

# **The Body Works Together!**

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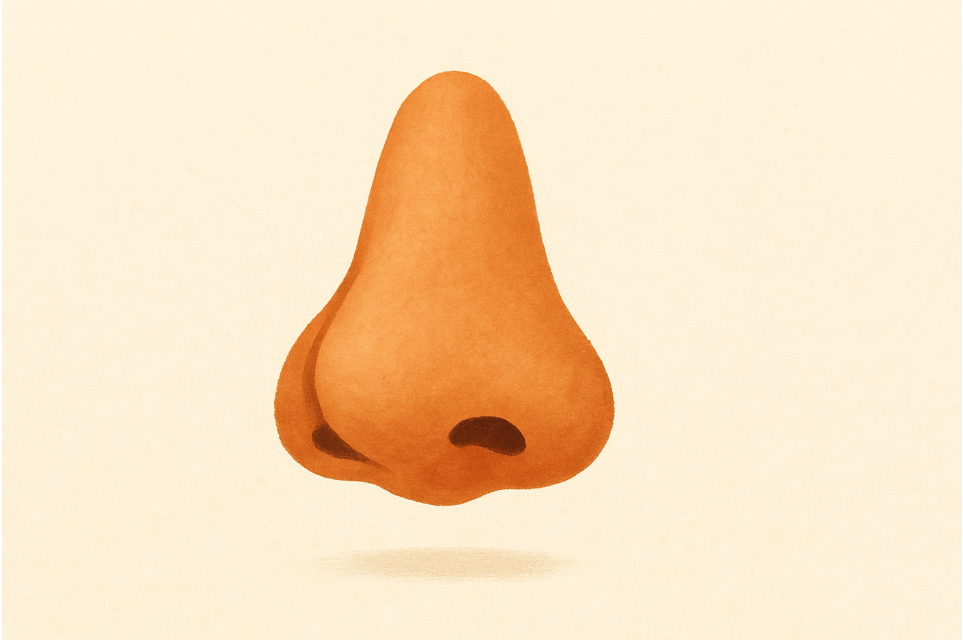
This book was written for my grandson Draven.  
I look forward to reading this and many more  
books together!



God made every body with many different  
parts.

Each one is special. Each one has a job.  
But no part can do everything all alone.  
Come meet some very silly parts... and see.

