

SHORT SHEET FOR:

THE BODY

episode one



OBJECTIVE:

To show children that the other parts of the body (the Church) need them and that God created them for specific use in the Church.

“The Church Needs You!”

KEY VERSE:

**1 Corinthians
12:14-15**

For in fact the body is not one member but many.

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? (NKJV)

MATERIALS:

- watch or clock (intact)
- watch or clock (in pieces)



(Introduction)

(Get an old watch, clock or other item that has several parts that work together to make the unit work as a whole. If you can, get 2 so you can have one in pieces and one intact.)

(Pass parts around.) Look at each of these parts as you hold them. Do they do anything exciting by themselves? What do you think each piece is for? (allow for answers) Do the pieces work by themselves or do they need to fit with other pieces to make the watch (or other item) work? (allow for answers) What do you think is the most important piece? (If you use a watch they may say, the hands or the face) Why do you think that is the most important? (allow for answers)

*Optional video clip (not supplied): scene from “The Incredibles” where Bob Parr’s boss is talking about how a clock is made up of many parts that work together.



(Explanation)

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV), says: “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. “ So, just like a watch or clock has several pieces that need to work together, so does the Church, which is “the body of Christ”.

Paul was an apostle who wrote most of the letters, called Epistles, in the New Testament. Most of the time he wrote an open letter to a specific church to help them understand certain truths or to address problems. This letter was to the church in a place called Corinth and it’s called 1st Corinthians.

Paul starts off this chapter (12) addressing the topic of spiritual gifts (abilities God gives Christians for the purpose of building up the church). In his discussion about gifts he points out a very important fact and that is we are part of a bigger family and a bigger purpose and we all have an important part.

The family is made up of all of the Christians and Paul refers to this family as ‘The Body’. He uses this word picture to show us in a simple way how God’s family (the Church) works. Christ is the head and we are all part of the body.

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In verses 14 and 15 he says, “Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.”



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In the cartoon we watched, the foot didn’t really think he was that important. The point of the cartoon and of Paul’s message here is that EVERY part of the body is important.

To make it plainly clear, Paul adds in verse 27- “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”



(Application)

So, what does this mean for us? How does this effect us right now?

Although you are children, you are very important to God. God had plans for you before you were born and God created you just as you are because He has a specific use for you in the Church! Isn’t that exciting!

Part of the exciting adventure you will have is learning about how God has made you and what gifts you have.

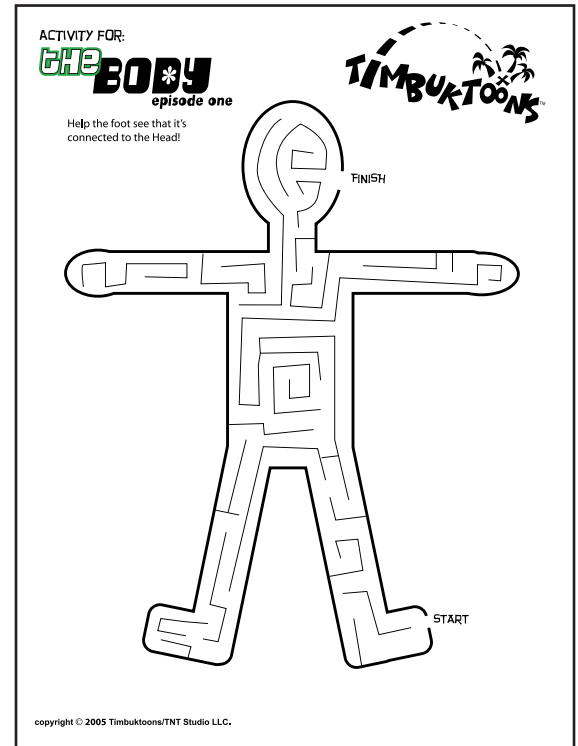
Think of some things you love to do and try doing them for someone in the church this week.

Rember, the Church needs you!

Let’s Pray.

Supplemental Activity

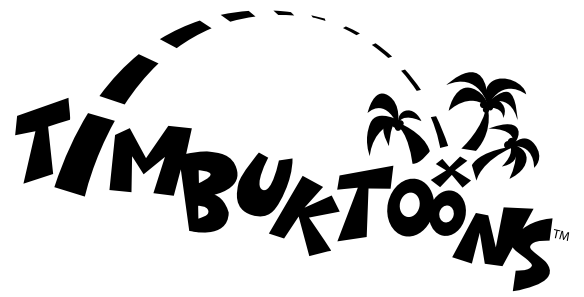
See “Body” maze attached.



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Help the foot see that it's connected to the Head!

