

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation Unit 5, Lesson 23

Letters About Unity

Lesson Aim: To learn about unity and the body of Christ.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: With whom do you enjoy having fun?

GAME: Unity Toss

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Read Worship Scripture: Romans 12:5.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

THE WORD LETTERS ABOUT UNITY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God led Paul and John to write about love.

Today, we will read some letters about unity. Unity means being one. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he explains how all believers are united as one, just as all the parts of the body are united. Point to the ancient city of Corinth, Greece. This mailbag reminds us that in Bible times believers traveled long distances to share letters written by Paul. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference:

1 Corinthians 12:12, 17-18, 26. Pray. Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth explains how important each part of the body is. In the same way, each person who belongs to Jesus is an important part of the church, which is also known as "the Body of Christ." Read.

THE WAY WORKING TOGETHER IN UNITY

There are many different parts to one person's body. On the outside, we have legs, arms, finger toes, eyes, ears, and many more. On the inside, we have parts that are unseen like our hearts, our minds, and our lungs. Each part does something different like eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, legs for running, arms for hugging, and a mouth for eating. There are a lot of parts to one body. That's a perfect example of how it is with the body of Christ.

"The body of Christ" can have two different meanings. It can stand for Jesus' physical body (arms, legs, etc.) or it can stand for people all over the world now and all through history who believe in Jesus. As believers, we work together like a body does: many parts that belong together doing different things to help the body work.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God has always planned to unite people as one. That's what He told the prophet Ezekiel over 650 years before Paul wrote his letters. Reveal Ezekiel 11:19-20. Read.

God's promise to Ezekiel has come true for all who believe in Jesus—we are His people! In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul explained how we are all different but each is an important part of the body of Christ. Give a domino to each child. In a way, the body of Christ is like these dominos; each one is different but they need each other to do what they were created to do. Let's pretend these dominos stand for the body of Christ. Remove ping-pong ball and basket from mailbag. This ping-pong ball stands for the people who do not yet belong to Jesus. The basket stands for Jesus. Let's unite our dominos together to send the ping-pong ball into the basket, just as we unite in the body of Christ to help others come to know Jesus.

As you each put your domino in the line, share something special about yourself and tell us one way you like to serve others. Set-up dominos, ping-pong ball, and basket. Go ahead now and tip over the first domino! Watch what happens when the dominos work together in unity as one! Set off chain reaction.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about unity, stamp or sticker of a puzzle piece
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Many faces side-by-side to form the shape of a cross, a church, or a body
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Unity Pretzels Snack

GAMES: Linked Together, New Testament Line **CRAFT:** Care Package—Unity Arrangement

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Ask, Seek, Knock!; Race to Repeat

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