## Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

Read: Hebrews 10:24

DAY 1

#### Tic-Tac-Toe-gether

Play a game of Tic-Tac-Toe. Ask 3 other people and play in 2 vs 2 teams. You and your teammate will have to work together to win. Each of you has to use what you can to win the game. If you want to get crazy, draw a bigger board to play on, maybe you have to get 5 or even 6 in a row to win!

Look for ways that you can work together to go farther.

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#### Stir It Up

Look up this week's verse: Hebrews 10:24. Write out sections of the verse on different strips of paper. Put all the paper into a bowl and "stir" up the bowl. Pull out a strip of paper and place it in front of you. Arrange the papers in the correct order of the verse. Do this until the verse reads correctly.

Ask God to help us work together with others.

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#### **Picture Pair**

Ask someone to join you in creating a picture together. Grab some paper, something to draw with, and a timer. Talk together about an idea for a picture that you can create. Set the timer for 30 seconds and take turns drawing a part of the picture. Go back and forth drawing 30 seconds at a time until you have completed your drawing! Pass your drawing off to someone that would enjoy it and tell them how it was created.

Know that when we work together, we can make a greater difference.

We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

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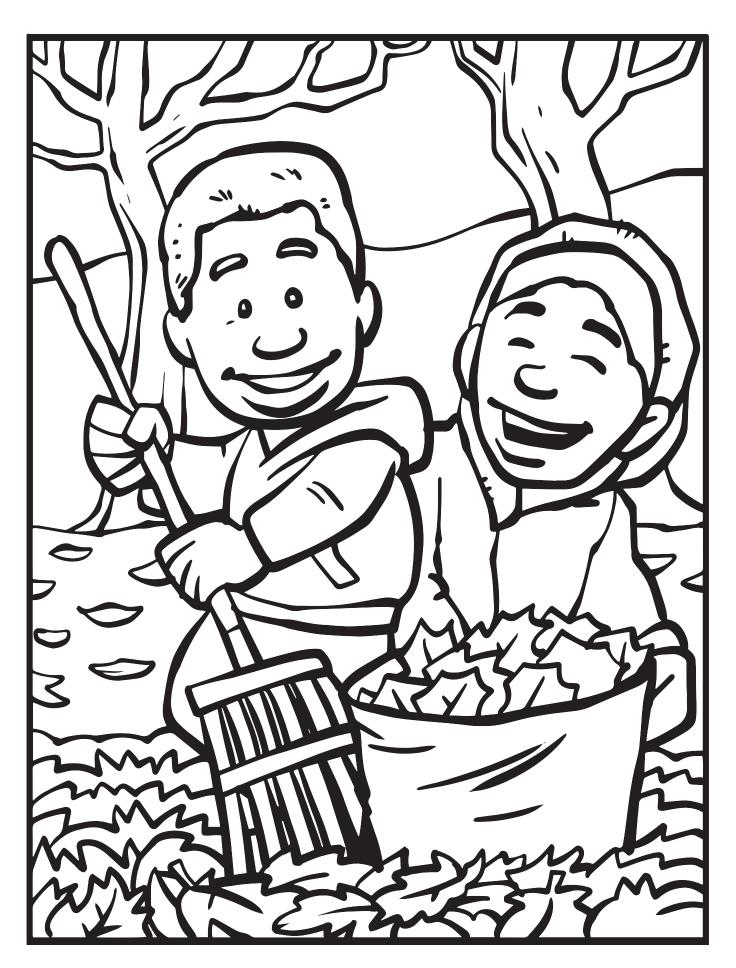
#### **Pray Together**

With a partner, pray. Ask God to help you work together with others to do more for those around you. Doing things with someone else can be more fun and accomplish more. Thank God for putting others in your life to work alongside. You can take turns praying something like this:

"Dear God, Thank you so much for others in my life that can help me to do more for others. I pray that we can work well together when we can.

Thank you for the opportunities to help others. I love you, Amen."

Thank God for putting others in our life to help us get further.





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DAY 1

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-17

When you were younger, did you ever play with a Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head? Did you ever stick the ear piece where the nose piece should go? You can come up with some pretty crazy looking potatoes for sure!

Your eyes and nose and ears and hands all have important and different jobs. Hands aren't less important than eyes. Noses aren't less important than ears. It would make zero sense for your feet to say, "Well, I can't do what the mouth does so I guess I should take a hike!" Just like your feet have a specific job or role to play, YOU have a specific role too. Your gifts along with the gifts of others can make the biggest difference!

Grab a potato and some toothpicks from the kitchen. On a piece of paper, draw some eyes, and a nose, two ears and a mouth and color them if you'd like. Tape each part to a toothpick then stick the toothpick into the potato to create your "potato person." Set your creation on the counter in your kitchen as a reminder to use your gifts together to make a greater difference.

DAY 2

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-20

Take a look at your potato person from yesterday. Has anyone in your family asked you questions about your creation?

