



**BIG IDEA (KNOW THIS)**

Jesus gives his grace, his spirit and people, to help his people serve one another and grow to know and love Him more.

**APPLICATION (LIVE LIKE THIS)**

Speak God's truth in love so that we can grow and build one another up in love like Jesus.

**W9. GROWING TO MATURITY**

**MIDDLE**

**MEMORY VERSE**

God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Give him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen.

- Ephesians 3:20-21

**BIBLE BITS**

Ephesians 4:7-16

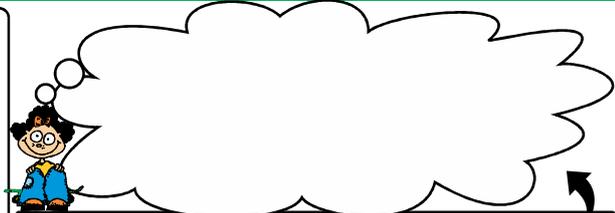
**QUESTIONS**

1. Why do you think Paul says the God's family, the church is like a body?

2. How have you been helped by other people in the church?

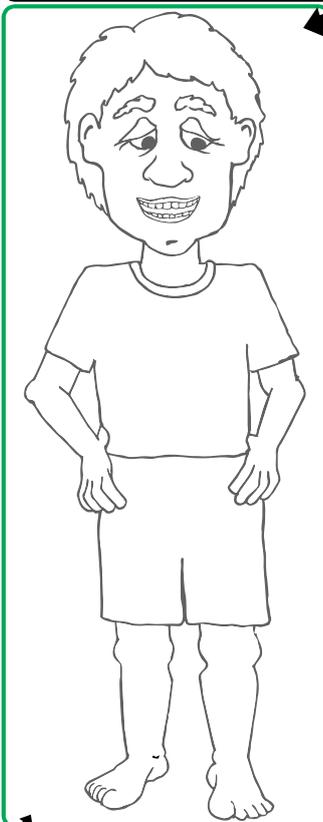
3. How can you use your gifts (skills and abilities) to help others?

**GAME: Body Parts- Name then Tell how each Body Part helps the body.** Each player should have his/her own colour to use in the game. Players take turns naming body parts seen in the picture and tell how the part named helps the body. E.g. "The eyelid protects the eye." The person who names the body part colours it with his/her colour. Game continues until players can't think of any other body part to name. The player who names the most body parts wins.



**Think:** How do you use your skills and abilities to help and encourage other people? Write or draw your answer in the thought bubble.

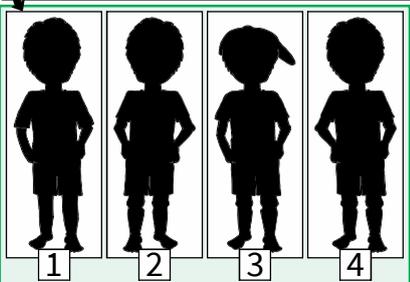
Fill in the missing letters, then read the message in the box.



Word search puzzle with a trail of arrows starting at 'G' and ending at 'n'. The trail spells out: God's family like a body with many important parts. A very important message.

*We help and serve each other.*

Which shadow matches the boy?



Colour the words. Read the message. Find a trail through the letters on the right that spell out the last two lines of the above message. Start at 'W'.

Work out the last part of the memory verse by writing the words on the correct puzzle piece.

Word search grid with a trail starting at 'W' and ending at 'C'. The trail spells out: We help and serve each other.

W	E	D	S	E
E	H	N	V	R
L	P	A	E	E
E	H	T	O	A
R			H	C

Give glory him all through and for time and ever ever.

Word puzzle pieces: Give, ever



## Ephesians 4:7-16 NIRV

<sup>7</sup> But each one of us has received a gift of grace. These gifts are given to us by Christ. <sup>8</sup> That is why Scripture says,

“When he went up to his place on high,

he took many prisoners.

He gave gifts to his people.” ([Psalm 68:18](#))

<sup>9</sup> What does “he went up” mean? It can only mean that he also came down to the lower, earthly places. <sup>10</sup> The one who came down is the same one who went up. He went up higher than all the heavens. He did it in order to fill all creation. <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the gift of the apostles to the church. He gave the prophets and those who preach the good news. And he also gave the pastors and teachers as a gift to the church. <sup>12</sup> He gave all these people so that they might prepare God’s people to serve. Then the body of Christ will be built up. <sup>13</sup> That will continue until we all become one in the faith. We will also become one in the knowledge of God’s Son. Then we will be grown up in the faith. We will receive everything that Christ has for us.

<sup>14</sup> We will no longer be babies in the faith. We won’t be like ships tossed around by the waves. We won’t be blown here and there by every new teaching. We won’t be blown around by cleverness and tricks. Certain people use them to hide their evil plans.

<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love. So we will grow up in every way to become the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the body. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body grow and build itself up in love. Under the control of Christ, each part of the body does its work. It supports the other parts. In that way, the body is joined and held together.