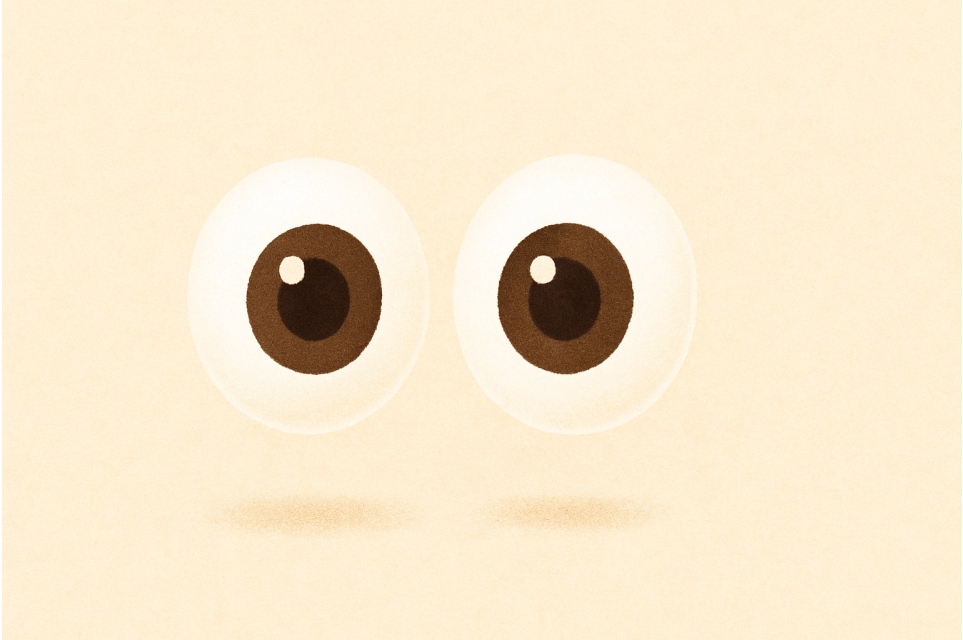




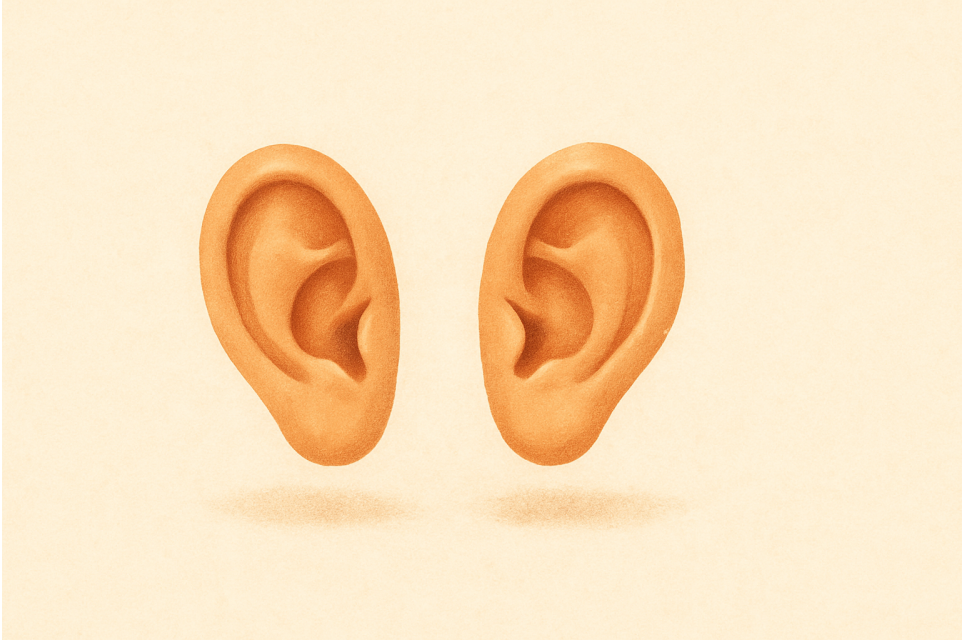
There once was a nose—yes, a great big nose!  
He could smell every flower wherever he goes.  
But walking was tricky, for try as he might,  
A nose cannot wander with no legs in sight.



Here come two feet with a tappity beat!  
Nobody's better at dancing so sweet.  
But feet cannot hug, and feet cannot see—  
They wished for a body, like you and like me.



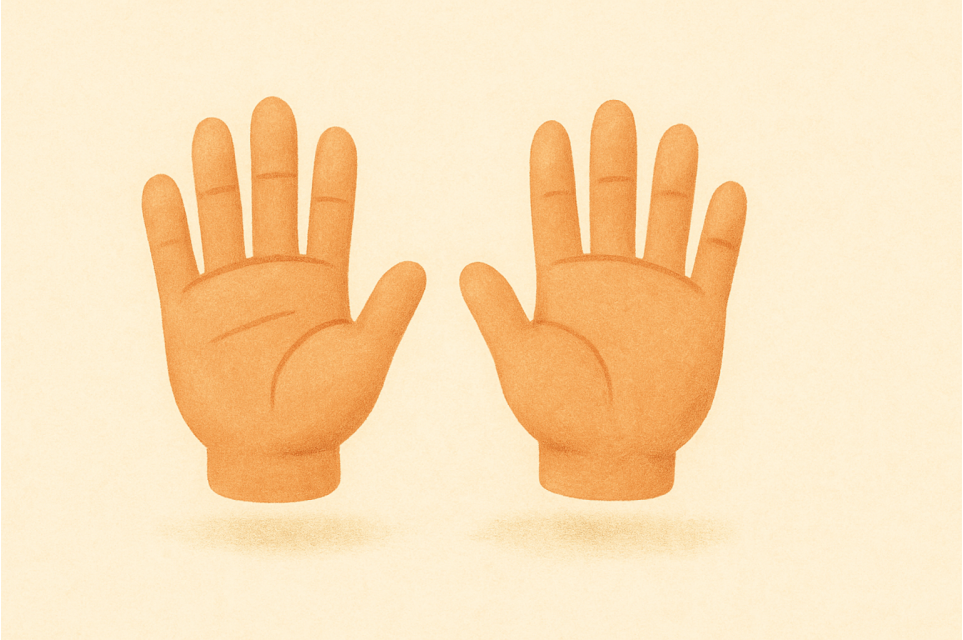
Two giant eyes rolled in with a stare.  
They spotted each bird and followed each hare.  
But with no hands to point and no neck to  
turn,  
They spun round in circles—oh, when will they  
learn?



