

# The Body of Christ

Look at the verse on this page, circle the bits that you think are the most important. See if you can cover it up and still remember this important bit!

**“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”**

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NIV

This passage tells us that God thinks that EVERYONE is amazing, no matter what.

How does it feel to know this?

Go and ask someone else in your house this question and see what they think.

This bit of the Bible is talking about the church. Grab a sheet of paper and draw a picture of what your church looks like.

**DO IT!**

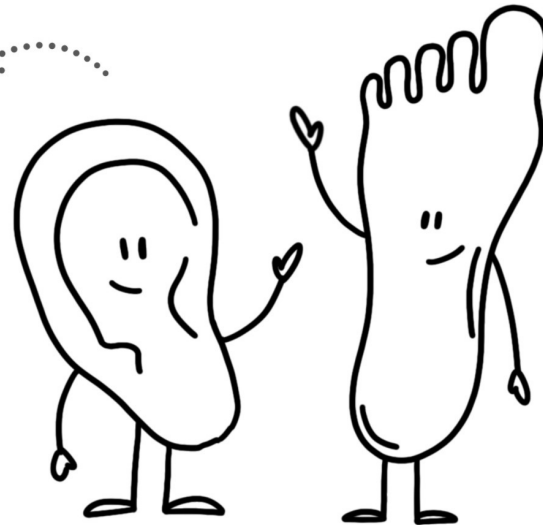
What different parts of a church can you think of, and what are some of the different jobs that people do in churches?

Are there any parts of this passage that you don't understand? Why don't you underline them and write them here, then ask someone else in your house if they can help explain what they mean!

Find something that you can keep time with and give yourself two minutes. On the back of this piece of paper, try to write down as many body parts as you can think of.

# There are many parts

It's not good to compare yourself to other people. That's like comparing a foot and an ear on how good they are at hearing. It's just silly. We need to celebrate ourselves and each other for the different things. If this is something you find hard, then maybe talk to someone you trust about it.



**“Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”**

1 Corinthians 12:15-18, 20 NIV

**Verse 18 of the passage says that God has placed all of the parts of the body just as he wanted them to be.**

**He's talking about you!**

**You are made just as God wanted you to be and the part that you play is super important.**

**Use the 'person template' that's in your pack and turn it into yourself. Then write on the back "just as God wanted"**

**DO IT!**

What does the word 'value' mean?

Can you think of some things in your life that are valuable?

What does it mean that God says that YOU are valuable?

God thinks that you are so great that he wants to have a relationship with you. In a world of billions of people, God thinks you are so full of worth and so important that he wants to spend time with you!

**Value**

# You are part of something

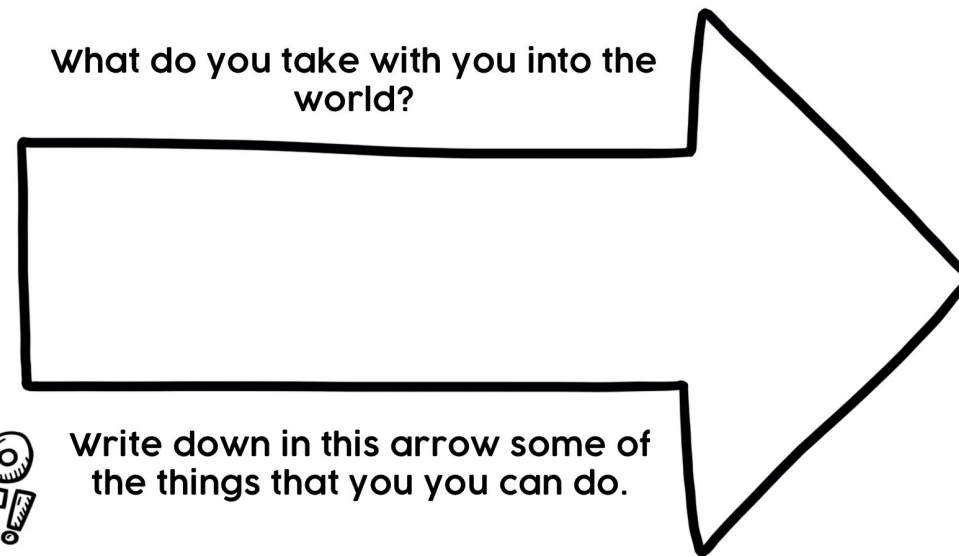
This verse tells us that we are part of the body of Christ along with everyone else!

List some people here who are close to you and write down what they bring to the world and what you like about them.

**But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."**

1 Corinthians 12:24-27 NIV

What do you take with you into the world?



Get a sheet of paper then carefully with some scissors (and asking a grown up for help if you need to) cut the piece of paper up into ten random pieces.

**DO IT!**

Mix them all up and then try to put the pieces back together again.

**All of the cut up pieces are totally different and amazing on their own, but when you bring them together, they make something great!**

Write down in this arrow some of the things that you you can do.

Have you got any teams or groups that you are part of? How does it feel to be part of this group? Chat to someone about what it means to be part of something.

# God gives us gifts

“And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.”

1 Corinthians 12:28-31 NIV

This verse talks about 8 different gifts that people can have. Can you find them and write them down here?

**Pssst!** If you're finding it hard to find them all, why not ask a grown-up or someone else in your house to help!

God gives you all kinds of gifts. You'll already know about some of these, because they are things that you love or are really good at.

On a piece of paper write down five things that you love to do.

God made you and so gave you these gifts. Think about these things that you've written down then write down or chat to someone about how you could maybe use these things to help others and serve God.

**DO IT!**

Using the materials in your pack and the instructions, make a pipe cleaner person. As you look at it, remember that God made you, created you just as you are, says that you're part of something and has given you amazing gifts that you can use to change the world!

Why not make some extra people to be the rest of your family too!

The verse tells us that we should

**EAGERLY DESIRE  
GREAT GIFTS.**

As you colour in these words above, think about what these words mean. If you're not sure, ask a grown up to explain them to you.