



DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

The early church grew because it recognized that the people involved were more than just card-carrying members; they were partners in a radical Biblical community.

Today, the church is facing a crisis as many of its members lose sight of their commitment to their local Body of Christ. This series will remind God's people of the obligation each one has as a part of the Church. Kids will learn that being part of a church means being part of a team where each member strives to do what they can to lift one another up and glorify God.

Complete and return this discipleship challenge to the KidPix store by **February 16, 2020** to receive **10 tokens**.

*Please take your time and enjoy this discipleship challenge.

We will begin accepting completed challenges in February.

NAME: _____



WHAT IS A TEAM?

Have you ever thought about the difference between a group and a team?

GROUP

A group is made up of individuals who have things in common but are not working towards a common goal.

They are focused on what is best for themselves.

For example, your class at school is a group. The class is made up of individual students who share a grade and teacher in common. The students' goals are their own education and grades.

TEAM

A team is made up of individuals who have things in common, but they are working together towards a common goal. They are focused on what is best for the group. For example, if you are on a soccer team, you may be about the same age and skill-level as the other players, but you are not playing to win your own points.

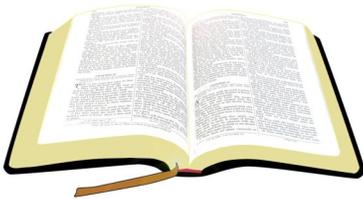
Rather, you are working together for the benefit of the entire team.



- In what ways is church like a group?
- In what ways is church like a team?

WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM?

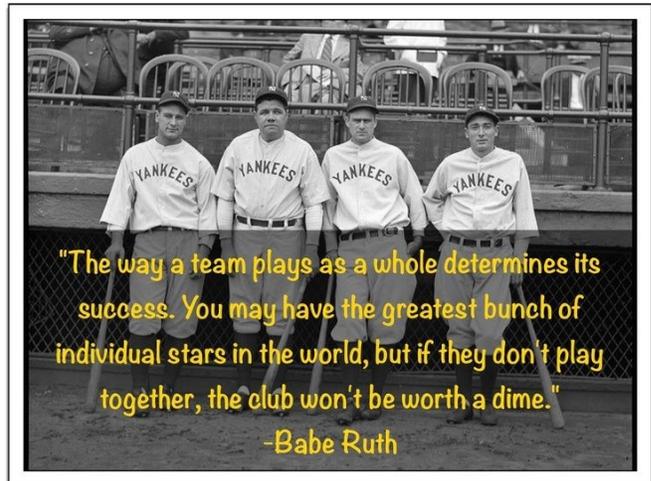
Read Psalm 133:1



- In your own words, write what “unity” means:

- When God’s people live together in unity, it is _____ and _____.
- What happens to a team if they are not unified?

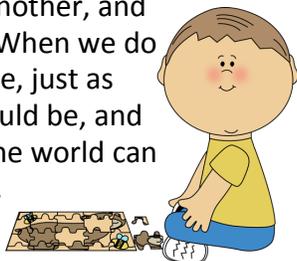
TOGETHER
EVERYONE
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MORE



The most important characteristic of a team is unity: the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. A team can achieve more than the members can as individuals.

WORK ON A JIGSAW PUZZLE.

A puzzle can teach us an important lesson about the church. The church is made up of many individual members. Like the pieces of a puzzle, the members of a church come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Jesus himself prayed that the church would be one so that the world would see God's love in us. Jesus wants us to love one another, help one another, and serve one another. When we do that, we become one, just as Jesus prayed we would be, and when we are one, the world can see God's love in us.



