



Theme: The Body of Christ

Book: The Rescue Party by Nick Butterworth

Theme Introduction:

The Body of Christ, like all bodies, is comprised of many parts. There are limbs, organs, and various members that, when left alone, are useless, but when assembled make up the entire body. There are many ways to consider how the church operates as a team of believers...the Bible makes it clear that every person has special gifts and abilities. We can use those unique elements to come together and do amazing things. But we have to use each other to make it happen.

Theme exploration:

The animals all worked together in this story to help Percy free the rabbit. God wants us all to work together so that we can be God's hands and feet on the earth – serving God by helping others.

Free play suggestion:

Link to theme:

- Puzzles
- Mr Potato Head



I wonder why you need all the pieces of a puzzle.
I wonder where you are going to put his eyes.

Craft ideas:

Link with book:

- Animal paper plate masks.

Link to theme:

- Body Parts Template.

I wonder if you can find all these body parts on you.



Prayer time

Creator God, thank you for the precious gift of life.
For each and every body part of these children, help them to grow up loving you as part of the body of Christ. Amen.



Faith in action:

What things can you do that would make a task easier for someone else?

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?

Inspiration ...

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."

• SNACK TIME

Tesco Bunny bites
Animal biscuits

• SONGS

Use musical instruments
Heads, shoulders, knees & toes.

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/kgxFIIWqMKg>

Body Parts template