

Day two

We may wonder if we fit in, but all are welcome

Bible reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

International Children's Bible



The Body of Christ

¹² A person's body is one thing, but it has many parts. Yes, there are many parts to a body, but all those parts make only one body. Christ is like that too. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, and some of us are Greeks. Some of us are slaves, and some of us are free. But we were all baptized into one body through one Spirit. And we were all made to share in the one Spirit.

¹⁴ And a person's body has more than one part. It has many parts. ¹⁵ The foot might say, 'I am not a hand. So I am not part of the body.' But saying this would not stop the foot from being a part of the body. ¹⁶ The ear might say, 'I am not an eye. So I am not part of the body.' But saying this would not make the ear stop being a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, the body would not be able to hear. If the whole body were an ear, the body would not be able to smell anything. ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put the parts in the body as he wanted them. He made a place for each one of them. ²⁰ And so there are many parts, but only one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the foot, 'I don't need you!' ²² No! Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are really very important. ²³ And the parts of the body that we think are not worth much are the parts that we

give the most care to. And we give special care to the parts of the body that we want to hide.

²⁴ The more beautiful parts of our body need no special care. But God put the body together and gave more honour to the parts that need it. ²⁵ God did this so that our body would not be divided. God wanted the different parts to care the same for each other. ²⁶ If one part of the body suffers, then all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honoured, then all the other parts share its honour.

²⁷ All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body.

Bible video

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New Vintage Kids (2:35)

Arrival activity

Different Drawing

Try creating a drawing with your non-dominant hand, or with your feet.



Story

Body Parts Poem

Hello, I'm a hand, and I don't like to boast
I'm the most important body part, more vital than the most.
It's handy to have a pair of hands to make and give and do.
To wipe your bum and blow your nose and open biscuits too!

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes, (touch each)
That's the way the old song goes (Makaton 'sing')
But we all play a part in the body of God
(Point to everyone in turn)
And everyone's important. (Double thumbs up)

Hello, I'm a toe, and I don't like to boast
I'm the most important body part, more vital than the most.
You need me when you stand or walk or balance on one leg,
Or kick a football or tin can or dance in a discotheque.

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes, (touch each)
That's the way the old song goes (Makaton 'sing')
But we all play a part in the body of God (Point to everyone in turn)
And everyone's important. (Double thumbs up)

Hello, I'm a nose, and I don't like to boast
I'm the most important body part, more vital than the most.
I sniff out when the dinner's cooked or nasty smelling gases,
I help you breathe and speak and taste and even hold your glasses!

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes, (touch each)
That's the way the old song goes (Makaton 'sing')
But we all play a part in the body of God (Point to everyone in turn)
And everyone's important. (Double thumbs up)

Hello, I'm a kidney, and I don't like to boast
I'm the most important body part, more vital than the most.
I take out all the nasty stuff that's in with your blood cells
And pour it down the toilet so's to keep your body well.

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes, (touch each)
That's the way the old song goes (Makaton 'sing')
But we all play a part in the body of God (Point to everyone in turn)
And everyone's important. (Double thumbs up)

Hello, I'm an elbow, and I don't like to boast
I'm the most important body part, more vital than the most.
I bend and stretch to drink and eat and lift a heavy weight.
You pull the door, you lean on me or high-five with your mate.



Heads and shoulders, knees and toes, (touch each)
That's the way the old song goes (Makaton 'sing')
But we all play a part in the body of God (Point to everyone in turn)
And everyone's important. (Double thumbs up)

Just like we need our body parts to work together well,
And each of them is different, with a different tale to tell,
So God needs everybody to make up God's family
And share their strengths and weaknesses – including you and me.
Including me and YOU!

Wondering questions

- Who was made welcome in this story?
- Who did the welcoming?
- What does this story say to us?
- Where do you see this story today?



Small group prayer



Button Body Prayers

This prayer activity helps to think about how, even though we are all different, everyone is precious to God, and makes up part of the body of Christ.



You will need:

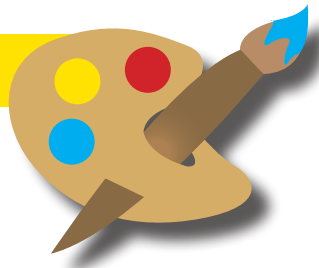
- assorted buttons in different colours and sizes
- a cut-out shape of a person in card.

What you do:

1. Lay the buttons out on the floor or table, and encourage the children to choose a button each. Place the card cut-out person in the centre of your group. Ask everyone to hold their button and say thank you to God for making them unique, just as they are.
2. Encourage everyone to place their buttons onto the body template. Talk about how there is a place for everyone in God's family.
3. Light a candle, and place it on the body cut-out, and get everyone to focus on the candle.
4. Invite one of the children to say a prayer, or say this short prayer to end:

**Dear God, thank you that you made each one of us different.
Please help us to feel welcome and part of your family.
Amen**

Activity/craft



Choose Your Welcome Door Hanger

You will need:

- a piece of card
- some rectangles of coloured paper
- a piece of ribbon.

