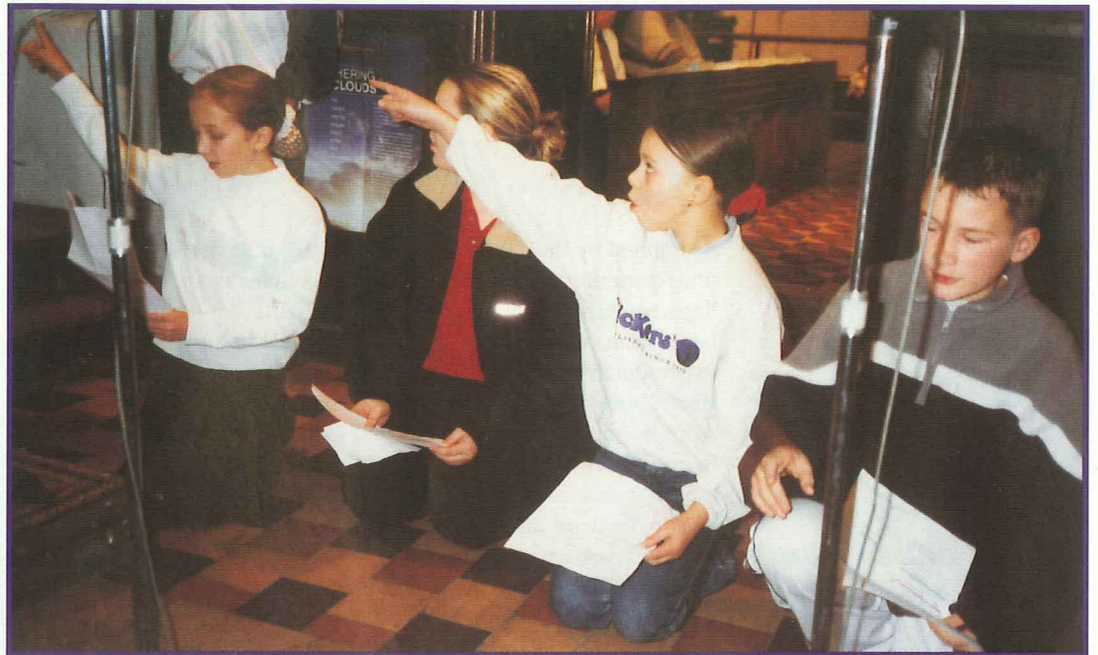




Here is a simple sketch with a serious message for your youth group or Sunday School to perform. It is taken from last year's Suffering Church Sunday resource pack, and is designed to be used as part of a special service about the Suffering Church. There will be a new resource pack for this year, with a new drama (more suitable for teenagers or adults) and an activity sheet for children.



The Pathfinders at Rainham Parish Church, Essex, performing "All One Body" at their Suffering Church Sunday service last November.

ALL ONE BODY

A drama for children and young people written by Paul Birch

Characters: Narrator, God, Government men and Christians One, Two, Three and Four. These need to have strong, clear voices and be confident performers. Other children can take part as a physical chorus, providing background actions to match the actions of the main characters. It is suggested that the Narrator's role is played by an adult.

The main characters stand in a line facing the audience. The "chorus" stands in a line behind them.

<p>Narrator: Once upon a time in a time called now, Father God made a Church. But, please listen how . . .</p> <p>He made it up not of bricks and stone but of all the Christian people who called heaven "home",</p> <p>of all the Christian people who knew Jesus well, who had said sorry to God and of whose love they did tell.</p>	<p>(Stepping out in front of the line)</p> <p>(The line all take a step forward)</p> <p>(Narrator steps forward one step)</p>
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<p>They were all the Church of God from the tiniest child to the oldest bod. And God said they were to be like a body. Without having different parts it wouldn't work properly.</p> <p>Narrator: Now some of the body weren't from round here. They were from other countries and some lived in fear.</p> <p>One: I'm from Egypt</p> <p>Two: and I'm from Sudan.</p> <p>Three: I'm from Saudi</p> <p>Four: and Pakistan.</p>	<p>(Everyone's arms go up to make steeples)</p> <p>(Everyone goes down on their knees)</p> <p>(Everyone stands tall)</p> <p>(God steps up on a chair and stays there)</p> <p>(Stepping forward)</p> <p>(Stepping forward)</p> <p>(Stepping forward)</p> <p>(Stepping forward)</p>
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I WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE SUFFERING CHURCH

All four: And we all pray
to our Father God
and sing songs to Jesus,
nothing that odd.

Gov. men: But we say you're bad **(Government men force Christians to their knees)**
and doing much wrong
so we'll put you in prison
your whole life long.

Narrator: So the people were hurt
and some even killed,
some put in jail
and the prisons were filled
with lots of Christian people
who just loved the Lord,
who were in pain and crying
but who were being ignored.
Ignored?
Ignored by who?

All four & God: You! **(pointing at Narrator)**

Narrator: Me? What have I done?

All four: You've done nothing,
that's the problem, you see.
You should be working
to set us free.
You should be praying
so we can be strong.
We need God's help
to help us get along.
You know what God says:

God: You're to be one body.

One: If you help us

Three: We will all work properly.

Two: You'd get it sorted

Four: If you hurt your hand **(Holds up hand)**

One: Why don't you help us?

All four: We don't understand!

Narrator: So I got down and prayed **(Narrator does so)**
and they all felt good,
and some were released
'cos I did what I should.
And so God and I,
we helped them in their pain,
but the body is still hurting.
Will you do the same?

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