



## THE BIG IDEA | God uses my gifts to help others

Preschool

### SCRIPTURE | The Body of Christ: I Corinthians 12:12-31

- God gave everyone different gifts. But that doesn't mean that my gift is better than yours. Your gift is not better than your friends. Every gift is good and important!
- To help us understand this idea, the Bible tells us to look at our own body. Our bodies are made up of many different parts!
- **Let's stand up and try this together!** We have: Eyes to see [Point to eyes.]
- Ears to hear [Point to ears.]
- Noses to smell [Sniff as if smelling.]
- Arms that can stretch up high [Stretch both arms to the ceiling.] Legs that can dance [Dance in place.]
- All of these parts make up one body [Hold up one finger.]
- Just like that, we are all different people, but we are one church. We all belong to Jesus.
- What if one day your nose said, "I want to be an eye. That seems like a more important job." Eyes are important, but without a nose. . . how would you smell? Each of your body parts are very important. And everyone in the church is very important!
- We all need one another because we are one body. The Bible calls the church the "body of Jesus." And all those special gifts God gave to each of us – what are they for? They're for helping other people!

## ACTIVITY | Body Art

- INSTRUCTIONS: *Using a toaster waffle (or pancake, pop-tart, piece of toast, etc) on a large plate along with some banana slices, chocolate chips or blueberries - or anything you have on hand that makes sense. Have them make eyes, nose, ears, and a mouth on their waffles.*
- What do eyes do?
- What do ears do?
- What do noses do?
- What do mouths do?
- God gave us so many body parts, and they are all very important to us!

## DISCUSSION

- Can any part of the body work by itself without being connected to the rest of the body?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:25-26. In your own words, what does this Bible verse mean? What is the most important part of the body of Jesus? (Trick question!)

## PRAYER

- Dear God, You have given us amazing gifts. Thank You for all the people who have helped me with their gifts. I want to help others with my gifts, too!

## MEMORY VERSE

