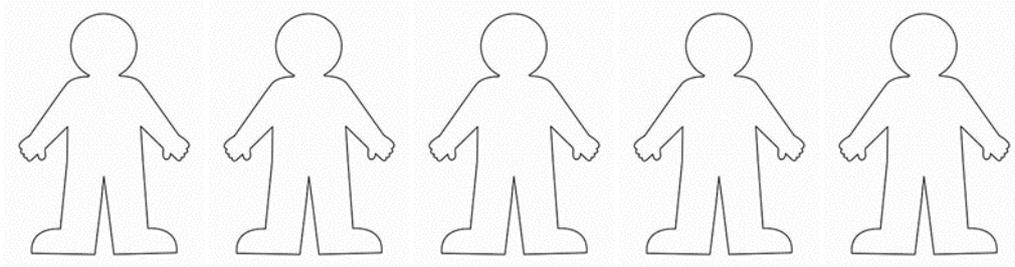


## The Holy Spirit Builds God's Team – Gifts to Give

We've learned that the Holy Spirit lives in each one of us, if we have Jesus as our Saviour. Our lives are His home. Since God made each of us uniquely, all of our homes will look different. His home for you will look like you!



### Game

Play Jenga

Has anyone ever played Jenga? What do you think makes the strongest tower? (When every block is in its right place.

What eventually causes the tower to fall? (Too many pieces are missing from their places)

What is the minimum number of pieces that you would have to remove to make the tower fall? (two pieces at the bottom of the tower and the whole structure will fall down).



Football teams draft football players to build the right mix for their team's success. The need for different athletes to fill the different positions. The Holy Spirit builds God's team, the church. It operates best with different players in the right positions, called spiritual gifts, special abilities believers use in serving Christ. Every believer has at least one because the spirit gives them to each one, just as he determines 1 Corinthians 12:11.

The Bible records several lists of spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8, 1Corinthians 12:8-10, Ephesians 4:11)

Ephesians 2:21-22, "In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit."

This means that we are stronger together than we ever would be on our own!

This is what we would call the church: not a building or place to go on Sunday mornings, but a group of believers who honour God together. Let's each welcome the Holy Spirit with our hearts and homes. And together, let's stick together to be the church.

### Let's find the church body parts?

God has given his people special gifts to share with others for the good of the whole church. What might this mean for you?

In the letter from Paul to the Corinthians, we hear him talk about how, as Christians, we all belong to the Body of Christ. And just like there are different body parts that do different things, we have different tasks that God calls us to do.

But we need something to guide us so that we know what our tasks are and how we fit together. Because if the ear tries to help the body run down the road, that's really going to hurt and if the knee tries to eat a jam sandwich, well that's going to be messy.

So, for us to best participate in the Body of Christ, we have to know what it is that we're supposed to do. And the way the parts of a body know what to do is that they listen to the brain. The same is true for the Body of Christ.

### Older Young People

**Let's read** 1 Corinthians 12:14-26 -what is the structure in these verses

What's it a picture of (v12,27)

Now let's read verses 12:12, 13; 27-31

What are the church 'body parts in verses 27-31

Look back at 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

What conclusions can you make about the importance of spiritual gifts for the church?

What is the greatest of God's gifts for us to receive and give (1 Corinthians 13:13)

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 9:6)

The Son (Jesus) is called Wonderful \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace. The Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity of God.

2. How do you get the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:38)

\_\_\_\_\_ of your sins. This means to turn from sin, to change direction from wrong to right, and to follow Jesus.

3. Where does He live? (John 14:16-17)

The Father will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever – the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. The world will not accept Him, but you know Him because He lives with \_\_\_\_\_ and will be in you.

4. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (Acts 1:8)

You will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. (He gives us courage to tell about Jesus!)

5. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 14:26)

The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, will \_\_\_\_\_ us all things and will remind us of everything He has said to us.

6. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 14:27)

He gives us \_\_\_\_\_. We do not have to be troubled or afraid.

7. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 16:8)

He \_\_\_\_\_ the world of guilt. That means that He makes us sorry for our sin.

8. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (Galatians 5:22-23)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, \_\_\_\_\_, patience, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_ and self control.

### **Activities**

Decorate a person to look like you. Once completed ask other people in your household to do the same. Join them hand to hand – Stronger Together

Think about all the different gifts of the people at church and how they all work together – draw or list some of those gifts.

### **Prayer**

Thank God for the gifts he has given to us and ask him to give you the gifts you need to serve him. Welcome the Holy Spirit with your heart and home pray for the church to stick together as we are stronger together than on our own.