Read John 17:20-23, then complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

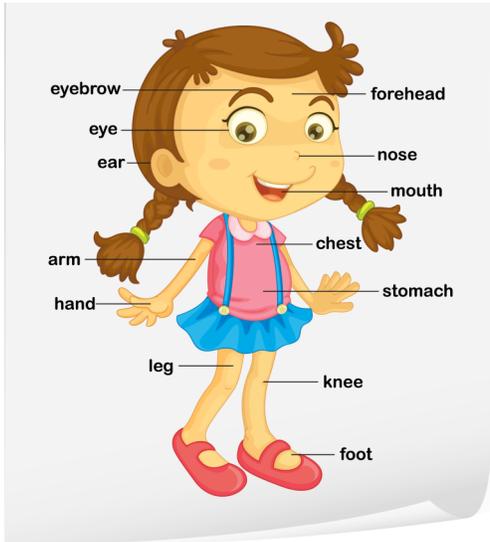
"My _____ is not for them _____. I pray also for those who will _____ in me through their _____, that all of them may be _____, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the _____ may believe that you have _____ me. I have given them the _____ that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete _____ to let the world know that you sent me and have _____ them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23 (NIV)

alone	glory	message	prayer	unity
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WHO CAN JOIN THE TEAM?

While some teams have tryouts and you have to “make the cut” to join, God welcomes everyone on His team! Through the Holy Spirit, God has given each of His followers different gifts and abilities to be used for His glory. No one is unimportant to Him and He wants us to work together to build His Kingdom.



Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26



Paul used the example of a body to describe how a church functions. He said that a body is formed by many individual parts, just as a church is formed by many individual people.

Each of those parts has a special function, just like each person has special gifts and abilities. Even though body parts and people have different roles, each are important to the proper functioning of the human body and the Body of Christ—the Church.

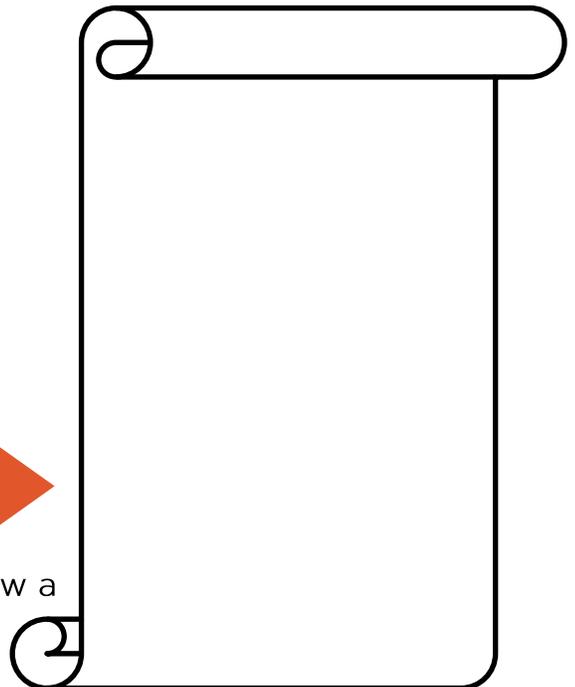
List the parts of the body mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:15-20...

- Is there one part of your body that you think is most important?
Explain your answer:
- Is there one part of your body you think is least important?
Explain your answer:
- What if all your body parts did the same thing?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

TRY IT!

Write your name or draw a picture without using your thumb.



HOW DO I JOIN TEAM CENTRAL?

The first step in joining Team Central is to BELONG to Jesus.

Read Romans 6:23



- What are the wages (or what we earn) for our sin?
- What is the gift of God?
- If something is a gift, do you have to pay for it?
- How do we receive the gift of eternal life from God?

The Bible tells us that we all have a problem. We are sinners, eternally (forever) separated from God. We cannot save ourselves from sin, and we cannot earn our way to Heaven. Only by receiving Jesus as our Savior can we be saved.

ROMANS 6:23

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In addition to belonging to Jesus, God desires that you also BELONG to community and church.

Read Acts 2:42-47



The early church was a perfect example of followers of Christ living in unity with one another. They lived in community with one another...praying, eating, giving, sharing, and praising God. And God continued to bless them by saving more people.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to _____, to the breaking of _____ and to _____. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were _____ and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to _____ to anyone who had need. _____ they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, _____ God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

HOW DO I TRAIN FOR TEAM CENTRAL?

