same community—God’s family! We may look different, act different, and like different things, but **we are connected** because we love God.

Sometimes we might worry that we are not connected with other people, like how Kenzie felt when she thought her friends left her. There may also be times when we do not get along with others in our community, but that’s okay. Ask, “Why?” *(Why?)* Because we are still connected! We can be kind, care for each other, forgive one another, and help each other no matter how we are feeling—all because **we are connected** in community. Say, **“We are connected!** ***(We are connected!)***

3. Video-Led Bible Story (Option 1) / Large Group Leader

8 minutes

Supplies

- [ ] “Session 3 Bible Story” printable — 1 per group (optional)

Script

(Open the Bible.) Now we get to look at what the Bible says about being connected. The Bible is God’s true message to us about Himself. Our Bible story today comes from the book of Ephesians (ih FEE zhuhnz). What book of the Bible? *(Ephesians!)* That’s in the Old Testament, the second part of the Bible. Let’s read about what the book of Ephesians has to say about being connected as we live side by side. Link arms with a friend and say, “Side by side!” *(Side by side!)*



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4. Make The Connection / Large Group Leader

5 minutes

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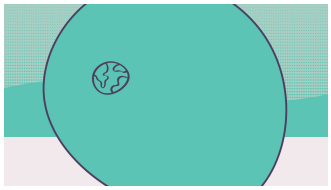
In Ephesians, Paul told Christians about the connection that comes from being part of God’s household, or family. The disagreements between the Christians in Ephesus were because they came from different backgrounds. Jewish Christians felt like people needed to be like them to love and follow Jesus. But Paul told all the Christians in Ephesus that, because Jesus



died and rose again, everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is a member of God's family, no matter the background or culture! Those things that could divide people would no longer matter because there would be unity between everyone in God's family. Let me hear you say, "Unity!" *(Unity!) Unity* means that people are connected and joined together with the same attitude for the same purpose. God gives everyone who trusts in Jesus the same goals—to follow Him, worship Him, and tell others about Him. We can do this as we live side by side in community with one another. Say, "Side by side!" *(Side by side!)*

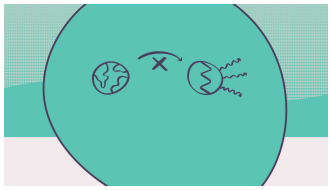
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(Circle 1) When God created the world, there were no disagreements between people. Adam and Eve, the first people God created, lived in unity and harmony with each other. Adam and Eve also walked and talked with God. The world was perfect, their relationship with God was perfect, and their relationship with each other was perfect.



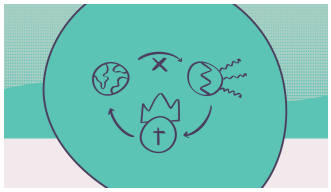
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(Circle 2) However, Adam and Eve broke those perfect relationships when they sinned. *Sin* is doing what *we* think is best instead of following what *God* says is best. Since Adam and Eve sinned, *all* people have sinned—including us in this room. Our sin not only separates us from God, but also it breaks our relationships with others. Instead of being united, we sometimes hurt each other's feelings, can be selfish, and don't always take care of each other the way God planned. Our sin deserves to be punished, and we cannot fix our sin problem on our own.



Script

(Circle 3) But the good news is that God sent His only Son, Jesus, to fix our sin problem and end division between people. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross to take the punishment we deserved for sin, and came back to life. Jesus showed that He is more powerful than both sin and death! Now when we believe that Jesus is the only One who can rescue us, we can become part of God's family forever. We can *repent*—which means apologizing for sin and turning away from sin to follow Jesus instead. God helps us follow Jesus and live the way that He created us to live, which includes living connected in community with everyone in God's family. This connection lasts forever! How long does this connection last? *(Forever!)* Please talk to me or your Team Leader if you would like to know more about being part of God's family. We would be happy to talk it over with you!



Paul wrote that God has connected people together through Jesus. It doesn't matter who we are, where we live, or what our lives were like before we followed Jesus. Once we follow Jesus, we become part of the same family—God's family. Everyone, say, "God's family!" *(God's family!)* This doesn't mean that we will always get along or agree with each other. When we don't get along with others who are in our community, we can remember that God made us to live in unity. We can ask Him to help us be kind, care for each other, and forgive one another. The fact that we follow Jesus is greater and bigger than any of our differences. Say, "I am made for community!" *(I am made for community!)*

5. Closing / Large Group Leader

5 minutes

Script

We are connected when we trust and follow Jesus because we become part of God's family forever. It does not matter who we are, where we are from, what we were like before we started following Jesus, or even if we disagree sometimes. God helps us live united and connected with others in His family. Call out, "**We are connected!**" ***(We are connected!)*** Following Jesus means we get to be who God created us to be and live that out side by side with others who follow Jesus! God connects us and helps us live in unity. We get to live as one as we care for, help, and forgive each other. Let's pray now and thank God for helping us be united through Jesus.

God, thank You for connecting us when we trust and follow You. Thank You that You had a plan to connect us with You and each other before You even made the world. Help us remember that ***we are connected*** *forever when we are part of Your family. Even during disagreements, arguments, and hard times, You help keep us connected. Amen.*



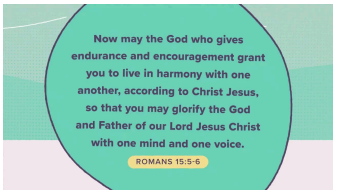
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It is so great to have you here today! Let's see you connect side by side as we head to Team Time! Red Team, find a friend and link arms as you walk to Team Time. Blue Team, find a friend and try to walk step by step at the same time. Yellow Team, give friends on your team fist bumps as you head to Team Time. Green Team, line up and walk out like a train by putting your hands on the shoulders of your teammate in front of you. Orange Team, find a friend and clap your hands at the same time as you head to Team Time. Purple Team, stand shoulder to shoulder with a friend and walk to Team Time together.



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Small Group

6. Make The Discovery — Older Questions / Small Group Leader

10 minutes

Leader Tip

Use this time for side-by-side discovery-based learning. Kids are invited to participate and discuss, building relationships with each other and their leader. These questions are designed to help all kids—regardless of biblical knowledge or background—feel like they can contribute.

Supplies

- [ ] "Session 3 Bible Story" printable — 1 per group (optional)



Script

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

1. What is something that you like about being part of a community, like a sports team, club, or church? What can be challenging or difficult when you are part of a community? *(Allow kids to answer and share your answer.)*
2. The Bible tells us that we are made for community, and **we are connected** to God's family when we trust and follow Jesus. Let's open our Bibles to **Ephesians 2:19-20** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is part of God's household, or family. How does it encourage you to know that you can be part of God's family when you trust and follow Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that, during good and bad times, we can have hope that we belong to God's family, and that He will never let us go.)*
3. What do you think it looks like to live in unity with everyone in God's household? *(Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that Jesus makes us live in unity, and He helps us live in unity as we follow and obey Him. When it is hard to forgive someone or we disagree with one another, God can help us.)*
4. How can our Bible story help when we find ourselves in a situation where we don't get along with someone else in God's family? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that we can ask Jesus to make us more like Him by making us loving, kind, forgiving, and helpful.)*
5. The Bible tells us that God made us for community. When **we are connected** in God's family, we can live side by side in unity with each other. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk with God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for making the way for us to be part of Your family. Thank You that it doesn't matter who we are, where we are from, or what we are like before we follow You—we are still made for community. Help us remember that **we are connected** with everyone who loves and follows You when we are part of Your family. Amen.*