Just like you placed those ears and eyes and nose and mouth on your potato person, God knew exactly what He was doing when He made you! He has gifted you and placed you exactly where you're supposed to be. And the best response you can have to the wonderful, amazing way He's made you, is gratitude! You can be grateful for the unique ways He's gifted you and look for ways to use those gifts (along with others) to make the biggest impact!

Grab some yarn and add some crazy hair or draw a hat to add to your potato person's head. Use that brain of yours to think of ways you can show God how grateful you are for the awesome way He's made you to work with others. To say "thank you" to God, you could sing a worship song, write out a prayer, share with a friend something cool about God or just sit outside and stare at His wonderful creation.

DAY 3

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:21

Just as the eyes and hands are an important part of your body, you have a role to play when it comes to making a difference in the world around you. Think about it: God made you for a unique and specific purpose. That means that there are things you can do that NO ONE else can do.

Maybe you're thinking, "that sounds great and all, but I have no idea what that unique and specific purpose is?" Guess what? You can start asking God, right now, to show you. Just as your body needs your eyes and feet and hands and ears, all the people that love and follow Jesus around you need you. We can use our gifts together to make a bigger impact.

Grab some paper and some toothpicks. Draw two hands and feet to add to your potato person. Ask God to show you how He's uniquely gifted you to make a difference so you can be part of helping others follow Jesus!

We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:27

Have you ever grabbed a gallon of milk to pour onto your favorite cereal and smelled that sour, 'this milk has gone bad' smell? What if your mouth or your eyes decided to ignore your hard-working nose and poured that expired milk into the bowl anyway? Your nose, mouth, and eyes (and all the other parts of you) have to work together so you can safely enjoy that bowl of Fruity Pebble Boo Berry Sugar Smacks.

Just like your body has many parts with specific jobs to do, you have a role to play in helping others know about Jesus. The world needs your individual gifts and abilities. And when you work together with others who have different gifts, you can make an even bigger impact.

Take your Potato Person to the dinner table for your next family meal. Let each person share one unique talent or ability God has given them. Then brainstorm ways you can combine those gifts to make an even bigger impact.



## Journal

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## Day 1

So & So Show. and watch this week's episode of The Go to bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreteen

feel free to check it out again! Even if you already saw it at church,

1. You liked:

After watching, write one thing that:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

# Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

As you read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, underline each time you read the word 'body' and circle each specific body part that is named.

Then draw a picture of each body part that is mentioned. You can either do this in the margins of your Bible or on a separate sheet of paper.

Lastly, re-read verses 15-26 and then on your drawing, circle the parts of the body that are more important than the others.

Trick question, right? Paul makes it very clear that just as no part of your physical body is more or less important—or is able to do a job that isn't theirs to do—the same is true of the body of Christ: that is, those of us who follow Jesus. Each of us has been given gifts that only we can do, and when we use them together, we make a great difference than working alone!



## Day 3

When Paul was talking about the body in 1 Corinthians, he was using our physical bodies as a metaphor to the body of Christ, which just means those of us who follow Jesus.

Today, you can use your body in a similar way as you pray and ask God to use you and your gifts. Start at the top of your head and ask God to use each part of you to make a difference. Here is an example, but personalize each part in parentheses based on the gifts you know God has given you! And don't forget to think about the ways that you can include others... using your gifts as a team always makes a bigger difference!

gifts to work with others and make a overlooked or to speak kindness and gift of being able to see (people who gifted me. Please help me use those extra chores around the house). Thank at a shelter, to help a younger sibling struggling). Please guide me to use my encouragement to people who are voice (to speak up for people who are or organize better). Help me to use my (to meet the needs of others or do in my legs and help me move my feet with homework, etc.) Give me strength hands (to serve meals or sort supplies are in need or ways to improve systems Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen." difference in the world in Your Name. In You for all the ways that You have "Dear God, thank You for giving me the

## Day 4

# Think back to that prayer you prayed yesterday.

Who came to mind when you thought of someone you could use your gifts to help? Who came to mind as someone who you could team up with to help others?

Dig a little deeper on both of those people: first, do some research to figure out what would be most helpful to the person in need. Maybe that means calling a local shelter to find out if there's an item they need or a volunteer service that would be helpful. Or maybe you ask your momor dad what would be helpful to them above and beyond your regular chores.

Next, interview a couple of people who could help you make a difference in that situation. Think about others who have different gifts than you. Maybe you're really strong and fast, so physical labor is easy for you, but your best friend is really funny and doesn't meet a stranger: they might be a great partner for volunteering at the shelter. Or maybe you are good at planning meals, but your brother has great knife skills in the kitchen—you could come together to make dinner for your parents.

Today is all about the plans, so talk them up with others and figure out how you can use your gifts together to make a greater difference.



## Day 5

## What makes a great team?

It's time to put feet to those prayers and plans—not just lip service. (See what we did there?) What did you decide on yesterday with your friends and family? Make it happen today. But don't be afraid to invite others to join you either. The more people who join your team and contribute their gifts, the better!

After you've completed your project together, take a few minutes to celebrate the individuality of everyone who participated. Share with each other the way that each person's unique gifting made for a great team—and made a greater difference than if just one of you had done the task. Then talk about what's next... you can keep making a difference as a team!