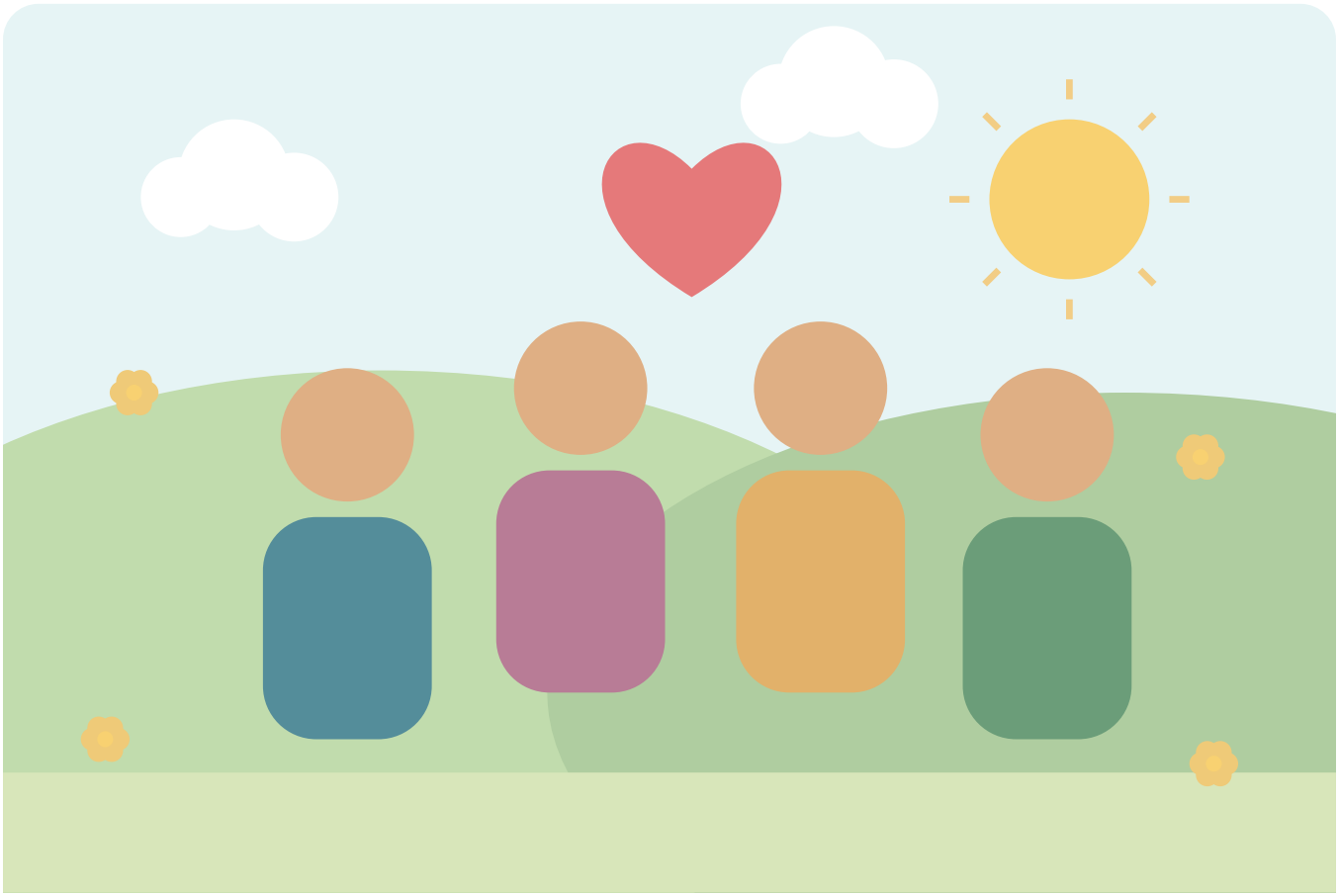
GENESIS TO REVELATION | LETTER LESSON

Many Gifts, One Caring Community

Romans 12:3-18



YOUR BIBLE READING

God’s varied gifts are for humble service and sincere love within the community.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Different Gifts in One Body

Romans 12:3-18



In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul teaches about life together. He begins this passage by warning against an inflated opinion of oneself. People should think with sound judgment, remembering that what they receive is a gift of grace. The instruction is not to believe they have no value. It is to stop treating their own importance as the center by which the value of everyone else is measured.

