

City SG—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)

1. Opening Activity

What You Need: Blank DIY puzzle (1 per group, per service), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece (or pieces) of the puzzle until all of the pieces are taken.
- Encourage kids to decorate their puzzle piece by drawing themselves, something they think represents who they are, or a gift or ability they have.
- Once the pieces are decorated, instruct the group to put the puzzle together.
- Put the assembled puzzle aside to use in the "Prayer and Dismiss."

What You Say:

"Great job of decorating your puzzle pieces! It was cool to see them all together."

2. Connected and Cards

What You Need: Ball of yarn (1 per group), cardstock paper (1/2 sheet per kid), markers, stickers

What You Do:

- Direct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Show the kids the ball of yarn.
- Explain that you will share one thing you're good at—a gift you have—that can make a difference.
- After you share your gift, hold onto the end of the yarn while throwing the ball to a kid in the circle.
- Direct the kid to hold onto the ball of yarn and name a gift they have that can make a difference.
- Instruct them to hold on to a piece of the yarn, and throw the ball of yarn to another kid in the circle.
- Continue until every kid has gone and there is a web of yarn in the middle of the circle.
- For kids who struggle to think of a gift they have, share a gift you see in them. (If you don't know the kid well, ask prompting questions about what they like to do and things they are good at to help them think of something.)
- Say, "This web of yarn is stronger than just a single piece of yarn! In the same way, if you all use your gifts together, you can make a bigger difference!"
- Collect the yarn.
- Explain that you will do something together to make a greater difference.
- Give each kid a piece of cardstock and some decorating supplies.
- Direct the kids to make a card for someone who could use some encouragement.
- Say, "These cards will help people know they are loved and bring a smile to their face."
- Allow the kids time to decorate their cards.
- Continue the conversation while they decorate.

What You Say:

"Some of you have an artistic gift, and some of you don't. That's okay! Maybe you are more gifted with the words you say in your card than what it looks like. No matter what your gift is, you can still make a difference in someone's life by making a card. And all of us together can make so many beautiful cards to bring happiness

to someone who is going through something hard. I know when I don't feel well, knowing that people are praying for me and thinking of me helps me feel so much better. Remember, **[Bottom Line] we can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.**"

[Make it Personal] (Share a time when you worked with a group of people to make a bigger difference than you could have by yourself.)

3. Closing Connect Time

What You Need: Foam Dice (2 per Group)

What You Do:

- Direct the kids to roll the die and answer the question that coordinates with the number they rolled.
- If you have a lot of kids, separate them into groups with their own die but mix it up every few rounds so they play with new kids.
- Be sure to play as well so the kids can get to know you.
- Questions:
 1. If you could be any animal in the world, what would it be and why?
 2. If you had to choose a job today to do the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
 3. What is your favorite book to read or television show to watch?
 4. If you had to choose to receive one dollar every day for the rest of your life or get to eat your favorite food every day, which would you choose?
 5. What is one thing you wish you could do right now?
 6. What was something fun you did last week?

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Puzzle from "Opening Activity"

What You Do:

- Give kids the puzzle piece(s) they decorated.

What You Say:

"By yourself, you are just a solitary puzzle piece. But when you are put together with other people who have different gifts than you have, you can make a much greater difference and complete the puzzle together! You need all of the pieces to make a puzzle!

"These puzzle pieces are so important. They create a much bigger, beautiful picture when they are together—just like your gifts! You can do a lot of good with the gifts God gave you, but **[Bottom Line] we can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.**

(Close your group time in prayer.)

"God, we thank You that You made us amazing and wonderful. Thank You for giving each of us individual gifts and talents. Please continue to show us the gifts we have! And please continue to show us ways we can use them to work together so we can make a greater difference. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."