

Classroom Collective Worship	Theme: Belonging
Year: Year 5	Time of Year: New school year
Main Focus: Gather <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Symbolic Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential Resources

- Candle
- Reflective music
- Outline of a body
- Cut-out body parts that can be placed on the outline (e.g., 2 feet, 2 hands, 2 eyes, nose, mouth, 2 ears)
- Copy of response: 'Together we are one body in Christ'
- Children to read prayers

Gather

Play music to focus whole class
 Light candle
 Display body outline for all to see.

Word

Leader: We are going to listen to a reading from St Paul to the people of Corinth.
 As you listen to the Word, ask yourself how our class is like the body St Paul describes.

(Adapted from 1 Corinthians 12:14-27)

The body is not made up of one part but of many. The foot cannot say, 'Because I am not a hand I am not part of the body.' Neither can the ear say, 'Because I am not an eye I am not part of the body.' If the whole body were an eye how would we hear? If the whole body were an ear how would we smell things? The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' Neither can the head say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' Each part of the body is needed. God has made the body so that there are many different parts and each part needs the others. Only together do they make a whole body.

Symbolic Action

Remind the children of the question and ask:

- How is our class like the body that St Paul describes?
- How do you play your part?
- How will you show you are doing Christ's work in our classroom?
- How do you make our class one whole?

Invite children to take one of the cut-out body parts (maximum 10) and place on the outline, saying how they each contribute to making our class function. Leader may begin by taking a body part and saying 'I belong to class 5 and I enjoy reading books.'

Prayer

Reader: Lord, we are all different.

Response: Together we are one body in Christ.

Reader: Lord, we are all needed.

Response: Together we are one body in Christ.

Reader: Lord, we all belong.

Response: Together we are one body in Christ.

Invite children to make own prayers

Go forth

Hymn: I give my hands (Hymns Old and New, no. 235)