Then came two ears that could hear every  
sound, from birds in the sky to the worms  
underground.

But ears cannot travel and ears cannot play.  
They needed a body to help on their way.





Two friendly hands came clapping along,  
Ready to help and eager and strong.  
But hands need guidance to know what to do

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They can't see danger or know where to go to.



A mouth full of giggles sang songs of delight,  
Whistling and laughing from morning till  
night.

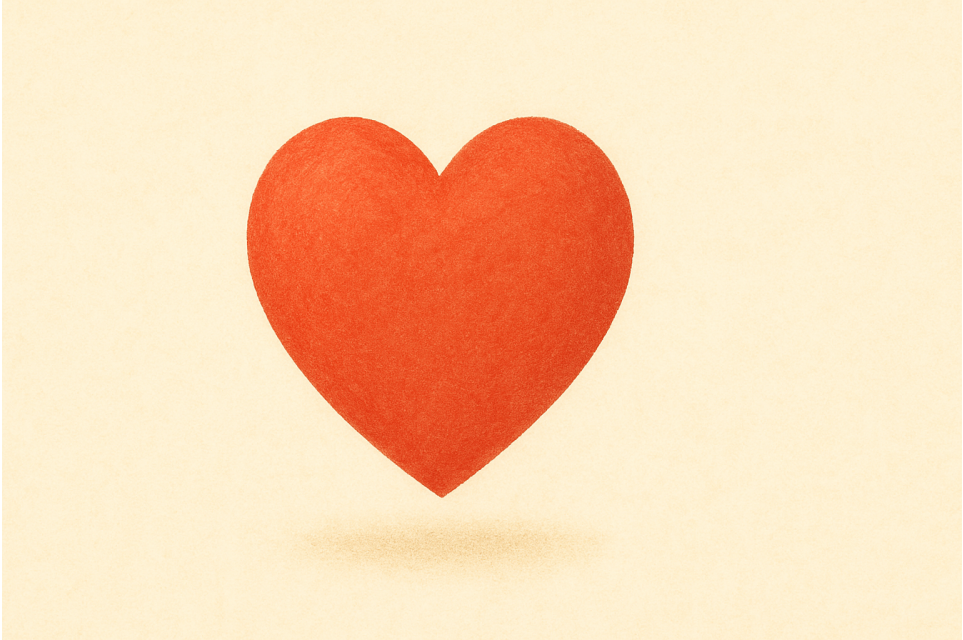
But without any lungs, her notes couldn't fly  
— She needed some help to reach up to the sky.



