1998 VCS JUNIOR CLASS

SUBJECT: THE BODY

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Tuesday: Church Structure.

Activity: assemble the church building and label it.

Wednesday: The Blessings given to the church.

Activity: Make a "showers of blessing cloud" with "blessing drops."

Thursday: Stewardship of the Church.

Activity: STEWARDSHIP, Goals, Time.

Friday: We are fools for Christ. What are your responsibilities and good deeds?

Activity: Foolish Friday, make a greeting card on the computer.

Saturday: Review & program.

TUESDAY: THE CHURCH 1. God gave His son to you! (John 3:16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 2. Jesus built a church. (Matthew 16:18) upon this rock (Jesus Christ, ajm) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (the rock of Christ, ajm). 3. The church is for you. (Moroni 6:4-6) Let's read this scripture then write down several things the church does for you. 4. You are the church. (1 Corinthians 12:27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. (Ephesians 2:19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 5. The church is a kingdom with officers and a king. Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 2:20-22; I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11; Titus 1:5; Moroni 3:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:1 & 8. List below the officers that you can identify: apostles, _______, ________, 6. The officers were to remain in the church until we are all unified in the faith. (Ephesians 4:11-13) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

the body of Christ:

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

WEDNESDAY: GOD'S BLESSINGS IN THE CHURCH.

1. We know the way in life because we are the followers of Jesus who gave us an example in everything.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

(3 Nephi 8:55)

Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up--that which ye have seen me do. (John 8:12)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 14:6; 3 Nephi 12:34-35;

2. Members of the Body of Christ have the Holy Ghost as a constant companion. Matthew 3:13-17; 2 Nephi 13:7; 15 Jesus was baptized by John.

3. Your sins are washed away. (What does it mean to have your sins washed away?) (Acts 22:16)

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 2:38; 2 Nephi 13:22-24; Acts 16:33

4. We have companionship, fellowship, friendship, and we belong.

(Romans 12:4-5)

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

(3 Nephi 8:53)

And behold, ye shall meet together oft,

(Hebrews 10:25)

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- 5. You receive comfort, peace, sharing of problems, and hope.
 - a. Comfort (1 Thessalonians 5:11) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
 - b. Peace (Philippians 4:7) *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your <u>hearts and minds</u> through Christ Jesus.*
 - c. Sharing (1 Corinthians 12:25-27) 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. (Mosiah 9:39-41) Sharing of troubles and joys.

d. Hope (Moroni 7:47)

Behold I say unto you, that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal; and this because of your faith in him according to the promise;

Romans 8:24-39 v. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

6. You are not lost because you are taught, guided, corrected, and temporally blessed. (What is a temporal blessing?)

Alma 2:37-49 The were taught and received instruction in daily living, were blessed with clothing, food, and homes. They had enough to give to others who were poor.

7. SHOWERS OF BLESSING CUTOUT:

- a) Cut out the cloud and showers of blessing drops.
- b) Punch holes in the bottom of the cloud for each rain drop.
- c) Punch holes in the top of each rain drop.
- d) Write on the cloud one of the scriptures from the lesson today and give the chapter and verse number.
- e) On each rain drop write two blessings that we talked about today.
- f) Next you should color each item as you like.
- g) Tie each rain drop to the cloud with string.

THURSDAY: STEWARDSHIP

Scripture: Luke 12:42-47 The steward waiting for his master's arrival.

1. Each one of you is responsible for the care of Christ's Kingdom. This is called stewardship. He has given us responsibilities. We will answer to Him some day for all that we have done.

(Romans 14:11-12)

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2. Everything belongs to god and not to you.

(Revelation 4:11)

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- 3. You have been purchased by Christ through his own blood. (Acts 20:28) You are His property. The church is His property. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) All people were created for the same reason. (Jacob 2:27-28)
- 4. We are created in God's Image and have a responsibility to care for God's creation. A steward is the manager of the property of someone else. You are the manager of His property. Genesis 1:26; 28; 2:15
- 5. God is organized, so we should be organized also.

Genesis 1:2 God makes order from confusion.

Alma 16:54-55 Planets and stars are neatly placed and move in regularity.

Mosiah 1:119 The natural man is an enemy of God.

1 Corinthians 14:33 God is not the author of confusion.

Genesis 2:8 God put us in a garden not in the forest.

- 6. You are the stewards of the following:
 - a) Tithes and offerings. 3 Nephi 11:11-15
 - b) Your Personal Life: your **time**, mind, words, and quality of work. Mosiah 2:48-49
 - c) Your appearance, your clothing, and your body. Alma 1:41
 - d) Sharing the Gospel with Others. Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Nephi 11:103
 - e) Parents. Mark 7:10-13
 - f) The family and children. 1 Timothy 5:8
 - g) Your brothers and sisters in the Church. Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:1, 9-10; 1 Peter 4:10
 - h) The Church Buildings. Matthew 21:11-13; Mark 11:13-21
 - i) The Word of God. Revelations 22:18-19; 2 Timothy 2:15; 4:1-5

8. On this page the word stewardship is written in large letters. Using the letters write out a word from the lesson for each letter. The letter may appear any where in the word.



GOALS FOR MY PERSONAL LIFE

1.	In my spiritual growth:
2.	In my personal growth (physical health, etc.):
3.	At my school (academics, sports, clubs):
4.	In my relations with others (social):
5.	In my leisure time (family, hobbies, etc.):

How do you spend your time? Write out the time you spend doing various activities.

Time is something given to us each day; it's a gift from God. There are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, and 168 hours in a week. Once time is gone it can never be reclaimed. Time is one of the most valuable things we possess, and how we use our time has a great deal to do with whether or not we will ever reach our goals.

Possible activities: sleeping, quiet time, Bible study, school, church, sports, working, travel, eating, homework, hobbies, TV, radio, reading, etc.

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WHAT KEEPS US FROM GETTING MORE DONE?

•	unclear goals—personal and spiritual

- lack of priorities
- no daily plan
- trying to do too much or not enough at one time
- interruptions
- procrastination

FRIDAY: FOOLS AND SERVANTS FOR CHRIST

1. Jesus suffered many things for you. He was falsely accused, put on trial by three
different legal powers, spit on, beaten, stripped, and executed as a criminal. During his
life he was persecuted and ridiculed for his teachings. He was thrown out of his home
town for his teachings. It appeared to many people that he was a fool. He was at first
rejected by the members of his own family and then by the members of his nation.
(Mosiah 1:97-104)

- 2. We look foolish to the world because we believe in Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:18-20
- 3. We feel foolish when we do many of the things that God requires of us. 1 Corinthians 4:10
- 5. We must bear the cross and not be ashamed of Christ. 2 Nephi 6:42
- 6. We are not ashamed of the Gospel because of it's power in our lives. Romans 1:16-17; Mormon 4:52-54
- 7. (Psalms 105:1-3) O Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Could you be sad at the same time? _____.

SATURDAY:	REVIEW	AND PROGRA	AM
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1.	What are the parts of the church?
2.	What are some of the blessings we receive by membership in the body?
3.	What are some of your duties of stewardship?
4.	What kinds of things make us feel shy, but are serving the Lord?
5.	The program: a) Class presentation. Put together the church building? Tell about each part.
	b) Describe some of the blessings that we have as members of Christ's body.
	c) Explain the duties of stewardship.
	d) What are some of the things that make us feel foolish as Christians.