



If you were in a band, what instrument would YOU play? (Maybe you already play an instrument, which is great!)

Would you be the lead vocalist? The drummer? The DJ? Would you play the bass? The tuba?

### THE COWBELL?

In Paul's letter, he talked about how there are lots of different parts, but only one body—the body of Christ. It's our job to come together and cooperate as one. When we do that, we can make a big difference and point people to Him.

It's like that with music, too. If you've ever seen an orchestra, you know that it's almost as interesting to *watch* as it is to hear. There are SO many musicians, playing SO many different parts! Somehow, they all come together as long as everyone is following their sheet music correctly and watching the conductor.

As we cooperate, we've got to keep our eyes on God. We've got to trust that He's in control of our lives, and that He has big plans for us to work together. We've got to listen to each other along the way and remember that each person has a unique part to play.

Hopefully yesterday you got some good insights on what kind of part YOU can play. You'll continue to discover that more and more as you get older. For now, remember that you're never facing this life alone. You've got a community of people all around you who can cheer for you and help you along the way.

### TOGETHER, YOU CAN MAKE SOME SWEET MUSIC!



LIVE  
FOR GOD



The world is full of so much creativity. Have you ever thought about how crazy it is that today, in 2018, people are still coming up with totally NEW songs with new melodies, new rhythms, and new lyrics? In case you ever wonder where all that creativity comes from, look how creative God is! He made each one of us with different gifts and talents and He wants us to use those gifts *together* to make a difference.

That should make you feel pretty special. No one else is quite like you. No one else has your unique combination of gifts, talents, and abilities.

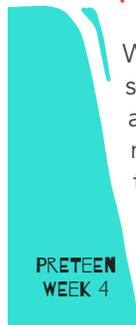
### THAT MEANS . . .

- You can feel comfortable being YOU.
- You don't have to wish you could be someone else.
- You have a part to play in the big story of God.
- You are part of the body of Christ.

Look at Paul's letter—in verse 18. (This would be a good verse to underline in your Bible.)

**God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be.**  
(1 Corinthians 12:18, NIRV)

When we get this right—when we work together as one body, as the church—something amazing happens. *We point others to Jesus.* People can see what a difference God has made in our lives, and how well we work together. It's not always easy. But we can trust that our creative God put us together, with all our differences, for a purpose!



PRETEEN  
WEEK 4

HEAR  
FROM GOD





Here's something you can pray as you're waiting for the bus or riding in the car to school.

**GOD, HELP ME TO PLAY MY PART TODAY.**

You don't even have to know what that means yet. That's the beauty of a new day! It just means that you're opening yourself up to whatever God might have for you as your day unfolds.

Praying that kind of prayer helps you to keep the right kind of attitude, where you remember:

**IT'S NOT ABOUT ME.**

**I'M PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER: SOMETHING GOD IS DOING AROUND ME.**

**I NEED TO RELY ON OTHER PEOPLE, TOO.**

Take a minute to talk to God so you can start your day with the right attitude—an attitude that points others to Jesus!



**PRAY**  
TO GOD

There's only one you! God made you with a totally unique blend of skills, abilities, and experiences.

**IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT—WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?**

You know what? If someone asked your best friend that same question, they'd have a completely different answer.

Maybe you're a good listener. You make other people feel comfortable and safe, so they can tell you how they really feel. Maybe you can make people laugh. You bring joy everywhere you go. Maybe you're an encourager; you make other people better because they know you've got their back.

As you can tell, God's gifts aren't always things you can do—like ballet or gymnastics or piano. He's also given you a unique personality. (And He did it on purpose!) He wants you to put it to use and cooperate with other people. They may be very different from you, and that's a good thing. Together, you can make a big difference.

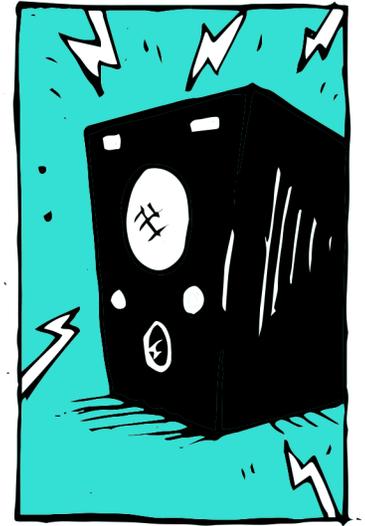
Talk to an adult who knows you really well—your mom or dad, your teacher, your coach, or your Small Group Leader.

**ASK THEM:**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M GOOD AT?**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS UNIQUE ABOUT MY PERSONALITY?**

**HOW DO YOU THINK I COULD PUT THAT TO USE AS I WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE?**



**TALK**  
ABOUT GOD