



### Supplies:

- ☐ LifeWay's *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD
- ☐ Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* DVD

### Bible Truth & Memory Verse:

**Level of Biblical Learning (Self):** I am accountable to God for the way I treat other people.

Friends work together.

“And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” **Ephesians 4:32**

### Movie Connection: (10 min.)

**Say**, “We are going to watch a scene from the movie *Beauty and the Beast*. This is where the dishes in the castle work together to put on a show for Belle.”

**Play** scene 10 (“Be Our Guest”) at 38:30. **Stop** the movie at 43:21.

How did the dishes befriend one another?

How did the dishes befriend Belle?

**Say**, “Belle was staying at the beast’s castle. The dishes were friends and they worked together to make Belle feel welcome. God wants us to be friends with one another too. Let’s learn about some of Jesus’s friends.”

## Bible Connection: (10 min.)

**Open** your Bible to John 6:60-70 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Not long after Jesus started preaching, many people began to follow Him. They went where Jesus went and listened to what He said. The Bible even says that the people told others about Him.

One day when Jesus was preaching, He told people that following Him meant they would have to do some hard things in life. Jesus knew some of the people didn't really believe that He was God's Son. When the large group of people heard Jesus say that life with Him wouldn't be easy, they left Jesus. Only the 12 disciples stayed with Jesus and followed Him.

Jesus was sad that so many people decided not to follow Him. He asked the disciples if they would stay with Him. Simon Peter said, "Lord, who can we go to? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

Jesus knew the disciples were His true friends.

### Discuss

Did a lot or just a few people follow Jesus in the beginning?

What did Jesus say about following Him?

Who were the real friends of Jesus?

How do you know that?

**Say**, "Jesus loved His friends, the disciples, and He was glad to have them with Him. The disciples helped Jesus while He was on earth."

## Hands On: (15 min.)

**Gather** children in a circle. **Guide** children to tell the person on their left something nice about that person. When finished, **guide** children to compliment the person on their right. If time allows, **guide** children to find seats next to different people and do this activity again.

**Say**, "Friends love each other and work together. Jesus loved the disciples and worked together with them. Sometimes the disciples hurt Jesus' feelings but He still loved them and worked with them. Like Jesus, we can also love our friends."

## Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

**Play** *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD 16 selection. **Guide** children to sing along.

## Pray

Thank you, God, for giving me friends. Amen.



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- ☐ Cover for coupon booklet

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### Opening Activity: (10 min.)

**Say**, “Can you think of some things or people who work together?” **Allow** children to answer. (Possible answers include the steering wheel and tires on a vehicle; computer and mouse; athletic teams; teachers and principals.)

**Say**, “Many things and people work together to accomplish a goal. Today we are going to learn about how our body parts work together and that friends should work together too.”

### Bible Connection: (10 min.)

**Open** your Bible to 1 Corinthians 12:14-30 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Paul was a man who loved God very much. Paul wanted to tell everyone about God's love. Paul also spent much time encouraging Christians. He wrote letters to Christians in different cities and tried to help them learn how to be more like God.

Paul wrote two letters to people who lived in a city called Corinth. Paul wanted to remind the Christians about why the people loved God and decided to follow Him. Paul also wanted to teach the Christians. Paul knew the Christians in Corinth were having trouble getting along with one another.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, Paul explained that Christians in a church are a lot like human bodies. Our bodies have lots of different parts – fingers, arms, legs, a neck, a heart, a brain, feet and even some smelly toes! All of those parts work together to help us live healthy lives.

What if your hands said they didn't want to be hands? What would happen if your feet decided they would rather be elbows instead? Would that work? Could your feet become elbows? No, that's just silly!

What if your legs decided they were not important because they could not see like your eyes or hear like your ears? Your legs could decide that because they were eyes or ears that they were not important and did not need to work anymore. Would that be good? No, of course not! You need your legs to make you walk; your eyes to make you see; your ears to make you hear. Legs can't see or hear. But eyes and ears can't walk either. We need our legs, ears and eyes to do their jobs.

In the same way, Christians have different jobs in the church. Some Christians, like our pastor, preach and teach the people. Other Christians enjoy helping others while still other Christians like to organize different things at church. Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth and us today that God has given each of us a job and we must work together in the church.

## Discuss

Who wrote the books of the Bible 1st and 2nd Corinthians?

Why did Paul write so many letters to other Christians?

How is the church like a body?

**Say**, "God expects Christians to work together. God also wants us as friends and families to work together too."

## Hands On: (15 min.)

Before class, **cut** sheets of construction paper into three pieces each. If possible, **print** the memory verse on a slip of paper that says "Free Coupon Booklet" to serve as the cover. **Give** each child 5-7 slips of paper and **guide** them to make a coupon book for their parent or guardian. (Possible coupon topics include free hug/kiss, will help clean kitchen

after supper, will do homework without complaining, will fold one basket of laundry.)

**Allow** children to make coupons for their own coupon booklet. When finished, **staple** the coupons and a cover together.

**Say**, “God wants us to work together. In a family, parents and children must be kind to one another and help one another. Give this coupon booklet to your mom or dad. Remember, your body works together to help you do things everyday. Be like your body. Work together with your family and friends to get things done.”

## **Praise and Worship: (5 min.)**

**Play** *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD selection 10. **Guide** children to sing along.

## **Pray**

God, give me nice words to say to my friends. Amen.