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- A human silhouette outline
- Shapes of body parts (head, shoulder, hand, tummy etc) to add to silhouette

The story

This term in our children's slots we are answering the question "What is church?" Today we are finding out that church is a body. In the Bible, in 1 Corinthians 12, it says this: "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is part of it."

Here is a body [\[show silhouette\]](#). This verse is saying that our church is like a body. The first thing to understand is that Jesus Christ is the head. You can't do it without him, he is the boss, and he gives the instructions. What he says happens. The church is like a body and Jesus Christ is the head.

It also means that we are all different parts but we are the same body. So although we can all invite our friends to church, some of us are particularly good at it. [\[Add a part to the silhouette\]](#) So that is one part the body needs, people who are great at bringing lots of friends to church. Although we can all give money, there are some of us who can particularly give a lot of money. [\[Add a part to the silhouette\]](#) We can all sing, but there are some of us who are particularly good at it and they get to do it on stage so we know when to join in. [\[Add a part to the silhouette\]](#) We can all read the Bible, but there are some of us who are particularly good at understanding it and teaching it to others. [\[Add a part to the silhouette\]](#) We are one body; we are all different parts. If we were all Bible teachers it would be like a body that has only a shoulder. It would be really impossible. We need all the different parts. If one part is missing the body won't work well. If you don't have a foot you'd fall over! So if you are a person who is giving more money you can't say to the other parts "we don't need you!" We all have a part to play but we are one body and Jesus Christ is the head.

If you are here today, no matter how old you are, God has put you here with us to be a part of the body. If you haven't yet worked out what part you are, how you can serve the body under Christ then ask some friends or your parents this week "what am I good at?", "what can I do more off?" You can also ask "what should I do less of?" because if there are other people who do that thing well, you can stop doing it and do the thing that you are really good at, which no-one else is doing.



I am going to pray that we would learn now to serve Jesus Christ and the rest of the body together.

Let's pray.

Dear Father, we thank you that each one of us has a part to play in the body. Thank you that we are all valuable and we are all needed, there is no waste in your body. We pray, Father, that we would help each other to see how we can serve your body, the church, and Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen