

SHORT SHEET FOR:

THE BODY

episode two



OBJECTIVE:

To show children they need the other parts of the body to survive and thrive.

“You Need The Church!”

KEY VERSE:

**1 Corinthians
12:17-18**

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(Introduction)

Have you ever gone camping or been around a camp fire? If you wake up in the morning and go check the coals where the fire was burning sometimes they are still hot even though the fire has been out for hours.

What happens if you take a piece of coal away from the pile? It will cool. But when the coals stay together, they stay warm.



(Explanation)

We Christians are a lot like those pieces of coal. We need other coal to stay hot!

Last time we talked about how Christ is the head and we are all part of the body and that He created us for building up other believers in the Church.

Well guess what? Other believers are supposed to build us up too! Infact we need other believers to grow in our relationship with God.

1 Corinthians 12:17-18 (NKJV) says “If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.”

In the cartoon we watched, the eye couldn't hear because he was 'all eye', and the ear couldn't see because he was 'all ear'. They didn't realize that they were both part of "the body" put there to help each other. If we're not involved with the rest of "the body", we are being like an eye that thinks it doesn't need the ear, or like an ear that thinks it doesn't need the nose.

The fact is, we need each other in the body of Christ and we were designed to be a part of a community.

Just like those coals we talked about, in order to keep your relationship with God warm, you need other believers and the teaching and experience from being involved in a healthy church.

Last time we focused on how the Church needs you. This week we're focusing on the fact that you need the Church!

As you get older, don't let things pull you away from attending church and being involved in church. You will only stay on track in your relationship with the Lord of you are involved in the life of a healthy church that challenges you to serve God and deepen your relationship with Jesus!



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(Application)

You can't do what God calls you to do alone! You need Him and you need the Body. You were not designed to function apart from the body. God doesn't want you just to survive. He wants you to survive and thrive! He wants to keep your coals hot!

Here are two practical things you can do this week to help you remember that you need the body to support you.

1. Ask someone to pray for you. We seem to think that we need to wear a mask and act like we don't have struggles. Take off that mask and ask for prayer. You just might get an answer!
2. Ask a parent or teacher (or someone you respect or admire) how they would most like to see you grow this year (spiritually). God provides mentors and teachers to help us see our strengths and weaknesses and they can help you grow in your walk with the lord.

God does not want us to be self centered or self focused, but we need to remember that not only does the Church need us, but we need the Church!

Let's Pray!

Supplemental Activity

Use the activity sheet (provided) to have the children write down a prayer request that they can give to someone they trust or if time allows, have them pick a prayer partner and trade sheets to pray for one another.



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