



The Rescue Party" by Nick Butterworth is another classic story. Percy the park keeper is having a day off. It is a perfect day for doing nothing. But Percy's peaceful picnic is disturbed when a little rabbit takes an unexpected tumble and needs help.

### Biblical Reference:

#### 1 Corinthians 12:12

*'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.'*

### Next month's book is:

'The Gruffalo' by Alex Scheffler

### Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/kgxFIIWqMKg>

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## Theme: The Body of Christ

### 1 Corinthians 12:27

*'...you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'*

### Theme exploration:

How loudly can you clap with only one hand? How well can you write without using your thumb? Even parts of our body that seem insignificant can actually be very important. The Bible says God needs the body of Christ, that's you and me, to be His hands and feet in the world today. We need to all work together, to help and serve one another, just as each animal helped to save the rabbit in this story.

Did you know the Church isn't the building? It's us, who are the body of Christ! The people are the Church. The church building is where we go to sing, pray and learn together and to encourage each other.

### What you could do as a family this month:

- Build a jigsaw puzzle together, with each person having their own pieces to add to the picture.
- Try and do something without using your thumb. Did you manage anything?
- Imagine only being one body part, for example a foot – what could and couldn't you do?
- Play pin the tail on the donkey. You play blindfolded (without your eyes) and pin on the donkey's missing body part. Did you get the tail in the right place? How hard was it?
- There is a film using "Mr Potato Head" to illustrate this month's theme. Watch this clip on youtube.  
<https://youtu.be/uFSY-41pVzw>



### We believe in the power of prayer

#### A prayer for you to pray for your child:

*Creator God, thank You for the precious gift of life. For each and every body part of my child/ren, help them to grow up loving You as part of the body of Christ. Amen.*

#### A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

*We thank You for these parents who bought their child/ren to be baptised into Your body. Help them to demonstrate to their children what it means to help and serve one another, as a part of the body of Christ. Amen.*