

# City LG—October 31st–November 1st, 2021

**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 (NIRV)

**NOTE: Groups kids together in their Small Groups to start your Service**

**ICE-BREAKER GAME: Know the Number**

**CG: Know the Number VIDEO**

**How to Play:** Lead the Kids in holding up a number of fingers 1-5 to start the game. Video will play. Whatever number of fingers it lands on, the kids that held up that number of fingers are "out". Don't worry about eliminating kids each round. The video will continue playing. Just have FUN with it, and keep the energy high!

**WORSHIP: Undeclared and Give My All**

**Supplies Needed:** Body Outline Poster (1 per Campus), Grill Tongs (1 per Campus), Prop Box (1 per Campus), and the following icons: Soccer Ball, Paintbrush, Book, Heart, Chef's Hat, Beaker, and Microphone (1 set of all icons per Campus)

"Hi, everyone! So glad to see you all here today. I love to see you all gathered together in your Small Groups. Today we are going to start with a question, and you will have 3 minutes to answer it together as a group. Here's the question..."

**SLIDE: Group Question Week 5**

3 minutes on the clock! Here we go!

**CG: Group Question Week 5 VIDEO (Runtime: 3:00)**

"Great job, 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. 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 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.*

“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.

*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 in The City.

*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. That’s what our video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)**

“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.*

“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 in The City 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. 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.

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 2:00)**

**[Bottom Line] “We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.**

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

**PRAY:** “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.”

“You’ll get to talk about working together some more in Small Group. I had a blast learning about individuality with you this month. Let’s take our offering before we head to Small Group!”

**OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*