You are on the Team. Now what? The Bible tells us that when you trust Jesus as your Savior, God begins to change you into a new person. You are being transformed to **BECOME** more like Jesus every day!

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

- If you are in Christ (you BELONG to Him) you are what?
- What has gone? What is here?
- What does it mean to be a new creation in Christ?



SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is a fancy word that simply means being transformed from our old, sinful ways to **BECOME** more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit does the work of sanctification in our lives to set us apart for God's special use and purpose.



- Why do we wash dishes?
- Why don't you just throw the dirty ones in the garbage?

We wash dishes and set them aside to be used. That's what God does with you...he washed you clean of your sin and set you aside for His use!

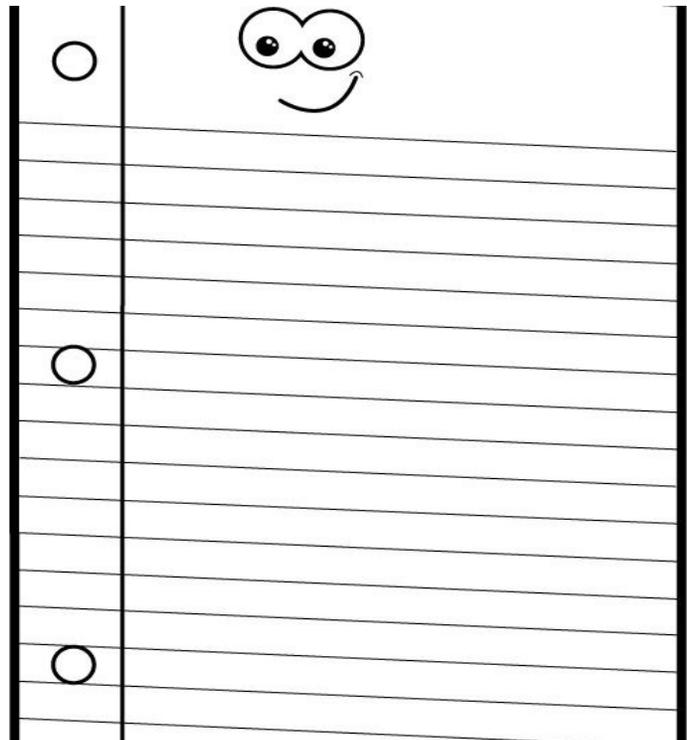


TRY IT!

Help by washing the dishes tonight. Think about the fact you are "sanctifying" them!

God desires that we actively seek to become more like Jesus. He wants us to be his disciples or followers, learning about Him.

On the paper to the right, list things that you can actively do to learn more and **BECOME** more like Jesus.



WHAT'S THE GOAL OF TEAM CENTRAL?

Teams share a common goal. The goal (or mission) of Team Central is to bring glory to God by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. God desires that, as His new creation, you will go **BEYOND** yourself and share the love of Jesus with other people.

Read Matthew 28:19-20



In the verses of the Bible that we sometimes call "The Great Commission," Jesus told us to go everywhere and tell everyone about His love for them! Jesus has sent the invitation to follow Him and He has given the job of delivering it to you and to me.

Summarize the three key points in Matthew 28:19-20:

- Go make _____.
- _____ them.
- Teach them to _____ Jesus.

God calls us to go **BEYOND** and share the love of Jesus through our words and actions with people in your church, in your neighborhood, and in the world!



- What special talent has God given you?
- How can you bless others in your church with that talent?



Write a letter to a missionary to encourage them.



Do you want to share the good news about Jesus with your neighbors, but don't know where to start? Here are a few ways to begin the conversation.



SERIES MEMORY VERSES

HEBREWS 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

HEBREWS 10:24

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

1 PETER 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.

ROMANS 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

