

## Teaching Plan - Learning more about Jesus in everyday things (Soup)

**Aim** - To show that each person is needed by Jesus. (Based on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12 -31)



### Welcome

**What's in the bag?** Pass it round and give people the opportunity to feel it and guess what is in it.

**Item:** Ingredients for making soup - carrots, leeks, turnips lentils, stock cubes etc.

Give people time to guess what is in the bag(s) then think about what you could make with them (Soup) - if there is time/facilities could cut up the vegetables and put the soup on to cook during session - to be enjoyed at the end. Otherwise bring some you prepared earlier in Blue Peter style!! Be sure not to mention salt at this stage but have a little ready to add at the end.



**Bible reading:** 1st Corinthians 12: 12- 20 and then v 27



### Game

Perhaps you can find a jigsaw of body parts but maybe easier to do a basic drawing of all the different parts - give each person a body part and ask them to bring it forward at stick it on (in the right place) - perhaps you could have a discussion as you go along about what would happen if something was missing e.g. if you had no eyes you could not see.



### Drama

The names etc are relevant to Brightons group - just adapt to your own situation) The group response is

**Just as well - thank you .....**

I wanted to go to the Friends of Jesus group

I couldn't remember when it was on and where.

Just as well Jennifer had given him a card with all the details.  
(Jennifer does this)

**Just as well - thank you Jennifer.**

I wanted to go but it was too far to walk.

Just as well that Ann and the two Jeans can pick me up in their cars.  
(Mime driving)

**Just as well - thank you Ann, Jean and Jean**

When I got there the door was locked.

Just as well Ivy had a key to open it. (Ivy does this)

**Just as well - thank you Ivy**

I wanted to put my name up on the board to let everyone know I am here, but I couldn't find the names.

Just as well Hazel had put them out (Hazel does this)

**Just as well - thank you Hazel**

I wanted to sing but there was no-one to play music?

Just as well Campbell had brought his guitar. (Play guitar)

**Just as well - thank you Campbell**

Would be good if someone read from the Bible.

Just as well, Joyce did that sometimes.

**Just as well - thank you Joyce.**

I like acting and games and making things.

Just as well that Liz starts a game and Wendy helps us to make things to take home.

**Just as well - thank you Liz and Wendy**

I like to pray.

Just as well for Ann, Michael and Rachel getting us started.

**Just as well - thank you Ann, Michael and Rachel**

I like it when we have a chip shop tea - we need to bring money.

Just as well Sheila sorts out our money and keeps it safe

**Just as well - thank you Sheila**

And now I would like a cup of tea.

Just as well everyone takes a turn of making the tea.

**Just as well - thank you everyone.**

It's not much fun at the Friends of Jesus Group on my own.

Just as well all your friends are here.

**Just as well - go around the circle saying "thank you (name)"**

Or

An alternative drama

One body, many parts - a drama

**Needed**

- narrator
- eye
- foot
- ear
- hand
- people in the band
- person serving ice cream

**Eye** is on holiday and likes looking at the beach - eye would love to walk on the sand but can't.

Along comes **foot (eye and foot link arms)** - with foot's help they can now enjoy walking on the beach and even a wee paddle.

Eye sees a pipe band playing near the harbour - the band look great, but they can't hear the music even when they walk over to have a closer look. (Band mime playing)

Along comes **ear (eye, foot and ear link arms)** - then they enjoy hearing the music. (Band make sounds as they play) They love all the tunes and even enjoy a wee dance.

After all of that, eye feels like an ice cream - they walk to the ice cream shop and eye looks at all the flavours and asks for a chocolate cone. The ice cream lady asks if they would like sprinkles as well - yes please!!

Then the lady gives it over to them but ..... (as there is no hand, eye looks at it but can't take it)

Along comes **hand (eye, foot, ear and hand link arms)** - hand takes the ice cream from the lady and the whole body enjoy it together. Everyone was needed and everyone had a different job to do.



## Talk

Just like all the vegetables are needed to make the soup and all the bits of our bodies are needed so that we can do things - YOU are needed so our group is the group that it is - if you are not here something is missing (Use examples e.g. if Robert's not here we miss his enthusiastic singing, if Shona's not here we miss her smile etc).

The Bible tells us that everyone is needed and everyone has a special gift to bring - even people who do not feel very important - well the Bible tells us that they are. God wants us to use our special gift to help and encourage other people.

**Question:** Just thinking about the soup at the start - can you think of something that looks small and unimportant that we could add to it to make it taste great. (Maybe need to give clues until you get the answer (salt))



## Prayer Time

In groups pray for each person and thank God for their special qualities and what they bring to the whole group.

**Or**

Get people to make up a list of what they want to thank God for in each person and then leader prays.

**Or**

Using a ball of wool throw it to each person and thank God for them and what they bring to group. By the end everyone will be connected by the wool.



## Possible Craft

Either buy or make a card for each person (could be blank for each person to draw something on front). Then get every member of the group to sign, draw or make some mark on the inside.



## Possible Songs

- We are here together (Prospects)
- As we are gathered Jesus is here (Explain difficult words)
- Bind us together (Chorus and first verse)
- The Father himself loves you. (Prospects)