A big thoughtful brain popped in with a hum.  
He solved every puzzle—he wasn't outdone!  
But brains cannot carry, or walk, or embrace

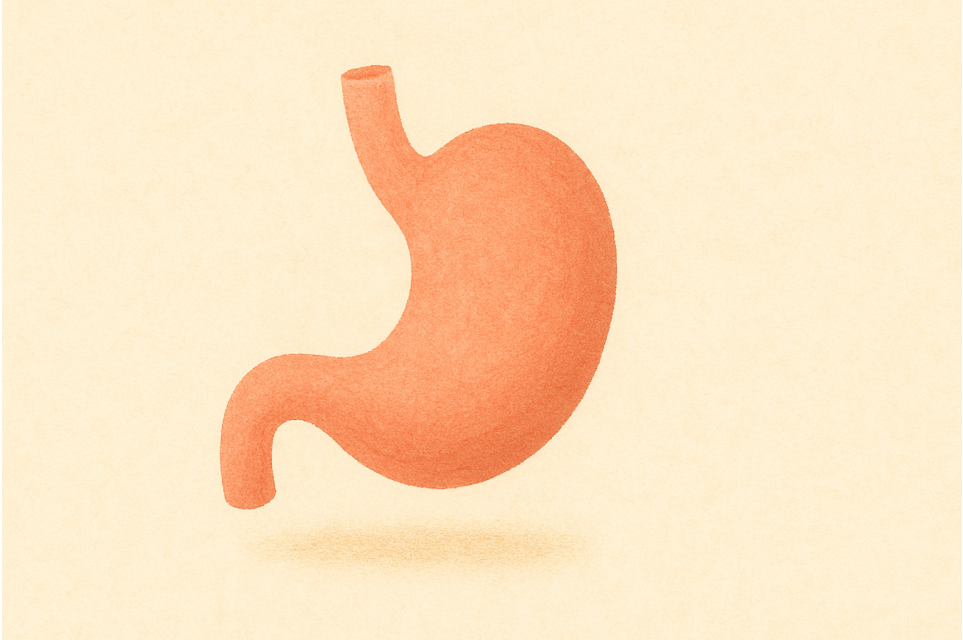
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They need other parts to keep steady the pace.



A warm beating heart glowed gentle and  
bright,  
Keeping the rhythm of day and of night.  
But hearts cannot see and hearts cannot  
speak—  
They need other parts when they're feeling  
quite weak.





A rumbling stomach grumbled. 'Oh my!  
I'm empty again—could someone supply?'  
But try as it might, it had nowhere to chew—  
A stomach needs partners to help make it  
through.



One sturdy bone stood strong and upright,  
Ready to hold things firm and tight.  
But bones by themselves can't wiggle or bend

