

# Week 5 - Collage

**Big Idea:** God has gifted each of us to do our part in his church.

**Key Verse:** “But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit...” -1 Corinthians 12:13b

**Summary:** In collage, we take pictures and words from different places and put them together in a new and interesting way. Families will learn that although each of us is different, Jesus has put us together as one in the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-18)

**Materials Needed:** A Bible, Magazines, Colored Paper, Glue Sticks, Plain Paper

**Application :** God made us all unique, and we all have a unique roll to fulfill in God’s church. If you are already serving God in the church, share with your family why you serve in that way. If you’re not already serving, ask God to show you where you belong and what role you can fulfill in the big picture.

**Craft:** Gather as many magazines, newspapers, pieces of colored paper, or old books as you can find. Then let your

## Craft & Learn

family go to town cutting out whatever appeals to them. See what family members focus in on, and what they decide to make. Using scissors and glue sticks make a collaged picture.

After making a collage of choice, ask family members to search for clippings that remind them how God brings us together as one body, one church. Make one large family collage.

**Lesson:** A collage is a masterpiece that is made of a variety of different items that come together to make something completely new and unique. It can be pictures, paper, ribbons, or other found object put onto a canvas.

God’s church is like a collage because it is made up of many different parts. Each part, each person, was made by God for a special purpose. In His church, all of God’s people come together into a unique and beautiful masterpiece. Whether you’re a kid or an adults, whether you’re gifted in music or teaching or service or something else, you belong here. You have a part to play in the church.

Every one of us is special, and every one of us has a place in God’s family. Ask God to show you how he’s gifted you to serve his church.

**Prayer:** Dear God, show us how we fit into the body of Christ. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

## Explore the Bible

**Introduction:** Collage is a form of art where we take pictures, images, words and other printed things and combine them into something new. Collages are a single piece of art made of many different parts. They are a big picture made up with smaller pictures. These small images can come from any number of sources and every one of them can stand alone, but they come together to be part of something greater.

*Have you ever made a collage? What kind did you make?*

Collages are exactly how Jesus wants his church to be. The church is a body of believers from many walks of life. We are all different and unique, but we all belong here. We all have a part to play in the family of God. Paul describes the church best in this passage from 1 Corinthians

**The Story:** Read the Body of Christ - 1 Corinthians 12:12-18

**Main Point:** The church is not a collection of the same parts. It's not a body made entirely of eyeballs, or ears, or fingers, or noses. The church is many different parts, just like the parts of our body. The eye can't hear, the ear can't smell, the nose can't see, and the hands can't taste. Every part has a purpose in our body, and every person has a purpose in the church.

God made us all different and unique. Some of us are musical. Some are teachers. Some are hard workers. Some are wise and insightful. Some are even artistic. Whatever your gifts are, you have a purpose in God's family. The church needs teachers, musicians, counselors, prayer warriors, encouragers, and workers. Everyone has a part to play in the family of God. Every one of us has a part only we can fill.

God didn't put one person on a copy machine and make a bunch of duplicates. Every one of us is different, and we are all special. We are so special to God that he sent his one and only Son to die on the cross to take away our sins. Because of this great gift of forgiveness we can serve Him using the unique gifts He has given us. No one else can do the things God has for you to do because no one else is you!

God's church needs people different gifts. We need teachers and counselors, artists and musicians. We need thinkers and doers, planners and workers. We need people to discover their gifts and serve where they are led. We are many different people, but together we make one beautiful collage.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for the unique gifts you have given to each of us. Help us to find the place where we fit in the beautiful masterpiece of the Body of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen!

## Family Game Time

### Rip 'Em Out:

**Materials Needed:** Magazines, Glue Sticks, Paper

**How To Play:** Give each person in your family a magazine. Each person must race to sort through their magazine to find photos of a man, woman, boy, and a girl.

Each person must rip out these pictures and glue them onto a separate piece of paper into a collage to make a family.

The first person to complete their family collage wins and gets to choose an outdoor activity for the family.

### Your Family Machine:

**Materials Needed:** Family Members, a Device to Record a Video

**Instructions :** Have one family member stand up and act like a part in a machine, doing one repeated movement and sound over and over.

Have a second member of the family stand by the first and create their own movement and sound to go along with the first.

Keep adding family members until everyone has become part of the machine.

Record this on video, then play it back for everyone to see how each person became a part of something bigger.

## Family Discussion Starters

### Kindergarten - 2nd Graders:

**Read:** The Body of Christ - 1 Cor. 12:12-18

**Questions:**

1. How many different parts of the human body can you name?
2. Is there any body part that can do the job of another body part?
3. What are some “parts” that people play in church?
4. What are some of your gifts and talents? How can you use those talents for God?

### 3rd Graders - 5th Graders:

**Read:** The Body of Christ - 1 Cor. 12:12-18

**Questions:**

1. How does Paul describe the church in this passage?
2. Why didn't God make us all the same?
3. What are some “parts” that people play in the church?
4. Do you know some of your gifts and talents? How can you use those talents for God?

**Prayer:** Dear God, Help us to discover our talents so we can do our part in the body of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!



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