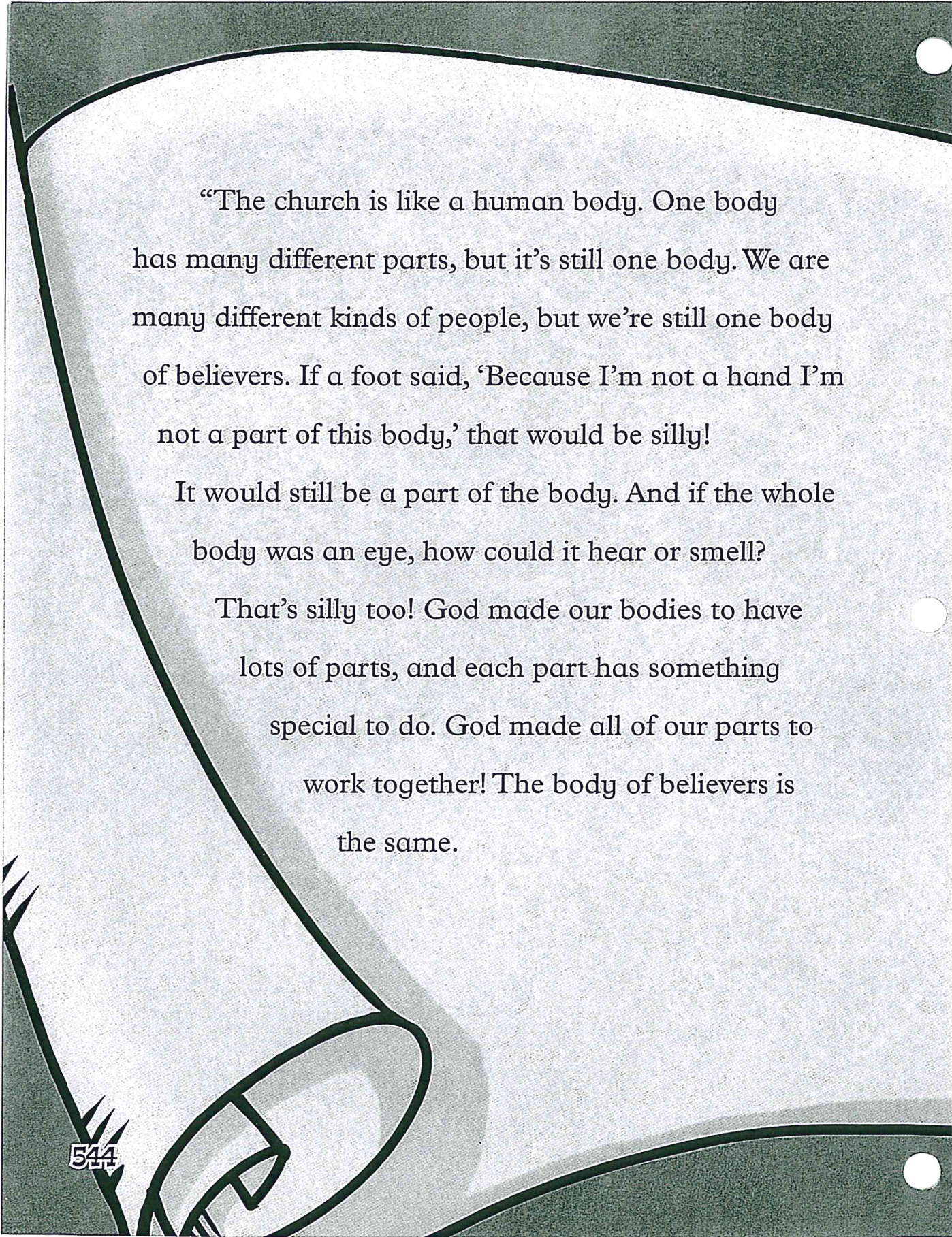


Many Members, One Body



Apostles like Paul stayed very busy telling as many people as possible about Jesus and his love for them. Sometimes Paul traveled to share the good news in person. Sometimes he sent letters to teach his friends more about what it meant to be Christian. Together, they were part of a new family of people who believed in Jesus.

Paul wrote this message to Christians who lived in the city of Corinth. He wanted to help them understand how special the church was, including everyone in it.



“The church is like a human body. One body has many different parts, but it’s still one body. We are many different kinds of people, but we’re still one body of believers. If a foot said, ‘Because I’m not a hand I’m not a part of this body,’ that would be silly!

It would still be a part of the body. And if the whole body was an eye, how could it hear or smell?

That’s silly too! God made our bodies to have lots of parts, and each part has something special to do. God made all of our parts to work together! The body of believers is the same.



“God has given each of you special things to do. Some of you travel to share the news about Jesus, and some of you teach right where you live. Some of you heal the sick or become church leaders. Is everyone a teacher? Is everyone a leader? No, that would be silly too. God made us to be different and to do different things to show our love for Jesus. Just like the different parts of one body, we all have different talents and we all work together. God has made each of us very special!”



Act out ways of helping others and see if people can guess what you are doing.