

## “For the body is not one member, but many”

1 Corinthians 12:14

### Scriptural Objectives For The Unit:

- To understand that God gives people special gifts to use in the body of Christ.
- To recognize that we all have a part to play in the body of Christ.
- To practice working together on a project the way people in a church might work together.
- To identify examples of people we know who contribute by using their gifts in the local body.
- To recognize the importance of everyone doing his or her part to help the church to function properly.

### Suggestions For Introducing The Scriptural Theme:

Identify the value of individual parts of the physical body like the eyes, nose, ears, hands, etc. Discuss the handicap that would result from the loss of the eyes, ears, or hands.

Compare the physical body to the body of Christ. Just as the eyes and ears have special jobs to do, so also do we as the members of the body of Christ.

Ask the children to share with the class special duties that a parent or someone they know performs in the church. Someone might work in the nursery or help in the kitchen at special events. Someone else might do carpentry work or electrical work. Help the children to see that each contribution is important. Discuss the effect on the body of Christ if someone did not do their part. For example: What would happen if no one looked after the heat and lights? (*If would be cold and dark.*) What if no one worked in the kitchen at special events? (*There would be not food to eat.*)