Paul uses the picture of a body with many parts. The parts have different functions, yet belong together. In the same way, believers are one body in Christ and belong to one another. This is a word picture about community, not a claim that people lose their individual names or become pieces of a physical giant. Difference can serve a shared life. The same task does not have to be performed by everyone for everyone to matter.

The letter names several gifts: speaking God's message faithfully, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, and showing mercy. Each is to be practiced with appropriate care. A teacher should attend to teaching; a leader should lead diligently. Giving should be generous, and mercy should be offered with a willing spirit. Paul does not describe gifts as badges proving who should receive the most applause. They are ways of contributing to the good of others.

For a modern example, imagine a community meal. One person explains the plan, another prepares the room, someone welcomes newcomers, and another notices a guest needing assistance. This is not an event Paul narrates. It helps us understand how different contributions can belong to one shared purpose. The teaching challenges both boastful independence and the idea that only visible roles count. Grace can take practical form through people serving with the gifts they have.

Remember: Different contributions can serve one shared life of love.

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Love That Shares Joy and Sorrow

Romans 12:3-18



Paul next calls for sincere love. People should turn away from evil and hold closely to what is good. Affection and honor are to shape their treatment of one another. Diligent service, hope, patience in trouble, and continued prayer belong in the same picture. The letter is describing the habits of a community, not one dramatic day when every difficulty disappeared. Faithful love takes form through repeated choices and a shared direction.

The Christians are told to contribute to the needs of others and practice hospitality. They should bless those who persecute them rather than answer with curses. They are also to share one another's emotions: rejoice with the joyful and weep with those who weep. Love does not require every person to produce the same mood. It can celebrate a good event and sit patiently beside grief, responding to the neighbor actually present rather than demanding a convenient feeling.

The passage calls them toward harmony and away from proud attachment to high status. They should associate with humble people and avoid imagining themselves wise beyond correction. Then Paul addresses the temptation to repay hurt with hurt. They are not to return evil for evil, but to consider honorable conduct. Refusing revenge does not make the first wrong acceptable. It asks what response can be chosen without allowing another person's wrongdoing to determine their own behavior.

Paul ends this section by calling for peace, if possible and as far as it depends on them. Those limits matter. One person cannot control another person's choices or create a peaceful relationship through effort alone. The invitation is to do the good that is truly within one's responsibility. Together, the body picture and these instructions show a community whose gifts serve love: truthful, hospitable, compassionate, patient, and willing to seek peace without pretending every outcome can be controlled.

Pause and think: How could your particular contribution help someone else without making your own importance the center?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Your Part, with Respect for Others



What contribution comes naturally to you, and what could you learn with help? You might explain patiently, organize materials, notice loneliness, or encourage someone who is tired. These are present-day examples of service, not a complete list of spiritual gifts. Ask a trusted adult to help you find an appropriate role. A gift is not a reason to boast, and needing assistance does not make you less important.

Sharing joy and sorrow requires attention. A friend celebrating may welcome congratulations. A friend grieving may need quiet company rather than a demand to cheer up. You can ask what would help and accept that the answer may differ from what helps you. Care becomes more thoughtful when it responds to another person's real situation rather than using the same words for everyone.

The call to peace includes the words if possible. If someone threatens or harms you, tell a safe adult. You are not responsible for making that person behave peacefully. Refusing revenge can belong beside reporting wrongdoing and keeping a protective distance. Your part is to choose truthful, caring actions with wise help, not to carry control over another person's conduct.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Different gifts serve one community when sincere love shares needs, joy, sorrow, and the work of peace.

How could your particular contribution help someone else without making your own importance the center?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why does Paul compare believers with parts of a body?

2. Does seeking peace mean controlling another person's response?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Share others' needs and feelings while seeking peace responsibly.
- ☐ Think humbly about the gifts received.
- ☐ Use different contributions in sincere love.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a community project with several different contributions serving one caring purpose.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Different contributions can serve one shared life of love.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Romans 12:4-10,15-18

A thoughtful conversation

Identify this as Paul's letter teaching, with the body as a community metaphor. Gifts are for service rather than status. Emphasize sharing grief without forced cheerfulness. Paul's limits on peacemaking matter: a child cannot control another person, and refusing revenge never requires secrecy, unsafe access, or remaining in a harmful situation.

Activity answers

1. Their different functions belong together in one community in Christ.
2. No; Paul says if possible, as far as it depends on the person seeking peace.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us use our gifts humbly and share our neighbors' joy and sorrow. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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