I Am Made For Community — We Are Part of Something Big

5th Grade • All Leaders

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Mt Pleasant Church



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)

Small Group

1. Rhythm Of Names — Broadly Graded Activity / Small Group Leader

10 minutes

Kids will clap, stomp, and snap to create rhythms that go along with their names while remembering the names and rhythms of their teammates.

Big Goal: Learn and use each other's names.

Leader Prep: None

Supplies

- [ ] No supplies needed — 0 per child



Script

What To Do: Show me a clap, snap, and stomp! *(Allow kids to clap, snap, and stomp.)* That's what we are going to do now! Think of a rhythm you can make by clapping, snapping, and stomping to go along with your first and last name. You can snap, clap, and stomp for each syllable, but the one rule is you must have at least two different movements in your rhythm. Let's stand in a circle and make some rhythms. Everyone, say, "Let's make a rhythm!" *(Let's make a rhythm!)*

(Allow time, assisting as needed.)

Now that everyone has a rhythm for your name, let's see how well we can remember each other's names and rhythms. We will start with one person who will say your name and show your rhythm. For example, I might say my name, "____" and then clap, snap, clap. *(Demonstrate.)* The next person would say my name, then clap, snap, clap, like I did, then

share your own name and rhythm. The third person would say my name and rhythm, the next person's name and rhythm, and then your own. We will keep going until the last person tries to say *everybody's* names and rhythms! Are we up for the challenge? Let's play and see!

Keep It Going: Play where one player says his own name and rhythm and then someone else's name and rhythm. That player then says her own name and rhythm and someone else's, passing the turn to different players in the circle.

Leader Tip

Create your own example with your name to show kids as you explain the activity. Suggest "pat" instead of "stomp" to include kids with limited mobility.

Script

Connect It: Clap, snap, and stomp! *(Allow kids to clap, snap, and stomp.)* Those were some great rhythms! Now you know our teammates' names *and* can connect them with fun rhythms. When we learn each other's names and use them while we're talking, it helps our teammates know that they are seen and known by the people on this team. That is such a fun way to help our friends know they are part of the ____ Team!

Large Group

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

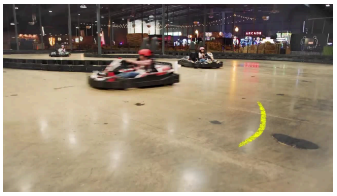
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If you got to go to a place called "Family Fun Center," what activities do you think would be there? *(Allow responses.)* Great suggestions! Now we get to watch a video about a girl named Kenzie and the awesome adventures she had with friends at a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



Presentation

Play Nov2026_S2_MainIdeaVideo_Kids



Script

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.

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

8 minutes

Supplies

☐	“Session 2 Bible Story” printable	1 per group (optional)

Script

(Open the Bible.) 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!



Presentation

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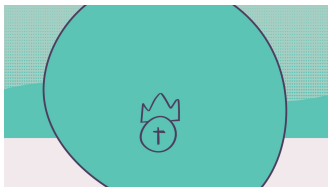




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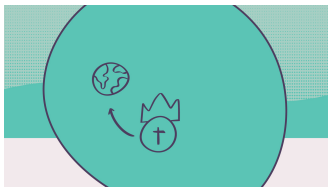
Paul used the example of parts of a body to explain how we are all part of something big. Our body parts have different jobs, and all the jobs are important. Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is part of the body of Jesus. We're not part of His physical body, but we all belong to Him like parts belong 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 are important for our bodies to work, everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is an important part 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!)***



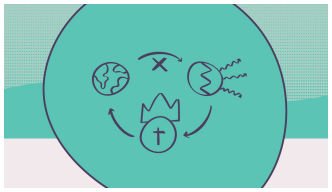
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(Circle 3) Jesus is the One who makes us part of something really big. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross, and rose again so that we can be part of God's family. God makes us part of His family—meaning the community of people who love and follow Him—when we trust in Jesus and repent. To *repent* means to admit our sinful, wrong choices and turn away from disobeying to 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!)*



Script

(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 *e*arth. 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.



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(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 Team 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!)*

Small Group

5. 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 2 Bible Story" printable	1 per group (optional)



Script

What To Do: Let's talk about living side by side as **we are part of something big!**

1. If you were to invent a machine or robot, what would be the different parts you would include? *(Allow kids to answer and share your answer.)*
2. The Bible tells us that **we are part of something big** when we trust and follow Jesus, and God made us for community with each other. 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.)* Every person who turns from sin to trust and follow Jesus is a part of God's family. These people belong to Him and work for the same purpose—to love God, worship Him, help others who are part of His family, and point others to God. How does God work through those who trust in Him in different ways to build up the body of Jesus? *(Allow kids to answer. Point out that God made us all unique and that we can use the unique way God made us and our unique talents and gifts to help and support each other.)*
3. What does it mean that each person who is part of God's family is different, and each person in His family is important? *(Allow kids to answer. Tell kids that God did not make any person better or give any person more important gifts and talents than any other person.)*

4. When you wonder about finding your place, you can know that God made you to be an important part of His family and that you are part of something big. How can you use the gifts and talents God gave you to help and serve others who are part of the God's family? What about ways you can point others to God? *(Allow kids to answer and share your answer.)*
5. The Bible tells us that we are made for community. We become part of one big church that includes everyone who follows God, and we all get to be helpers. We can help, encourage, and support 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 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.