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**We're All in This Together**



*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up one part but of many." 1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

Have you ever had a bad toothache, headache, or ??? (the list goes on). It often makes the whole body ache and not seem to function at top performance. Once that ache or pain is gone, the energy and enthusiasm return. Our bodies are a fantastic creation and a blessing from God. Each part of the body has a unique function. Sin causes many aches in body, mind, and soul, doesn't it?

Just as our bodies function better with all of the parts working at their maximum, so it is with the body of Christ. Jesus ached too, to defeat sin. He had a glorified body in resurrection. We will too and no more aching. As redeemed children of God, we are given each other to do the work of His kingdom. Each of us has a unique calling and opportunity to serve. As we step out in mission this year, let's remember to keep Jesus the main thing and share the love of Christ with each other and the children we have the blessing to teach and lead.

The Mission Experience theme for the NID is the title of this devotion and based on the Scripture above. Let us all step out in Christ, work together, build relationships, and know that we all have a special purpose in service.

Serving the Master Teacher,

Lois Stewart

**Discussion Questions-**

1. How can you relate the parts of the body to the body of Christ for your students?
2. Give thanks with your students for the gift of their bodies.
3. Challenge the students to choose a mission task to share the love of Jesus.