

Intro: First week of school is done! Take some time to check in and reflect on what has been good and what has been hard. Circle back to what your students said they want to be different this year and talk through their experience so far.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-25

- 1. What does it mean to you to "belong"? Where do you feel like you belong?
- 2. Why is it difficult to feel like you have a place, or like you belong?
 - a. leader tip: we want them to talk about the sin of comparison, so try to lead them there.
- 3. What things in your life cause you to compare yourself to others? (ex. social media, grades, sports, etc.)
- 4. The Lord wants to use you and the gifts that He has given you, for the rest of group spend time talking through your gifts and how you think the Lord might want to use those.
 - a. Leader Tip: this is an awesome chance to speak life into your kids, call out the gift/strengths you see in them. Encourage them in things that might not be seen as cool or valuable (like a gentle spirit or patience)
 - b. Leader Tip: As you talk through these gifts have your kids write them down in a journal or on a note card that they keep. We want them to remember who they are and that they have value.
- 5. To close spend time celebrating each other's gifts! Thank the Lord for the uniqueness that exists in your group and praising the Lord that He fearfully and wonderfully made us.