



May We Protect Our Body (Matthew 16:18, Acts 20, Matthew 18) - We are a body
February 4, 2024

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Are you protecting our church like you protect your body?

so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
Romans 12:5 NKJV

Experiencing Jesus' way of living – community & connection with the church

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:18 NKJV**

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.
Acts 20:29 NKJV

Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **Acts 20:30 NKJV**

Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. **Acts 20:31 NKJV**

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. **Acts 20:32 NKJV**

Physical Attacks – Matthew 5:38-39, Acts 5:40-42

False Teachers – 2 Peter 2:1-2, Titus 1:10-11

Divisive People – Romans 16:17-18, Hebrews 12:14-15

Pray for God’s protection (like Jesus did)

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. **Psalms 127:1 NKJV**

Consult with your spiritual leaders (like Jesus did)

Acts 20:17-38
1 Corinthians 16:15-18
Philippians 2:29
1 Thessalonians 5:12
1 Timothy 5:17
Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24
1 Peter 5:1-5

Have a gentle conversation (like Jesus did)

Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. **Matthew 18:15 NKJV**

But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ **Matthew 18:16 NKJV**

1 Corinthians & 2 Corinthians

This week’s [OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan](#):

February 5 - Exod 23-25 & Ps 16-17
February 6 - Exod 26-27 & Ps 18
February 7 - Exod 28-29 & Ps 19-21
February 8 - Exod 30-31 & Ps 22-23

February 9 - Exod 32-33 & Ps 24-26
February 10 - Exod 34-35 & Ps 27-28
February 11 - Reflection & Prayer

February 4

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This month, we are learning about Zacchaeus and how Jesus loved him, and that Jesus loves us too!

Memory Verse: "Jesus Loves Us." John 3:16 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Parent Connect: Take today's lesson deeper with your toddler at home! Sing this song to the tune of "Three Blind Mice:"
Climb up the tree. (Make climbing motions.) Climb up the tree. (Make climbing motions.) Who do you see? (Shield your eyes and look around.) Who do you see? (Shield your eyes and look around.) Jesus is standing below the tree. (Point to the ground.) Jesus loves you, and he loves me. (Point to your kid; then point to yourself) Jesus loves everyone we see (Shield your eyes and look around.) Climb down the tree (Make climbing motions.)



In this series, we will see how those who followed Jesus had faith! Jesus performed miracles and those who were needing the miracles had faith that Jesus would help! Let's learn from these bible stories on how we can have faith and follow Jesus, too!

Memory Verse: Jesus looked at them and said, "With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26 (NirV)

Heart of the Lesson: Centurion's Faith | Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-1

Parent Connect: Today we learned about the faith of a Roman soldier. Take time with your kid and talk about some ways we put our faith into Jesus!



We are kicking off the year with a series called "One Team". The church is a lot like a team. Our team needs to work together even when it's hard, to build each other up and correct when we aren't following God or pulling our weight. There are many different people that have unique skills and special gifts that help the team reach the ultimate goal of serving God, our coach.

Memory Verse: "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." - I Corinthians 12:27

Heart of the Lesson: We work together as a team, even when it's hard. - 1 Corinthians 1:10-11

Parent Connect: Pick an activity or task to do but make it a challenge. You could do it without talking, only using one hand, or tie two people's legs together.

WE ARE THE CHURCH



In this series, we're going to talk about how the church is a unified team led by Jesus. Just like how our bodies have different parts that work together, each person in the church has special talents and jobs. Together, we'll find out how we can be a strong and connected team, all working together because we belong together and we belong to Jesus!

Memory Verse: "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." Romans 12:4-5

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus wants us to get involved in the Church - Ephesians 4:11-1

Parent Connect: Are you already involved in church, more than just attending on the weekend? How do you think you can take a step to serve and lead? Go to visitgracechurch.com/nextstep if you want to join a ministry team!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

WE ARE A BODY

What does it look like to be a healthy Church?



Did you know that God describes the church like Jesus' body? Just like your body helps you do what you want to do, the church does what Jesus calls us to do! And just like we need to know how to take care of our body to stay healthy, we need to know how to take care of the church to stay healthy!

Memory Verse: So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts." Romans 12:15 (NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: May We Protect Our Body (Psalm 127:1, 1 Peter 5:2-3,5, Galatians 6:1, & Matthew 18:15-16)

Parents/Caregivers:

- What did we learn that Jesus wants us to do for His body the church?
- What is one thing the Bible teaches that we can do to protect the church?
- What are trying to protect the body from?
- Do you know of someone you could pray for who needs God's help to understand His word or to not sin?