

City LG - November 24-25, 2018

Bible Story: All Together Now (One Body but Many Parts) • *1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

Bottom Line: Work together to point others to Jesus.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” *Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)*

CG: 2-minute Countdown Video

CG: Welcome Video

While Welcome Video is playing, Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.

WORSHIP: “Hands Toward Heaven” and “We Are Royals”

(Worship Leader Prays)

“Hello City! How was everyone’s Thanksgiving? *(allow response)* That’s great! Today in the City, we are going to start off our time together by playing a game. Here’s how to play!”

LARGE GROUP GAME: It Takes Two

What You Need: Two playground balls (plus extra for larger groups)

What You Do:

- Split your group into two teams.
- Give each team a playground ball.
- Have the kids pair off within their teams and line up in those pairs.
- Make sure the teams are even and if not, assign one pair on the smaller team to go twice.
- Stand about ten feet from the two teams.
- Hand a ball to the first pair in each team.
- You will call out a body part, such as elbows.
- Each person in the pair must use one of their elbows to hold the ball and carry it down to you and back.
- If they drop the ball, they must start over holding the ball only with the body part you have named.
- Call out a new body part for each pair, such as: shoulders, backs, foreheads, insole of your foot, knees, forearms, pointer fingers, palms, ears, etc.
- The first team to finish wins!

What You Say:

“That was super fun! Was it harder or easier to run this game with a partner? Sometimes it might seem like cooperation makes things harder. But the truth is, we can do way more when we work together than we could ever do alone. **[Transition] Today we’ll find out about the mission God has given us that requires a LOT of cooperation.**”

“Okay, friends! I’ve got a question for you. Raise your hand if you’ve ever had a Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head. Maybe you have one now? Raise your hand if you’ve ever SEEN one. If so, you will love our story today!

“There was this guy named Paul who lived a long time ago. Paul was really important because he was one of the first Jesus followers to start churches and help them grow. Paul spent a lot of time writing letters with all sorts of advice for these churches. Today we’ll look at one of Paul’s letters that he wrote to a church in the city of Corinth. In your Bible, this letter is called First Corinthians. (*Hold up Bible.*) Paul was trying to teach the people of Corinth about cooperation.

“Here’s what Paul said to them...

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:12, 18, 27 (NirV) and read.

“There is one body, but it has many parts. . . . It is the same with Christ. . . . God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. . . . You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of it.

“Now, Paul wasn’t talking about the human body. He was talking about US—about everyone who follows Jesus. He’s saying we’re all different with different strengths and talents and spiritual gifts, but we all make up one group of people who should work together. When we cooperate, it’s like we’re one body.

“Let me show you what I mean with our own potato head right here. There’s not much to him yet. But just wait. We’re about to make things more interesting.”

CG: Blank Potato Head JPEG

“I want to ask you a question. You don’t have to answer out loud, but just think about it. What are you good at? What are you good at that maybe other people aren’t as good at? Maybe it’s cooking. Maybe it’s math. Maybe it’s piano.

“Maybe you’re good at seeing things other people don’t see. Like when a friend is sad or angry.

CG: Eyes JPEG

“Maybe you’re a good listener.

CG: Ears JPEG

“Maybe you’re a good talker.

CG: Mouth JPEG

“Would any of you like to share what you’re good at? Raise your hand. (*Allow response*)

“That’s awesome! The truth is, we are ALL good at something. God made us that way.”

“What about the people around you? What are THEY good at?”

CG: Arms JPEG

“Do you have a friend who is incredible at drawing? Does your mom give the best hugs? Do you know someone who’s super generous—someone who would give away ANYTHING to anyone who needed it?”

CG: Legs JPEG

“Do you have a friend who is always there when you need them? Is there someone in your family who would travel any number of miles to help a person in need? Have you ever met someone who loved to serve—to volunteer at church or at a shelter where people can get food or a place to stay?”

CG: Nose JPEG

CG: Completed Mr. Potato Head JPEG

“Remember, Paul was writing to the Corinthians to encourage them to work together as one body. *(Point to the completed Mr. Potato Head)* When you believe in Jesus, God gives you the ability to put the things YOU'RE good at together with the things OTHERS are good at in order to make a big difference in people's lives. When we do that, we can show Jesus' love to others. We can cooperate to point others to Jesus. That's what our Bible Story is all about today. Let's take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:38)

“You might be asking yourself an important question: Am I part of this BODY thing Paul was talking about? The answer is this: Everyone who believes in Jesus is part of the body of Christ. If you are part of the body, you have a role to play. That's what Paul was saying in his letter. You have a responsibility to use what you're good at *(point to a leg on the potato body)*, combine that with what your family is good at *(point to an arm)*, and combine that with what your friends are good at *(point to the eyes and ears and mouth)* to point others to Jesus.

“Every part is needed for the entire body to work like it should. YOU are needed. YOUR gifts are needed. When we come together like we're supposed to, we can show love and point others to Jesus. That's our challenge. That's what we get to do together. Here's our Bottom Line for this week...”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Work together to point others to Jesus.”

“This reminds me of a video I'd like to show you. How many of you have ever seen a Boomerang? Yea! When you throw it, it's supposed to come back to you right? I think that's how Jesus wants us to be. When He shows us His kindness, we should be like a boomerang that brings people back to Him! In this video, you'll see how one act of kindness comes all the way back to the first person who started it. Take a look!”

CG: Kindness Boomerang Video (Runtime: 3:45)

“When we work together, people notice. It makes them wonder who we’re working for. And that’s Jesus! Our cooperation could be what makes someone want to know Jesus better. And there’s nothing better than that! Now, it’s time to head to Small Group, where you’ll get to talk about this some more with your friends. Before we head there, let’s close our lesson today in prayer, and worship God with our offering!”

Pray: “God, thank You for giving each of us different talents and gifts. Thank You for making each of so special with so many different ways we can show Your love to other people. We know we can do that so much better when we do it together. Please help us to look for ways to cooperate so we can point others to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: [Picture of Child](#)

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s some fun facts about Nairobi!”

CG: [Nairobi Facts JPEG](#)

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: [Offering Video \(Runtime: 2:15\)](#)

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Have fun in Small Groups!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.