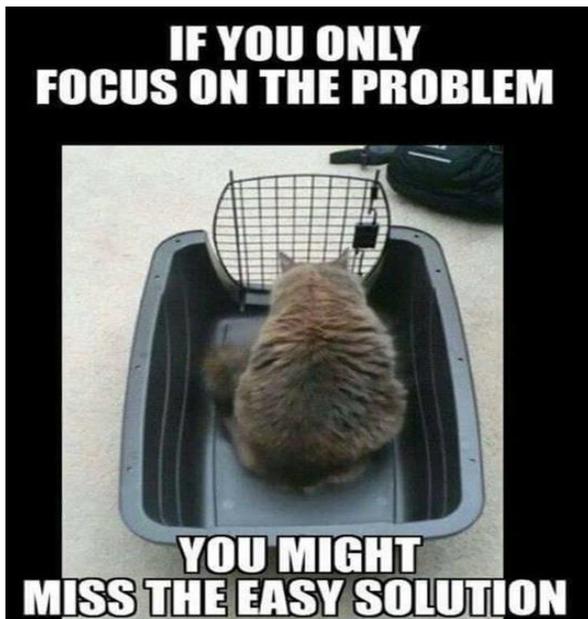
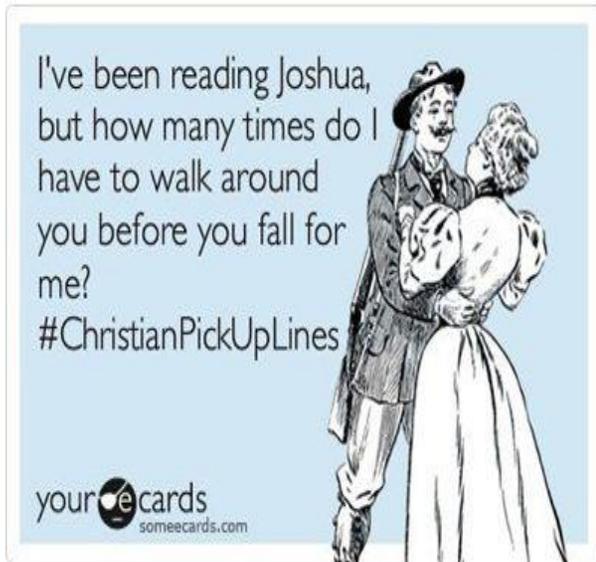


Because God Has A Sense of Humor



A devotion for the “big kids” too

What Does God Have To Say About: Belonging

Have you ever felt left out, forgotten or unwanted? Maybe someone in your class had a party and didn't invite you. Or maybe your parents are divorced, and one parent doesn't visit or call you.

Sometimes it can feel like we just don't belong. That's when it's important to remember this awesome truth: We all belong to God's family, and our heavenly Father will never forget us! The Bible says that all the people in the world who love Jesus make up one big family called the Body of Christ.

Think about the many different body parts you have. On a sheet of paper, list or draw some parts of your body, such as ears, hands or eyes. Imagine what might happen if those parts didn't work. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:20-21: “As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don't need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don't need you!’”

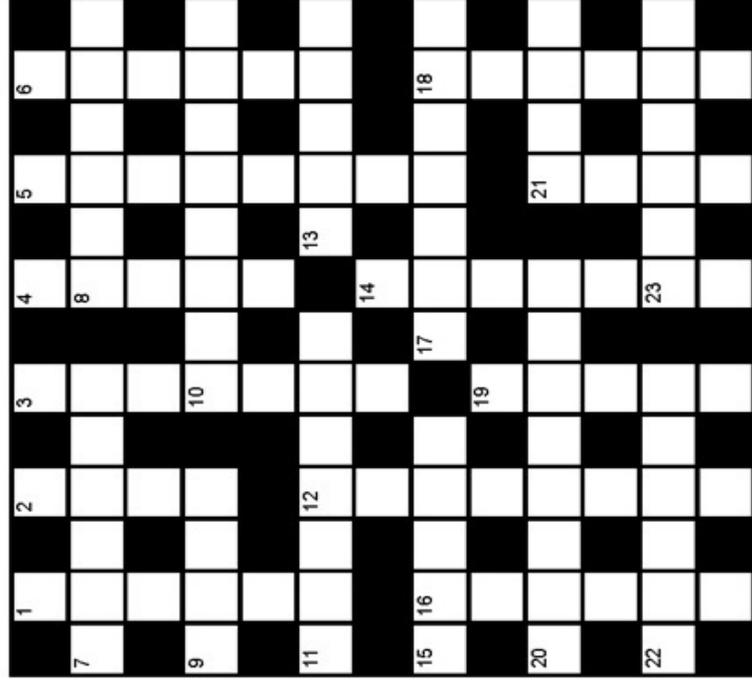
Just like our body parts work together to make one complete body, every person works together to make one healthy family or community at home, church and school. Here are things we can do to keep our families healthy and show others that they belong:

- If you see someone eating or playing alone, invite her to join you.
- Tell someone you love why he is an important part of your life.
- Do your chores to make your home clean and help your family.
- Read Romans 12:4-8, and think of how you can use your special gifts to help others.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
I'm so glad that I'm part of Your family and that I can talk to you when I'm feeling bad. Please give me ideas for how to make other people feel wanted and included, at work, class, or home. Thank you for giving me a place to belong.

In Your name, Amen.



Across

- 7 "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye _____, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:5 (6)
- 8 The book of this prophet was handed to Jesus to read in the synagogue. Luke 4:17 (6)
- 9 "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the _____s." Luke 21:25 (4)
- 10 The liturgical season celebrated after Christmas. (8)
- 11 An act of devotion to show sorrow for one's sin. (7)
- 13 "That he would _____ unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear." Luke 1:74 (5)
- 15 The tetrarch of Galilee. Luke 3:1 (5)
- 17 It's easier for a camel to go through this eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom. Luke 18:25 (7)
- 20 Feeling regret or sorrow for one's sins. (8)

- 21 "Why do the disciples of John _____ often ..." Luke 5:33 (4)
- 22 Jesus compared men of this country with the Jews of the time. Luke 11:32 (6)
- 23 "And it is _____ for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17 (6)

Down

- 1 "_____ it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer." Luke 21:14 (6)
- 2 "And when the day began to _____ away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away ..." Luke 9:12 (4)
- 3 "When I was daily with you in the temple, ye _____ed forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53 (7)
- 4 Tempted Jesus for forty days. Luke 4:2 (5)
- 5 Jesus mourns for the hard hearts of the people of Jerusalem saying, "how often would I have _____ thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings." Luke 13:34 (8)
- 6 One of the men in the line of Christ from Luke 3:36. (6)
- 12 These people asked for increased faith in Luke 17:5. (8)
- 14 The father of James and John. Luke 5:10 (7)
- 16 The Hebrew name for the Lord. (6)
- 18 The holiday that celebrates the events of Luke 24. (6)
- 19 The prodigal son returned to his father with plans to be this type of servant. Luke 15:19 (5)
- 21 If a son asks a father for this, will he give him a serpent? Luke 11:11 (4)