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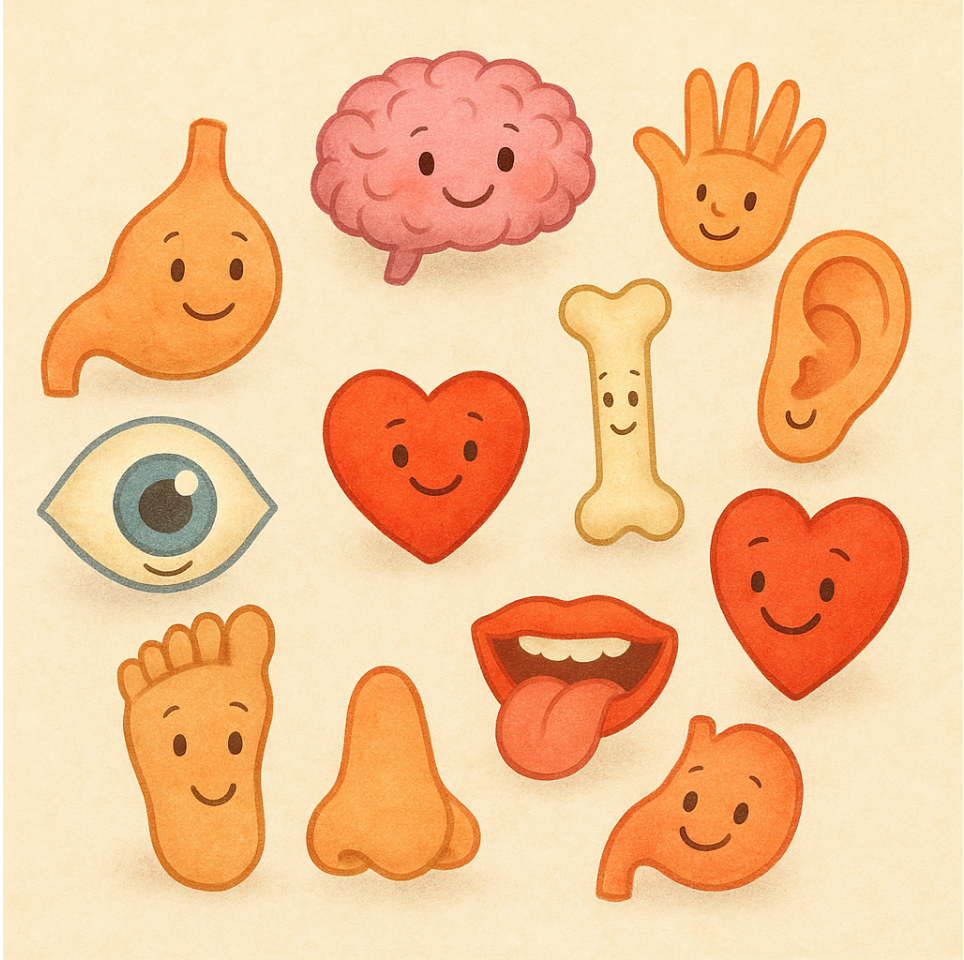
They need all the others to help them, my  
friend.

At last they discovered what they didn't yet  
know:

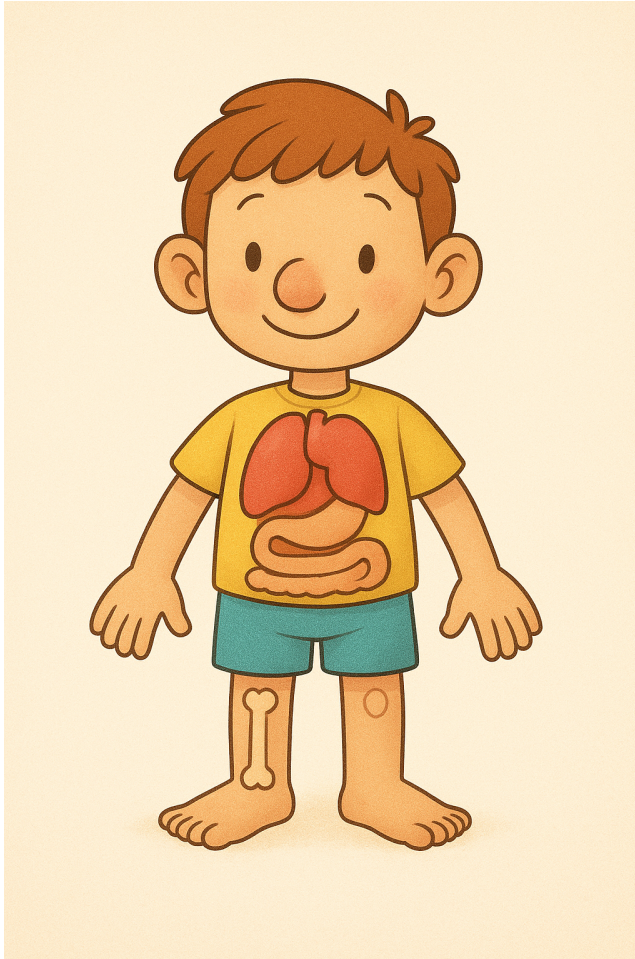
No part stands alone—God didn't make them  
so.

They were made for each other, each one with a  
role...

They were all called together—one team, one  
whole!







