



# Children's Message

## Lesson Truth

*We are all meant to be in God's family.*

## Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:18 (NIRV)

*God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be.*

Materials Needed to build the snowman (all made of paper): One large white circle, one medium white circle, one small white circle, a black top hat, black eyes, orange carrot nose, small black circles to form the mouth, two stick arms made of brown paper and other pieces of your choice, an easel or a place to tape snowman together, tape and a marker.

### [Pass out the pieces of the snowman.]

Today we are going to build a snowman. When you think that it is your turn to add your piece, come on up to the board and we will tape it on.

Should we start with the nose? (No!) Should we start the arms? (No!) What piece should we start with. The largest snowball? (Yes!) [Continue to build it in order: body, head to toe.]

It takes all the different parts coming together in the right places and in the right order to make the snowman. How does he look? This was *meant to be* a snowman!

What does "meant to be" actually mean?

[Write "meant to be" on the snowman]

The dictionary defines this phrase as: intended to be something, to go with something, to predict something, to imply something, to add up to something.

Think about how Jesus can use all of you [point to the group] as his body, to work together to make something or do something that helps others and makes a difference.

Let me read the Bible verse again. [Read 1 Corinthians 12:18.] When Paul wrote this verse, he was helping us see God's plan, what God means to happen...what is meant to be. God wants *All* people, no matter who they are or where they come from, to use their unique gifts that God gave them for his glory.

We work best for God when we work together. Here is an example.

*If one of you was asked to pick up litter in the church parking lot, it would probably be lonely, tiring, and not very fun. Now, if two of you were chosen to pick up litter in the church parking lot, that might be a little better. You could talk and encourage each other. You could get done in half the time! But what if all of you did this job together? It could be fun! It would go pretty fast. And, the best thing is, your group would have time to do other things.*

God puts us all together for his good use. There is a reason that we are all here...just like there is a reason for all of the parts of the snowman. We all belong. We are all meant to be in God's family and work together for his glory. God wants us to work together to do something useful, like helping others. God uses old and young people, people who walk and people who roll in a wheelchair, big and little people, those who are blind and those who see. God planned to put us together all along—he meant all of us to be part of God's Family!!

**Let's say the Bible verse together:** (Break it into two or three sections saying "repeat after me." Then, try the whole verse together.)

**Prayer:** Dear God, you are so good! You meant for us to be here today, hearing this message from your word. Please put it in our hearts, so that we work together the way you meant for us to work together. We pray this in our Savior Jesus' name. Amen.