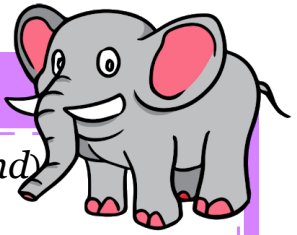


## Study Scripture



What is something you are really good at? *(invite each child to respond)*

### Read Romans 12:3-8

Everyone is good at something. But we are not all good at the same things. That is because God made each of us with different likes, dislikes, talents and abilities. God has placed each person in their place and time for a reason.

Paul reminds us that our life here is not just about us. Each Christian is a part of the body of Christ. The body of Christ is everyone who follows Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are all supposed to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ.

We should also remember that no one's gift or ability is more important than any other member's gift or ability. Each part of the body of Christ is important and needed.

## Discuss the Lesson



What is the body of Christ? *(all the believers who follow Jesus)* Can a person be a church by themselves? *(No, all parts of the body are needed)*

Who is the head of the body? *(Jesus)*

What kind of roles (jobs) are in the church? *(pastor, janitor, teacher, guitar player, grass mower, offering counter, etc.)* Which role is most important? *(none, each member needs the others)*

How should we feel when another member is happy? *(we should be happy for them)* How should we react when someone in the body is suffering? *(pray for them, find a church member who has the skills and abilities to help them with their particular trial, send encouraging notes, etc.)*

How do Philippians 2:3 and 1 Corinthians 12:26 relate to what you have read in Romans 12:3-8?

## Pray

**Let's thank God for letting us become members of His family. Let's ask God to help us use the abilities He has given us to do our part in His family.**



## Reinforce the Lesson



### Use body parts

Have your children engage in certain activities while losing the benefit of a key part of their body. Examples: walk across the room while only using one foot, walk across the room without using their eyes, give them a piece of paper and ask them to draw a picture of a house without using their hands, or tie a shoe or braid hair with only one hand.

**Ask:** If you were missing part of your body like an eye or an ear, how would your life be different? What if your whole body was just an eye or an ear? How would your life be different?

What might happen to the body of Christ if you weren't a part of it or you didn't use your abilities the way God wants you to?

### Smell Spices

Obtain different kinds of cooking spices, such as cinnamon, oregano, cumin, nutmeg, thyme, bay leaves, rosemary, vanilla, etc. Allow your children to smell each one while you tell them the names of the spices. Explain to your children that it is God who has made each of the spices different. Each one has its own special aroma.

**Say:** Isn't God good to give us so many wonderful smelling spices to choose from and to make our food taste so delicious! God has also made each person different. The church family is better because each person has different gifts and abilities.

### Musical Chairs

Play a game of musical chairs, but as you remove a chair at the end of each round nobody will be out. Instead, have each player work together to help each other to be able to sit on the remaining chairs and eventually all sit together on one chair.

**Ask:** How is the church body better when people work together? Name two jobs you have now in the body of Christ.