



God's People Love and Care for One Another

MAIN IDEAS

- The church is like one body with many parts—every member is important.
- Jesus commands His church to love and care for one another.

MEMORY WORK

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.*

The third day he rose from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

(The Apostles' Creed)

SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12:12-22, 24b-26 2) John 13:34-35


AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Review 1 Corinthians 12:12-22, 24-26 and ask the following types of questions: *Why is it a good thing that God designed His church to be this way? Who is "important" in the church? Just the pastors and elders? Or everyone, even the youngest, oldest, or weakest member? Why is it good for us to remember that the members are like different parts of one body? Do you "feel" pain and have compassion when someone else in the church is hurting? How could our family love and care for someone from our church in a specific way this week?*

Review Jesus' words from John 13:34-35. Ask: *In what ways did Jesus love His disciples? What did His love look like? Why would loving one another like Jesus loves His disciples stand out to the world? Can you give some examples of special ways that you have experienced love and care from the members of our church? If a non-Christian were to spend a month coming to our church and living with different families from our church, do you think that he or she would notice that something is "different" among us? How could we grow in our own family in loving one another like Jesus loves?*

ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words to John 13:34 (from the English Standard Version, or find it online at ESV.org). Then, with your parents' help, answer the questions in the boxes.

 A new _____ I give to you, that you _____
one _____: just as _____ have loved _____, —John 13:34

How have the members of Jesus' church
loved and cared for you?

How could you love and care for members of
Jesus' church?

