



Year 3—Quarter 2: The Church is God's Idea

What is My Role in the Church?

Lesson Introduction:

Ask: Have you ever stubbed your toe? It hurts a lot, right? And sometimes, it makes your whole body feel bad. The Bible says we are like parts of a body. If one part doesn't work well, the whole body feels it.

Let's read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 & 26. This will help us understand that we all have important jobs to do in the body of Christ. Instead of worrying about what others are doing, we should focus on doing our part to help everyone.

Ask: How do we know what God wants us to do to help others? Let's talk about it! Remember, we need to grow close to Jesus by praying, reading the Bible, and learning Bible verses.

Let's read Romans 12:3-8. This will help us see that God gives us special talents and strengths.

Now, think about something you are good at and enjoy doing. Share it with us! We will talk about how God can use your talents to help others in the church.

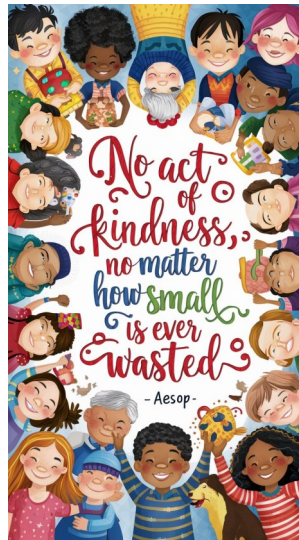
Even if you feel too young, remember that praying and encouraging others are things everyone can do.

Explain: Once we know what God wants us to do, we should work hard and not give up.

Let's read Colossians 3:23-24 and 2 Peter 1:10-11.

Ask: "Why should we work hard?" (*Because we serve Christ, not just other people.*)

Explain that even if our jobs change as we grow up, we should always remember that we do everything for Jesus, not for praise or success.



Power Point

God has given every Christian the ability to fulfill a role and serve within their church.

MEMORY VERSE

"Serve one another humbly in love."
- Galatians 5:13

Activity: Guessing Game

Prepare 20 index cards each with a written occupation, job, or role (*suggestions include: doctor, teacher, pastor, musician, sibling, etc.*). Give the students hints so they can try to guess the content of each card (give harder hints for older students). Students raise

their hands to guess, but are out for the round if they are wrong. The student who correctly guesses each answer receives one point. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins! Consider bringing a small prize for the winner.



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Silly Game: Legend in Your Own Time

Photocopy one page for each child. Let them insert their own name for the main character.

Not too many people have heard of **(say your name)**, but soon they will. You just wait and see! For one thing, they can _____

(action word)

_____ better than any person in the **(sports equipment)** world.

And you should see them _____! **(action word)**

They can take their _____ and **(one upper body part)**

_____ very large _____s. **(action word)** **(thing)**

When asked about their favorite food, they said they liked _____

(main dish)

(method of cooking)

until it was _____ and _____. **(color)** **(texture)**

A favorite way to relax in the _____ **(season)**

is to get involved in extreme _____ing. **(hobby)**

When asked what movie star they looked most like, they said _____. **(famous movie animal)**

We know **(say your name)** will become a legend in their own time because they _____, **(action word)**

they _____, and they have **(action word)**

_____ **(description word)** _____ **(body part)**

They already get paid \$ _____ **(large number)**

per _____ just for _____. **(unit of time)** **(action)**

All we can say is:

This person is a legend in their own time!

Let your class supply the words for the story from the following list. After the words are written in the blanks on each child's page, read their "legend" back to them. Have fun with this.

Word List (*Write one suggestion from the crowd for each*)

Action word:

Sports equipment:

Action word:

Upper body part:

Action word:

Thing:

Main dish:

Method of cooking:

Color:

Texture:

Season:

Hobby:

Famous movie animal:

Action word:

Action word:

Description word:

Body part:

Large number:

Unit of time:

Action word:

Take-Home

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Summary

Bible Passages:

Ro. 12:4-6; Gal. 5:13

Main Point:

God has given every Christian the ability to fulfill a role and serve within their church.

Discuss:

Q: Why do you think it's important to help others in church?

Q: Can you share a time when you helped someone at church? How did it make you feel?

Q: How do you think Jesus served others, and how can we follow His example?

Q: What are some jobs or tasks you would like to do to help in church? Why?

Gospel Statement: As faithful stewards of God's grace, we are called to use our unique gifts to serve others in love, not for our own glory, but for the joy of honoring the Lord Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). This Gospel-centered service is not about earning God's favor or proving our worth, but about living out our new identity in Christ, freed from the burdens of self-righteousness and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve others humbly and joyfully (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Explore the Bible

Say: The Bible says we all have special gifts or talents we can use to serve others.

Read: Romans 12:4-6

Ask: What does the word "serve" mean? (allow answers)

Say: The dictionary says that "serve" has more than twenty meanings! The word "serve" can mean to offer food, to help, to spend time, to work, to give honor, and to be obedient.

Ask: What does this passage say about how we should serve God?

Family Activity

Object Lesson: Rings of Service

Have your family stand around a tub of water (*or wading pool*). Pick up a marble and say: **When we serve God, we serve others around us. Let's say this marble is a person who has chosen to serve God.** Drop the marble in the tub.

Say: See? This one little action affects the whole pool of water. That's just how it is with service. Everything we do as we serve God has an effect on our world.

Apply and Pray

Talk about how each of us has five radiating circles of service: God, family & friends, church family, community, and world.

Prayer: Dear God, as we stand in a circle, we know that you are at the center of our lives. Please be with us as we try to be your willing servants. Help us to remember that every time we serve another person, we're actually serving you! In Jesus' name, amen.