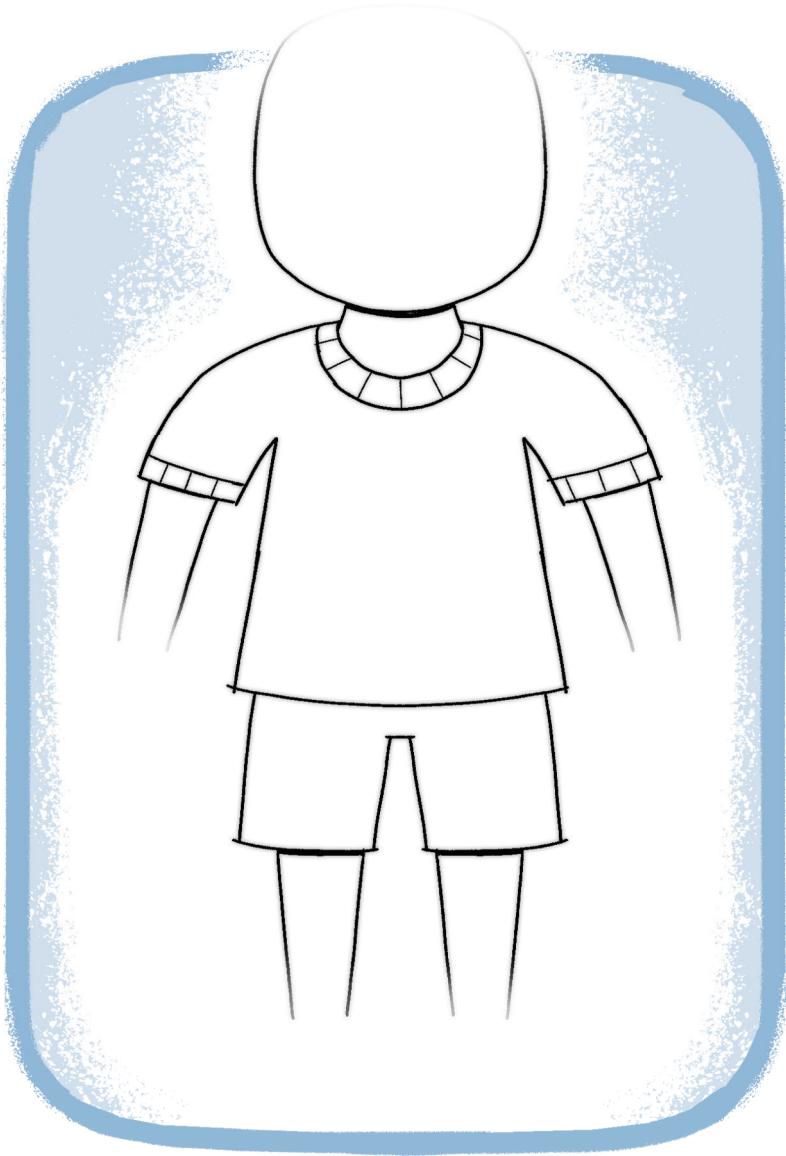


Complete the Picture | Paul told the Corinthian church that the body of Christ is made up of many parts that work together. Finish the picture of the person by drawing hands, feet, eyes, a nose, ears, a mouth, and hair. Then color the person.



A Message from Paul | Use the flags from each country to help you decode the message Paul told the Corinthian church.



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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 32 • Session 5

WE ARE PART OF ONE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

THE CHURCH IS ALL CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE, WHO GATHER TOGETHER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD.

The apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church at Corinth. The believers there were facing problems. One problem was that the church was divided. "Is Christ divided?" Paul asked. Of course not. Jesus came to bring people together as one body.

In his letter, Paul told about the importance of the church working together like one body. Paul wrote, "Think about the human body. All the parts work together as one body." The Holy Spirit brings together many different people, but we are all one in Christ.

"The body is not one part but many," Paul wrote. A foot is just as much a part of the body as a hand.

"Imagine if the whole body were an eye. How would it hear? God has arranged each part of the body just as He wanted.

"In the same way, an eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' Even if a part is weaker than another, it is still an important part of the body."

Paul said that the church—like the body—should be unified. The members should have the same concern for one another.

"We are the body of Christ. God gives each member a specific purpose and different gifts. Not everyone is the same, but every part of the body of Christ is important."

Christ Connection: Paul told the believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers from every nation, tribe, people, and language can humbly come together as one body—the church.

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