

One body, many members

In Romans 12: 3-8, Paul writes about how we are dependent on each other, and no-one is more important than anyone else. ALL our gifts are needed.

Children can explore who they need in their families and their communities, and what for, with this exercise.

You will need:

- tessellated pattern, photocopied
- felt pens
- laminator, sticky magnet: optional

Preparation:

Photocopy tessellated patterns onto A4 paper, 4 per page. Cut pages in half; each child needs only 2 patterns.

What to do:

- Talk with the children about their families, and what each member of the family is good at, what each one contributes to the family.
- Children write the names of each person in their family and/or extended family onto the pattern, one in each space.

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Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

Tessellated Family, Tessellated Community

Mum: cooks cares when sick, earns cleans	Dad: drives, vacuums chops wood reads	David: takes out rubbish, plays
Bec: fixes computer, Best cake cook	Joel: good sport Maths jokes	Emily: friendly, helps Mum, reading
Grandma: knits, reads stories	Grandad: makes & fixes things, plays	Rover: loves me, guards, plays

My Family helps each other

Teacher: teaches cares	Nurse: Looks after the sick, elderly	Doctor: Helps the sick
Minister: Teaches about God, cares	Police: Help people in trouble, car crashes	Shop- keepers: Sell things we need
Council workers: Empty bins, fix roads	Postman: Delivers mail	Ambulance: first to help sick and hurt people

The Community helps each other

- In each space write next to the person's name the talent each person has or the contribution each person makes to the family.
- In the second pattern, do the same for people in the school or community who contribute skills or services we all need.
- If you laminate them and stick a magnet on the back, children can take theirs home and put it on the fridge as a daily reminder to the whole family how they need each other.

