

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Each one of us has a body, and that body has many parts. These parts all have different uses. In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body.

— ROMANS 12:4-5 ICB



HOW GREAT!



If you've seen a meerkat standing up, you may have noticed their tummies don't have a lot of fur. You can even see their black skin showing through. That's no accident! After sleeping in a chilly burrow (deserts can get cold at night!), meerkats climb out and soak up the rays by standing up with their bellies to the Sun. The dark skin absorbs the heat and warms them right up.

Meerkats are amazing—especially in the way they work together. These squirrel-sized critters live together in groups called *mobs* or *gangs*. They not only work together to dig out the underground burrows they call home but also groom each other and hunt for food together. They even take turns babysitting and standing guard. But one of the most amazing ways they work together is when a predator attacks. If they can't make it back to their burrow, they'll all stand together as one, hissing and growling, so the predator knows it's facing something much bigger than just one little meerkat.

God made meerkats to work together. It's how He made us too. Each of us has different skills and a different job to do. And all are important—from the preacher to the window cleaner, from the singer to the sandwich maker. Whatever job God gives you to do, do it with all your heart and all your might. Be thankful for all the others who are doing their jobs too. Pray for each other, help each other, encourage each other. Because when we're attacked—by troubles, by sadness, or by the Devil himself—we're all stronger when we stand together!

Dear God, help me to find my place in Your church and kingdom. And remind me that everyone is special and has an important job to do for You.