Joined all together, what joy they could see—

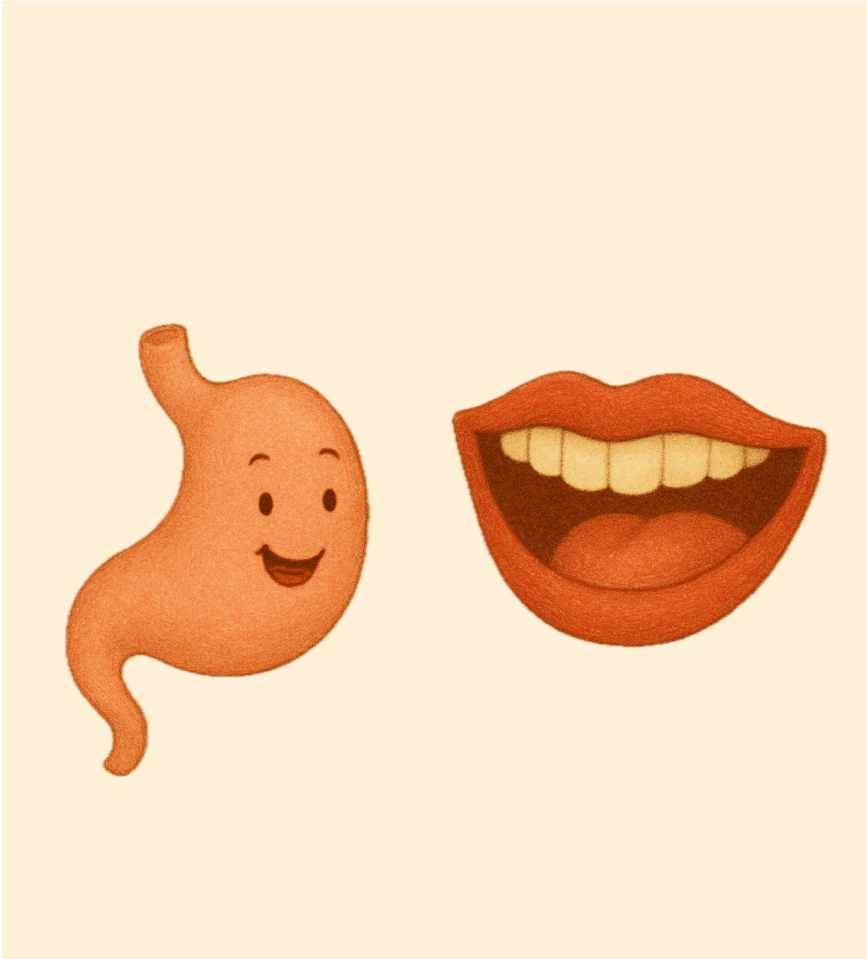
A wonderful body of 'us' instead of 'me.'

Each part was important, each one had its

place,

For God put them all there with wisdom and

grace.



