



WEEK
FIVE
OCTOBER 2021

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let's Work Together
One Body but Many Parts
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**We can use our gifts together
to make a greater difference.**

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**How you made me is amazing and
wonderful. I praise you for that.
What you have done is wonderful.
I know that very well.**
Psalm 139:14, NIV

LARGE GROUP SUPPLIES

- Garbage bags filled with inflated balloons (one bag for each small group)
- Masking or gaffer's tape
- Plastic bins (one for each small group)
- Host's phone

STORY SUPPLIES

- Body outline (see "What You Do")
- "Bible Story Icons" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF and cut out
- Prop box
- VELCRO® dots, tape, or push pins to attach the icons to the body outline
- Grill tongs

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **LOVE WORKS SERVE DAY - November 6th**
 - **VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENT - After Worship**
 - Every month we help support local organizations to serve our community.
 - BUT TWICE A YEAR we have a HUGE SERVE DAY
 - Nov 6th
 - SIGN UP TODAY

MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

- Week 1 – The Best Is Yet To Come & The Blessing
- Week 2 – Might Get Loud & Graves Into Gardens
- Week 3 – There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do & Never Lost
- Week 4 – This Is Living & The Blessing
- **Week 5 – Might Get Loud & Way Maker**

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who
you're meant to be so you
can make a difference

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER: "I'm so excited for this time of worship!"

AUDIO: MIGHT GET LOUD

AUDIO: WAY MAKER

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here today! All month, we've talked about the amazing and wonderful way God made us. He created each and every one of us with our own individuality.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"It's great to find out more and more about the way God made you, because God made you to show His love to the world in a way no one else can. You're a custom creation. You are absolutely one of a kind and special. YOU were created in the image of God!"



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"I know one place you can really show your individuality is in your small group with your friends. Today's game is one that ALL of you can play together with your group. It's a candy relay!"

Hold up one of the balloons.

"I know these might look like balloons, but for our game, let's pretend they're giant pieces of candy! First, everyone line up with your small group, stretching from the back of the room up to the stage. It's okay if there's some space between you and the next person. Oh—and leaders, you should be the last ones in line, up by the stage.

Give the groups some time to line up. If possible, pre-tape a line for each group that goes from the back of the room to the stage, so the kids easily understand where to go.

There should be a bag of balloons at the start of each tape line (in the back of the room). There should also be a plastic bin at the end of the line (at the stage) for each group.

"Okay! I'll give you two minutes. Each small group will pass as many of these (air quotes) 'candies' as you can to the front of the room. Easy, right? Well, actually, each person in your group needs to pass the candy in a very specific way.

SLIDE: CANDY RELAY ACTIONS #1

Demonstrate each action as you say them, mimicking the picture on the screen.

You can toss the candy backwards, over your head, like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Or you'll hike the candy like a football. (*Demonstrate.*) Or you'll bump it like a volleyball. (*Demonstrate.*) Or you'll hit it like a serve. (*Demonstrate.*) It's okay if the balloon hits the ground. The next person in line can pick it up and keep it moving.

"Let's see how many candies you can successfully get into your group's candy jar (*point to a plastic bin on stage*) in two minutes. And listen carefully, because you never know . . . your special move might change! Okay, are you ready, groups? Get set. Go!"

AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Set a timer on your phone for two minutes.

Comment on the action. After about a minute . . .

"Guess what, everyone? You have a NEW motion to do. Check out the screen. Ones, now you're hiking. Twos, now you're bumping. Threes, now you're serving. And fours, now you're backwards-tossing. Ready? Go!"

SLIDE: CANDY RELAY ACTIONS #2



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When time is up, congratulate the groups on how many balloons they got in their plastic bins.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

“That was so fun! Fantastic job of working together! You were like one big candy-passing machine. Quick, let’s get all the balloons put away. Everyone work together and pass them either into the plastic bins up here or the garbage bags in the back.

Give the kids some time to clean up the balloons. Make sure none are loose so that you don’t have any distractions during Worship.

“Great job!



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, friends! We’ve had such a great month talking about individuality and all the incredible ways God made each of us unique and special.

“Today, we get to discover something really important that we can do with our individuality. We’ll look at a letter that the apostle, Paul, wrote to the church in the city of Corinth. (*Hold up Bible.*) In the Bible, we call it 1 Corinthians.

“As you might remember, Paul traveled far and wide, sharing the good news about Jesus with anyone who would listen to him. One of the cities he stopped in was Corinth. Paul told the people there all about Jesus—who Jesus is and what He’s done for us. Paul helped the new believers in Corinth to start a church.

“Unfortunately, several years later, Paul received word that things were not going so well for the Corinthians. So he wrote them a letter to try to help them get back on track.”

ONE BODY

STORYTELLER: “Paul wanted to help the Corinthians understand that God had given each of them different types of gifts—and no one’s gifts were more important than anyone else’s.

“Paul wrote . . .

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIRV) and read.

“There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.

“Paul described different types of gifts that God’s Spirit had given to the people in Corinth—like the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, and healing. He wanted the people to know the REASON why God had given them those gifts: so they could work together! The Corinthians could do greater things together than they could ever do alone.

