

RESPOND//15 minutes



Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.

Reflect: God Is Love

Encourage the kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS

- **What were some reasons Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthian church?** 1 Corinthians 1:10–12
- **How can you become a part of the body of Christ?** Romans 10:9
- **How do you know we're all a part of the body of Christ?** 1 Corinthians 12:12–14
- **Have you ever hurt your hand? How did your arm feel? How does being connected to each other work?**
- **What do you think the most loving church ever would look like?** 1 Corinthians 13:1–7

QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS

- **What were some reasons Paul wrote the letter to the Corinthian church?** 1 Corinthians 1:10–17, 5:1–13; 6:1–20
- **In what ways did Paul compare the church to a human body?** 1 Corinthians 12:12–13
- **How can you become a part of the body of Christ?** Romans 10:9
- **How do you know we're all a part of the body of Christ?** 1 Corinthians 12:12–14
- **Have you ever hurt your hand? How did your arm feel? How does being connected to each other work?**
- **What do you think the church would be like if every member modeled love for everyone else?**
- **What do you think the most loving church ever would look like?** 1 Corinthians 13:1–7

Love the Body of Christ

Children will receive prompts to help them consider how they can love others this week.

SUPPLIES

- Body Parts template (see Below)
- Pencils, pens, colored pencils, or markers

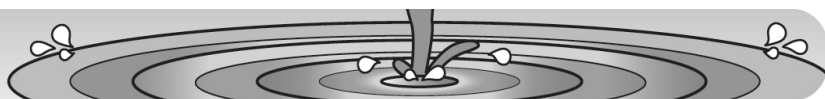
PREPARE AHEAD

Print one Body Parts template for every two or three children.

RELATE

Pass out Body Parts template per group. If possible, mix older and younger kids in groups together. Encourage kids to think about how they can use the parts of the body labeled on the sheet to love others this week. How can they use their feet? Their hands? Their eyes? What about their stomachs or their ears? They can write or draw their thoughts. After the groups have some time to discuss their thoughts, invite them to share their ideas with everyone.

BLESS//5 minutes



Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse cards (see Resources)
- At Home Weekly: Lesson 11 (see Resources)
- Bible

RELATE

Open a Bible and read 1 John 4:7–8:

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Demonstrate how to make the letters “L-O-V-E” by using your fingers on one hand to form each letter shape (thumb and index finger form an “L,” all fingers curve in a circle to form an “O,” index and middle finger make a “V,” and ring, middle, and index finger turned sideways make an “E”). Lead the kids to practice spelling “love” with their fingers. Then, as you read the verse a second time, point to a new child each time you say, “Love.” That child will spell the word with his fingers. For the final “love,” direct the whole group to spell the word together.

End by speaking this blessing over the children:

May you know the amazing, huge, wonderful love of God. May His love lead you to love and care for others.

Send home Remember Verse cards and the At Home Weekly with your kids.

How Can I Love the Body of Christ?