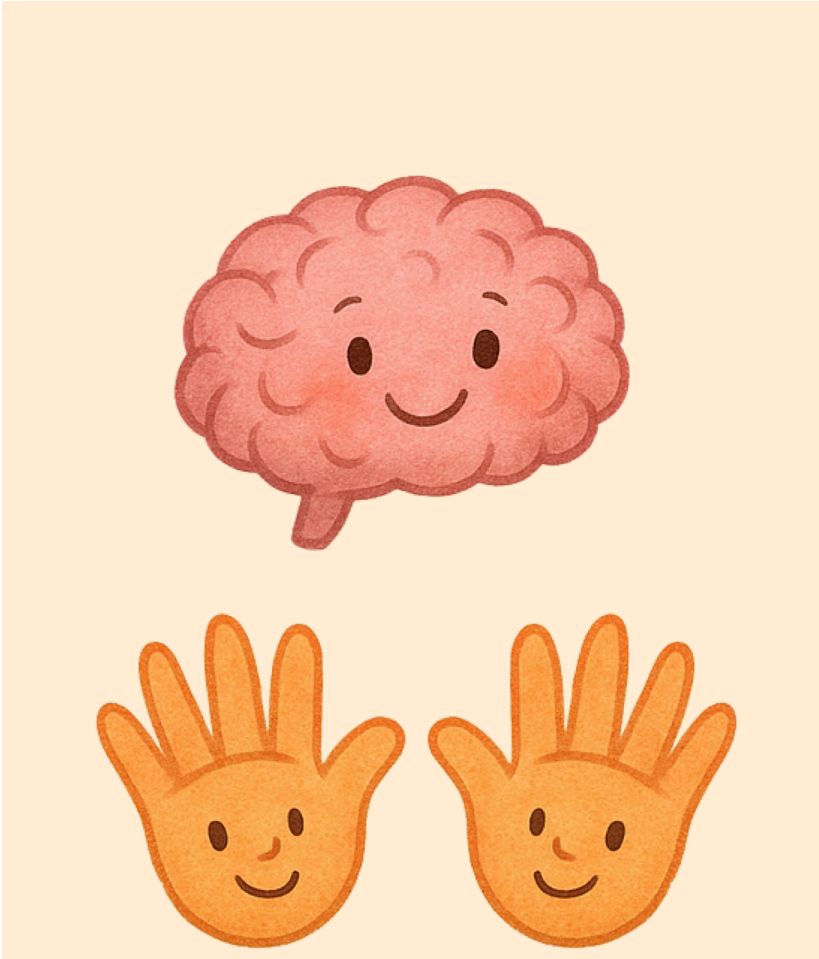
**"Thank you, dear Mouth!" said the stomach one day.**

**"You chew all the food that comes down my way!"**



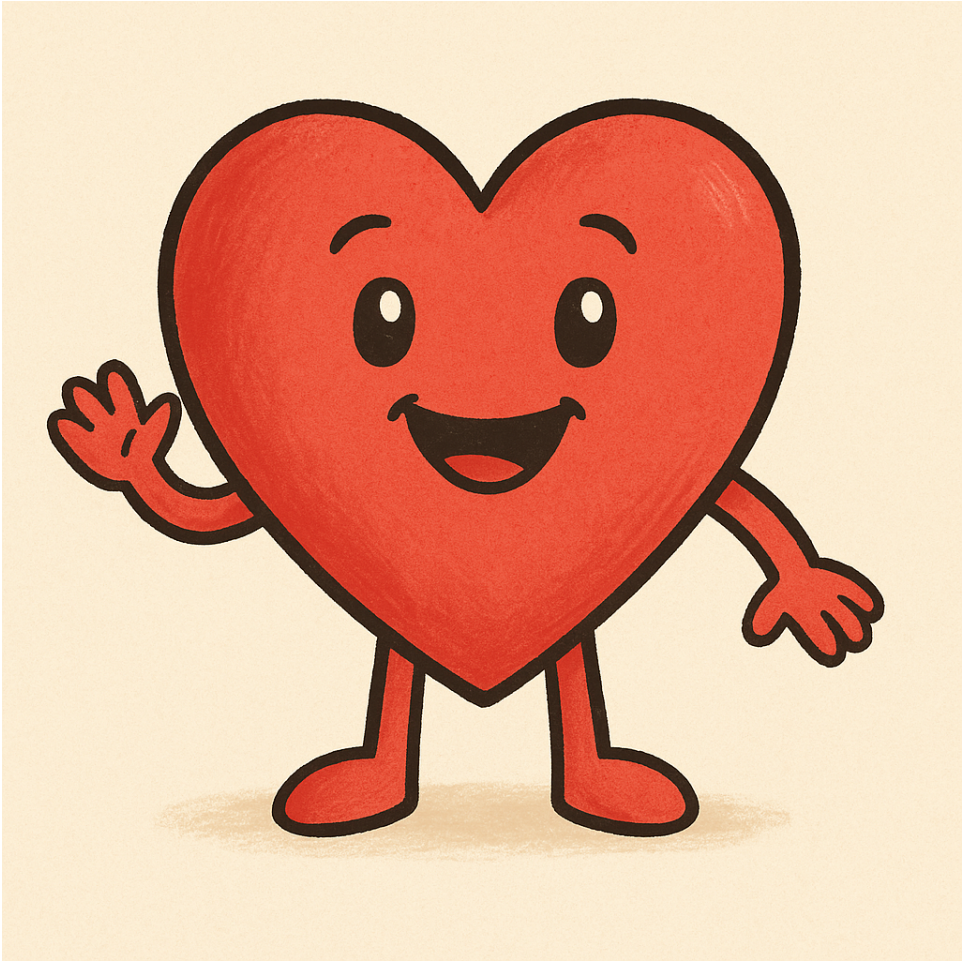
**"Thank you, bright Eyes," said the feet down  
below.**

**"Without you to guide us, we'd not know where  
to go!"**



**"Thank you, Wise Brain," said the hands with a cheer.**

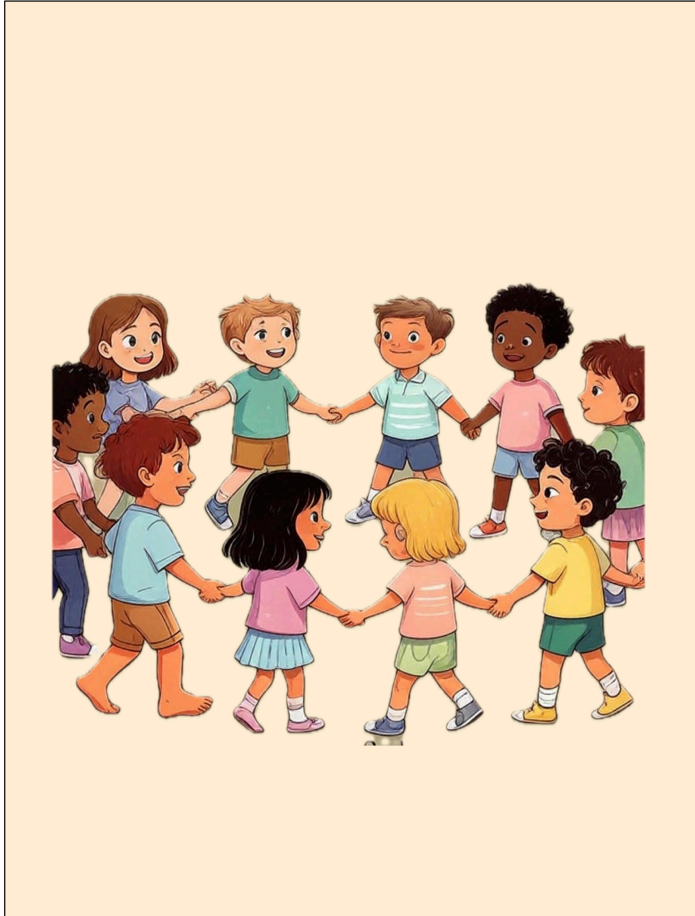
**"You help us know when to help someone near."**



"Thank you, dear friends," said the warm  
beating Heart.

"You each bring your gift—everyone plays a  
part."





**And God made His church (like a body, it's true**

—

**Many different people, and each one of you!**

**When we work together, in love and delight.**

**We show Jesus' kindness, His joy, and His light.**

"For as the body is one, and hath many  
members,  
and all the members of that one body, being  
many, are one body:  
so also is Christ."

— 1 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)

Father,

thank You for making each child special.

Give us love for one another.

Help us be thankful for each other  
and teach us to work together as Your people.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.





## Questions for You

1. Which body part in the story was your favorite?
2. What is one way you can help at church?
3. Who helps you at church?
4. Why do we need each other?
5. What is one good thing God made you able to do?