“Did you know that that same idea is true for us today? God has given each of us different skills and abilities that are part of our individuality. When we use those skills and abilities together with each other, we can make a much greater difference than we could alone.

“God designed us to work together . . . like a body!

Reveal the giant body outline.

“Doesn’t this kind of remind you of the game, Operation®? Raise your hand if you’ve ever played it before. (*Pause for responses.*) In the game, you have to remove different things from a body like you’re doing surgery—but you



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can't touch the sides or you'll get zapped! I thought we could play our own version of Operation® to talk about some of the different skills and abilities God has given us. But instead of taking the pieces away, we'll add them!

"For example, maybe you're really good at a sport, like soccer.

Use the grill tongs to pull the soccer ball icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Maybe God has given you a lot of artistic ability, and you love to craft or draw.

Use the grill tongs to pull the paintbrush icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Maybe you love to read so you can get more and more knowledge and wisdom.

Use the grill tongs to pull the book icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Maybe you're a kind and friendly person who makes other people feel special."

Use the grill tongs to pull the heart icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT

STORYTELLER: "God designed every person with a unique and special purpose. Each of us is good at different things, and our skills are equally important—because they all come from God!

"And here's the really cool part. When you decide to put your faith in Jesus, God's Spirit is at work in you. You can be good at a sport, art, reading, or anything else that makes you, YOU. But you don't have to just use those skills for yourself. You can use whatever skills or abilities God has given you to love and help other people. When all of us put our skills and abilities TOGETHER, that's when we really act like a body. (Reference the body outline.)

"It's like Paul wrote in his letter.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NirV) and read.

"There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. . . So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.

"Think about it. The eye is an important part of the body (point to your eye), and so is the ear (point to your ear). The legs are just as important, too (point to your legs). But each of these parts is very different—just like they're supposed to be.

(Reference the body outline.) "Let's add a few more 'parts' to our body up here, shall we? What other skills could we add to show how we can all work together? Maybe God gave you a special talent for baking.



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Use the grill tongs to pull the chef's hat icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Maybe you love doing science experiments and seeing how things work.

Use the grill tongs to pull the beaker icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Some people are really great at music, like our Worship Leaders here at [your environment's name].

Use the grill tongs to pull the microphone icon out of the prop box. Attach the icon somewhere inside the body outline.

"Wow—look at all these different skills and abilities! And there are so many others, too. God has made each of us totally unique individuals. When we combine our skills and talents together, that's when we act like one body. Together, we can share God's love and show what He's like to the world."

WORKING TOGETHER

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at these different skills and think about how we could use them to show God's love.

Point to the soccer icon.

"If you play sports, you can choose to show respect and good sportsmanship during practices and during games. You can set a great example for others.

Point to the paintbrush icon.

"Artists, you can use your skills to create a drawing or painting for someone and brighten their day.

Point to the book icon.

"Readers, you can use your knowledge to come up with exciting new ideas and help people understand things in a different way.

Point to the heart icon.

"If you have a kind personality, you can help someone feel loved—and you can help them see how much God loves them, too.

Point to the chef's hat icon.

"Bakers, I know exactly how you can show God's love—by making yummy treats that other people can enjoy!

Point to the beaker icon.



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“Scientists, you’re always discovering new things, finding new ways to help people, and helping people see how amazing God’s creation really is.

Point to the microphone icon.

“And then there’s music. There’s just something about music that makes us FEEL things in a powerful way. Think about how our friends here at [your environment’s name] lead us as we sing worship songs to God.

Reference the body outline as a whole.

“You might have some of those skills or completely different ones. It’s not about one skill being better than another. It’s about each of us discovering the unique and special ways God has made us, then deciding to use all of our gifts, talents, skills, and personalities together.

“If we could do THAT well, the whole world would know God’s love in a HUGE way! Remember, God can make an even greater difference through us when we work together.”

Walk to center stage as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “When we work with each other like God designed, it’s like we’re one body. And no one else can play the part God made YOU to play. God can work through the unique and special way He made you, along with the unique and special way He made ALL of us. Together, we can show His love to the world.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for making each of us such unique and special individuals. You made every person in this room with our very own personality, gifts, skills, and abilities. Please show us how we can put those gifts to use as we follow You. We know that You can do amazing things through all of us when we work together—like one body. We are so thankful! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "I'm so thankful for the way God made you and me. He made us all different. He's given each of us different skills and abilities that we can use together."

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference."

"It takes all of us working together, each with our different gifts, to truly point other people to Jesus. We can show others what Jesus is like when we show His love in our own different ways. You're just getting started as you discover who God made you to be. That's SO exciting, isn't it? As you grow up, and even when you're an adult, you'll always learn and find out more about the unique and special way God made you."

"And remember, when you believe that Jesus is who He says He is, then you're a part of something bigger than yourself. You become part of what people call 'the body of Christ.' You can use your individuality together with everyone ELSE'S individuality as we all share the love of Jesus with others. When we use our gifts together, we can make a greater difference than we ever could just with our gifts alone."

"You'll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. I had a blast learning about individuality with you this month. See you next time!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP