

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

DAY CAMP AT HOME • WE ARE THE CHURCH



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. • Matthew 18:20

DAY ONE • “CALLED INTO COMMUNITY”

READ!

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

SHARE!

1. How many different body parts can you name?
2. Can any of these body parts function alone? (*No! All of our body parts often work together in order to accomplish a task.*) For example, try tying your shoes without your thumbs. Or trying getting from one place to another without using your feet. It is a lot harder when you take one body part away!
3. What are some of the gifts you bring to your church family? Are you creative? Good at talking to new people? How can you use these gifts to share God’s love with others? Make sure to find a gift for everyone in your family -- every one has something that is wonderful!
4. How have you seen your gifts and the gifts of other people in your family or at church working together to do some thing that shows God’s love? Would that thing have been the same without you? Or without someone else? Just like we need all parts of our body, the church needs all of us to work together!

CREATE!

Materials: markers, scissors and paper

Let’s see what some of the amazing and unique gifts are that you bring to your family, your friends, your church, and all the communities you are a part of! Trace your hand onto construction paper. On each of your 5 fingers, write something that you bring to your many communities. When you are done, decorate it, cut it out and hang it up to remind you of the awesome gifts you bring to those around you!



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PRAY!

Do the five finger prayer together as a family:

- **The thumb: Pray for the ones we love!** Start by praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember!
- **The index finger: Pray for the ones that teach us!** Pray for those who help instruct and teach you. They need support and wisdom to show directions to others.
- **The middle finger: Pray for our leaders!** As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they make tough decisions.
- **The ring finger: Pray for the sick and weak!** It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for those who are weak, sick, or going through a hard time.
- **The pinky finger: Pray for yourself!** This is the smallest finger - this should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.