



Kindergarten-2nd

June 25-26, 2016

DATE

Team Unit: The Body of Christ

LESSON TITLE

I Cor. 12:12-31; Romans 12:3-16

WHERE TO FIND IT

We all have a role to play.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

All kids have different gifts and talents. Find ways today to call out their strengths and point out the things they enjoy doing. Kids (like adults) feel valued when you point out their areas of strength!

check-in/out

Ask kids about the self-portrait they made and how other kids contributed to it!

large group heads up

Some of the scripture in today's lesson uses the idea of a body to illustrate the way God's team has many different parts that all work together. Kids may not understand the metaphor at first, so take time to help them grasp the meaning!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

HULA HOOP GAME

- Split kids into **small groups** and have each group stand in a circle and hold hands.
- Have one kid put the **hula hoop** on his/her arm, and then fit his/her whole body through the hula hoop. The trick is that they have to **keep holding hands** with whoever is beside them.
- As soon as the first kid has gotten through the hula hoop, the next kid has to do the same thing.
- The hula hoop has to pass around the whole circle, letting each kid fit through it while still holding hands.
- After each group has done it once, have kids **sit down** on the floor.
- Once everyone is done, start the game over, but this time, turn it into a race between small groups! When you say "Go," each team has to try and pass the hula hoop from kid to kid (with hands held) the fastest. Whichever team finishes first, wins!

TALK ABOUT IT

- Was this game easy or hard? Why?
- Have you ever been part of a team where each person played a different part? What was it like?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will **(1)** understand how the early believers worked together to accomplish a goal, **(2)** recognize how God has given each of us a role to play on his team, and **(3)** identify the different gifts and talents God has given us.

Why? God has given all of us special gifts and talents, but it can be easy to want to be more like someone else. We should remember that our special gifts and talents are what God had in mind for us.

Tip: Not every kid can identify his or her gifts yet. That's ok! Try to encourage kids in areas where you see strength .

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What do you think makes a good team?
2. Is it better for everyone to have the same talents on a team, or different talents? Why?
3. Have you ever wished you had a gift or talent someone else had?
4. How will God's team look if everyone is working together and using their own gifts?
5. What kinds of things can we do together? (Help kids come up with answers like sharing Jesus with others, showing love, helping those in need, spreading joy to people who are sad, making people feel hopeful, etc.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Hand each kid a **self portrait template** and set out **markers**. Tell kids to write their **name** at the top of the page.
- Have kids **draw** their favorite facial feature on the face, but **only one feature** (for example, an eye, the nose, the mouth, etc.)
- After one minute, tell kids to **pass the paper to their right**.
- Now each kid has to **draw** another part of the face that is in front of them (For example, an eye, a nose, a mouth, etc.) Even though it's not their original paper, they can use their own face for inspiration!
- After one minute, have kids **pass the paper again**, and repeat the exercise.
- After kids have passed the paper three times, have kids return their papers to their original owners (but it should represent the group!) Then let kids finish the picture however they like!

- As kids draw, **discuss**: When different people work together, they can do a lot more than they could do on their own. What strengths did God give you? What is something specific that you do really well?

Extra time? Play the Human Knot game!

- *Have all kids stand in a circle, facing inward. Tell everyone to reach their right arm towards the center and grab someone else's hand. Make sure no one grabs the hand of the person right next to them.*
- *Next, have everyone reach their left arm in and grab someone else's hand. Again, make sure it's not the person right next to them.*
- *Now, the fun begins! The kids need to work together to untangle the human knot without letting go of any hands. The goal is to end up in a perfect circle again. They can go over or under each other's arms, or through legs if needed!*
- *Encourage them to do whatever they want, as long as they don't break the chain in the process.*

special notes

How has God gifted you to play a role on his team? Ask Him to reveal how he made you special and unique, and share that example with kids!

presenter tips

Today's script doesn't have a specific Bible video to illustrate the story, but we do have a Monsters University movie clip to help kids understand the concept of teamwork, and how we all have different parts to play on a team!

script

**Click to play intro music.*

WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so glad you're here! I bet you all got a little stretching exercise in that Connect Time game, didn't you? Just for fun, let's all stand up and pretend like we're swinging a hula hoop around our hips! (Respond along with kids.) Okay, good job. Go ahead and sit down.

Did anybody think it was hard to get that hula hoop around your body, even while holding hands? (Let kids respond.) To win the game, could you have just played all by yourself, or did you have to work with other people to get it done? (Let kids respond.) That's right, you had to work together to get the hula hoop all the way around the circle! It would be impossible to do it all by yourself.

We've been talking about teams for the past month. **(Click to show basketball team image.)** What kind of team is this? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it's a basketball team! **(Click to show firefighter team image.)** How about this, what kind of team is it? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's a team of firefighters trying to put out a fire. There are so many kinds of teams that we can be a part of, but there's ONE team that's most important. Do you remember whose team it is? (Let kids respond.) That's right, it's God's team!

We can all be a part of God's team when we choose to follow him. Today we're going to talk about how we have DIFFERENT parts to play on God's team, because God made us all different and unique!

GOD MADE US ALL DIFFERENT

Let's play a little game. I'm going to call out something, and if it applies to you, then raise your hand.



script continued

Does anybody have brown hair? (Let kids respond.) Does anybody have freckles? (Let kids respond.) Does anybody have green eyes? (Let kids respond.) How about brown eyes? (Let kids respond.) Is anybody really good at art? (Let kids respond.) Is anyone really good at playing sports? (Let kids respond.) Does anyone like to talk to new people? (Let kids respond.)

Now, did everybody in this room raise their hand for EVERYTHING I asked? (Let kids respond.) Nope, because God made us all different. He made us different on the inside, and the outside. He made us special. If you're glad he did that, give me a big thumbs up. (Let kids respond.) Me too!

USING OUR DIFFERENCES

The great part about us all being different and unique is that it makes God's team way better than if we were all the same! We're going to watch a movie clip from the movie, "Monster's University." In it, there's a group of monsters who are trying to win a competition. As you watch, try to figure out HOW their team succeeds.

Video: Monster's University Library Clip

There was a big blue monster named Sulley, and he wanted to win the competition in his own way, without working with his teammates. How well did it work when Sulley tried to win on his own? (Let kids respond.) Not very well. Did it work better when each monster helped? How? (Let kids respond.) Yep, they each used their own talents to help win the competition. We can do the same thing on God's team. We each have different gifts that God has given us, and when we put all those gifts together, we make a great team!

Now, when I say "gift," do you think I mean like a birthday present? (Let kids respond.) Nope. it means that God made us all good at different things. He gifted us with special abilities, like singing, or being good at telling others about Jesus. We ALL have things that we're good at. Some of us are good at playing sports, and others of us are good at talking up on stage, like me! We all have different things to offer, just like the monsters in that video.

MANY PARTS, ONE BODY

In the Bible, there was a guy named Paul. Do you all remember Paul? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he loved sharing Jesus with other people, and he loved being a part of God's team. Let's look at a verse where he talks about something that might sound kind of funny at first!

Slide: 1 Corinthians 12:17-20 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

Paul is saying that God's team is just like a body. If our whole body were just eyeballs, would that be a very good body? (Let kids respond.) No way! What if our body was made up of just pinky toes? Would that be a very useful body? (Let kids respond.) Nope. That would be pretty funny to see though, wouldn't it?



script continued

God's team is the same way. If we were ALL exactly the same, would it be a good team? (Let kids respond.) Hmm, it might be okay, but it wouldn't be the BEST team. And do you want God's team to be the best it can be? (Let kids respond.) Yep, I sure do too!

RESPONSE TIME

Why do we want God's team to be the best it can be? (Let a few kids respond.) That's right, because on God's team, we get to share Jesus with others. We get to follow God, and help our friends be a part of his family with us. That's sounds like a pretty important job to me!

Everybody, close your eyes and think of ONE thing that you're good at. **(Let kids close their eyes and click to play music.)** Something that God made special about you. Maybe you really like to sing or dance. Maybe you're good at playing a musical instrument. Maybe you're good at making others feel happy when they have something sad happen. Or maybe you're great at listening! Whatever it is, think about it in your head right now, and thank God for making you that way. **(Let music play for a few more seconds and then click to stop.)**

I am so glad that God decided to make us each unique, so that we can make his team stronger. Are you all glad he did that too? (Let kids respond.) Let's look at one more verse that's all about running the most important race ever. We've been learning this verse the past few weeks, so you may remember it. (Lead kids in repeating the verse out loud.)

Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

Let's pray together right now and thank God for making us the way he did, so that we can run the most important race of all.

PRAY

Dear God. Thank you for creating us each with special strengths and abilities. We are so glad we get to be part of your team. Amen!

WORSHIP

A great way to work as a team is to worship God together! So let's stand up and show him we love him by singing and dancing.

Music Video: Grow Up Like Jesus

Music Video: Come With Me

name



PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per small group: 1 hula hoop

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers

Per kid: Coloring page, 1 self-portrait template

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: Basketball Team
3. Image: Firefighter Team
4. Video: Monsters University Library Clip (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl_QPfcS63c)
5. Slide: 1 Corinthians 12:17-20 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.
6. Song: Reflective Music Loop (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>itunes)
7. Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
8. Music Video: Grow Up Like Jesus (<https://vimeo.com/49923932>)
9. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)

connect questions

Tell me about God's team.
What gifts has God given you?