

Worship Date January 24, 2010
Worship Theme Many Gifts, One Body, Serving Together
Scripture Reference I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Materials: Large ball of yarn, Multi-colored if possible. Pair of scissors.

Have the kids sit in a large circle with their feet touching. Roll the ball of yarn to one child while holding the end. Ask the child to hold the piece of string and roll the ball of yarn to another child. Repeat this until everyone is holding a piece of the yarn.

While everyone is rolling and holding their string, remind them about last Sunday how while we are all God's children, we all have different gifts to help each other. Once everyone has a strand, ask everyone to stand while holding their string. "What kind of pattern is this?" Wait for responses. "Does this look like a wheel with spokes? Let's pretend this is the earth and each strand represents God's people. Let's see if this works. Everyone start walking in a circle." (Don't give a direction, wait and see if there's any chaos. If not, go the opposite way yourself.)

"Oops! What happened? We weren't all going in the same direction! How did that happen? We didn't wait for direction and so we didn't all work together. Let's try this again, everyone walk to the right." Explain how the strings still look like a spokes on a wheel. This is what it looks like to God when His children do what He asks and use their gifts for His glory. Ask everyone to stop.

Now ask everyone to walk to the left but you stand still. "Oh, no, I'm getting tangled up! Now our pattern is messed up. What happened? This must be what it looks like when one person doesn't use their gift according to God's plan. Everyone go back where you were so our pattern is straight again." This time, leader drops the strand and asks a couple of the other kids to do the same. "What's wrong with our pattern now? Do you think our wheel looks complete? No, I don't think so either. This is what it looks like when more than one person doesn't use their gift that God has given them. Our wheel looks broken. This creates a bigger burden for the rest of God's children when we don't unite and serve God as one body.

Let's say a prayer and ask God to help us always put Him first and unite together for His work. (Cut each persons string so they can take it with them as a reminder of the story.)