What you do:

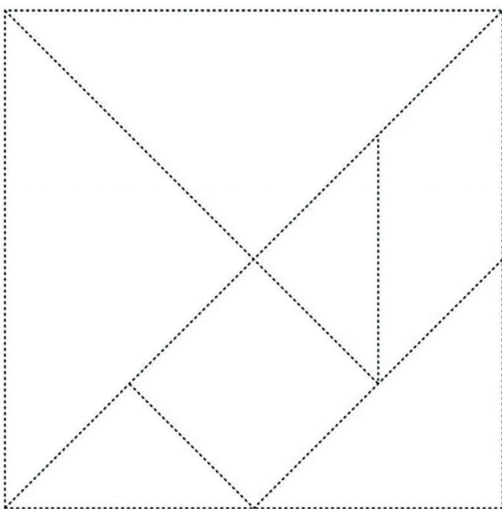
1. Create your choice of greeting on the rectangles of coloured paper.
2. A wave; a high five; say hello; a hug; a handshake; a fist bump.
3. Stick your choices of greeting onto the large piece of card.
4. Attach the card to the ribbon, leaving a loop at the top for it to hang on a door.



What you do:

1. Cut out the tangram shapes as carefully as you can with scissors.
2. Can you arrange the shapes to form the pictures given as examples? Some are harder than others! You need to use all the pieces, they must all touch, and the pieces cannot overlap.
3. When you've had a go at making some of these pictures, see if you can create a picture of your own using all the pieces of your tangram.
4. Stick your finished picture down onto the backing paper (or stick the pieces down to form one of the example ones if you prefer).
5. The shapes are varied (five different sized triangles, a square and a parallelogram) but you can combine them to make one picture that could not be made if any were missing or changed in any way.

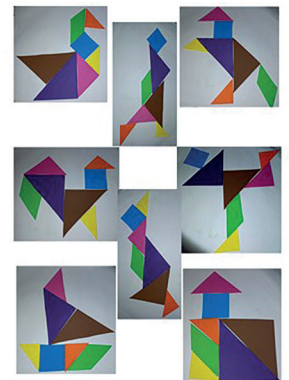
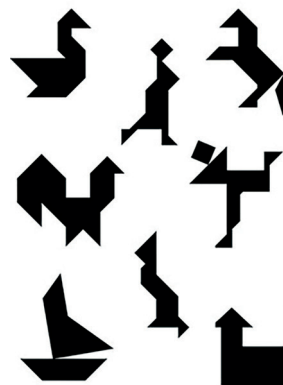
STEM activity



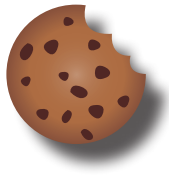
Tangram

You will need:

- a printed tangram template on card
- scissors
- glue
- backing paper
- a copy of the sample pictures to make.



Recipe



Edible Person

You will need:

- tortilla wrap (free from)
- variety of food bits
- something to wrap it up in if not to be eaten straight away.

What you do:

1. You can make this edible person out of whatever you can source that is suitable for your group. The only requirement is for the people to be made up of lots of bits to fit the Bible verse, one body, many parts.
2. You could cut cucumber for arms or legs, use crisps or cereal hoops for a face, and cheese or ham for the body. Providing a range of different foods will open up creativity and exposure to new foods.
3. Use a wrap as a base – you may want to coat this with cream cheese or hummus to help the bits stay in place.



Games



Team Game

We can all work together to ensure everyone has a part to play and is valued, just as they are.

You will need resources for the relay task game.

What you do:

1. Choose an activity for the children to do in small groups as a relay race. For example, take it in turns to go to the other end of the room to collect the bricks and then build the tallest tower you can build. There are rules to follow. Most importantly, everyone needs to be involved, and no one is to be left out.

2. Each child in the group will be told one body part that they will not be allowed to use, for example hands, feet, eyes (blindfolded), voice. The groups see how quickly they can do the task with these restrictions in place.

Parachute Game, Fruit Salad

There are things that we have in common with others and things that make us different.

You will need a parachute.

What you do:

1. All stand in a circle holding the parachute at waist height.
2. The leader shouts out criteria, such as all those who like reading and all those who it relates to run under the lifting parachute and swap places.
3. Leaders keep hold of the parachute so that it remains under control.
4. As the game continues, children might like to shout out the criteria.

Jigsaw Game

Everybody has a part to play in God's family, just as every piece of a jigsaw is vital if the picture is to be complete.

You will need a jigsaw for each team, each having the same number of pieces. Alternatively, you could use old Christmas cards, birthday cards or photographs and cut them into randomly shaped pieces – again, the same number of pieces for each picture.

What you do:

1. Mix the pieces, face down, in the middle of the room. The challenge for the teams is to find the correct pieces for their picture, and be the first to put it together.

2. You could give the team one piece of the

jigsaw as a starter piece, or you could be really mean and just set them to find pieces that fit together.

3. If you only have a small number of children, add some extra pieces into the mix to make the game sufficiently challenging.



Large group prayer

Skeleton Image



For this prayer activity, you will need a large skeleton which is in pieces. Alternatively, you could draw around a person and separate the arms, legs, head, tummy etc.

Allow the children time to locate the body parts or bones and make the skeleton or body complete.

Alternatively, smaller individual jointed bodies or skeletons could be created, allowing the children to think about what their own amazing bodies allow them to do.

Dear God,
We thank you for making us as amazing as we all are,
(Children can build their skeleton or point or move their own bodies)
With arms, hands, legs, feet and heads.
Help us to use all we have to dance, move and work together
as your family here on earth.
Amen.

Individual prayer:

Dear Jesus,
You love me and you know me,
Help me to use my feet
to walk with you,
and follow your example in all I do.
Amen.

