

Activity tie-in: Cycling

Object: Bicycle

Bible Verse – *1 Corinthians 12:7, 17-18, 27*

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Lesson: God has blessed each of us with different gifts to serve him.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- You will want to use a bicycle as a visual aid and then maybe ask the group to name as many different parts of the bicycle as possible.
- You could ask the students to name the most/least important parts on the bicycle.
- If possible, you could remove tires/brakes/pedals and ask the students what could go wrong without them.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

- Begin explaining how every feature on the bike helps the cyclist move quickly or stay safe. (Example: even a small reflector helps protect the biker from cars at night!)
- Read and apply the passages from 1 Corinthians 12:7, 17-18, 27.
- Remind the students that they all have different gifts and talents. God made each one of them just how he wanted to serve in his kingdom.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- After reading the Bible verse you could ask the students:
 - What gifts has God given you? How can you use these gifts to serve God?
 - Whether a student is talented at music, sports, talking, drawing, etc., they can use their talents to the fullest to praise God. We want to use these gifts to thank God for sending his Son to die for us.
 - Being different is a good thing! If everybody on earth were exactly the same, life would be really boring.
 - It is easy to see how we are all different, but how are we all the same?

- We are all sinners who are saved by God's grace through faith. Jesus loves all of us and died and rose again to save us. All believers will be with Jesus in heaven.
- How can we work together to serve God?
 - Love one another! Colossians 3:14-17
 - And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for making all of us children of God through your death and resurrection. Remind us that you have made us all exactly the way that you wanted. Help us to work together using our gifts to serve you. Amen.