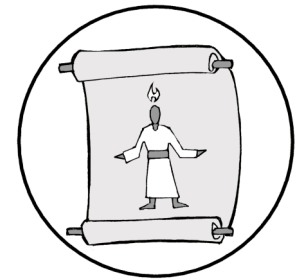




Lesson #2-35

MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

**Key Verse:**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:7

The Point:

Each of us is given gifts by the Holy Spirit to serve others.

Unit Theme (May 5—May 19)

The Power of God's Love

FELLOWSHIP OF THE BODY

Share gifts to create the entire body of Christ.

Supplies:

- † Index cards
- † Pens or pencils

Instructions:

1. **We are all important parts of the Body of Christ. Let's see if we can create a number of different "bodies" out of the people here.**
2. Hand out the index cards and pens or pencils. **Choose a body part that you think best fits your gifts: head, eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, back, knees. Consider why you are choosing that body part. Write it on your card.** Give people a moment to choose and write.
3. **Now that you have chosen the body part that best represents you, find seven other people who have different parts than you. Let's see how many full bodies we can build together.**
4. Help groups form. Groups smaller than eight are fine. Encourage those who are able to do so to gather around those who are less mobile.
5. **We find fellowship with one another when we see and support each other's gifts. Together with the rest of your "body," take turns discussing what you think your gift is and how you will share it with the church.**
6. After groups have had a chance to form and talk for a few minutes, wrap up the conversation. Note if there is a large number of people with similar gifts or if some gifts are missing. Challenge participants to consider what they can do to develop gifts in each other.
7. If needed, you can shorten the list of possible body parts. If your class or group is small, gather participants in groups of five to seven, assign each group member a different body part, and challenge them to figure out how that part can symbolize their gift or gifts.