



Make it count!  
Make it fun!

*Used By God (Lesson 2)*  
**Gifts From Above**  
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### LESSON OBJECTIVE

#### Topics:

Body of Christ, Kingdom of God, Serving, Spiritual Gifts, Works

After completing this lesson, the children will discover they are special because God will give them Spiritual Gifts to help serve in His kingdom. Bulletin Board Idea: [Every Perfect Gift](#)

### AS KIDS ARRIVE ( 20 minutes )

Perfect Gifts (Word Puzzle) [Click Here](#)

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES ( 5 minutes ) Further info? [Click Here](#)

### MEMORY WORK ( 10 minutes )

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17 NIV**

The children will already be familiar with the first part of this verse. Practice reading and saying the entire verse several times. As ask for volunteers to say the entire verse from memory.

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION ( 15 minutes )

#### Introduction:

Today our lesson is about Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual Gifts are not the same as talents. A talent is a special ability God may begin in us when we are young, but we must work hard to develop it. Playing a musical instrument, painting pictures, and doing well at soccer are examples of talents. On the other hand, Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given to those who receive Christ in their heart. These gifts flow from God and are for building up the Body of Christ, the church.

Read the following passages several times as the kids follow along in their own Bible. Then have the kids name the different Spiritual Gifts that are mentioned as you write them on the board. Discuss each one briefly and ask the children if they know of someone who has each gift. Also be prepared to help the children understand the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift.

#### Romans 12: 6-8 (Spiritual gifts)

Gifts mentioned:

1. Prophesying (preaching)
2. Serving (ministry)
3. Teaching
4. Encouraging (exhortation)
5. Contributing (giving)
6. Leading (ruling or administration)
7. Showing Mercy

#### 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 (Spiritual gifts)

Gifts mentioned:

1. Wisdom
2. Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Miraculous powers
6. Prophecy (preaching)
7. Discernment
8. Speaking in other tongues (languages)
9. Interpretation

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Are all the gifts the same? (no)
2. Who determines what Spiritual Gifts you will receive? (The Holy Spirit)
3. What are these Spiritual Gifts for according to 1Corinthias 12:7? (For the common good)
4. What does "common good" mean?
5. How often should we use whatever gift we have?
6. Which gifts seem to be more common, and which ones seem to be more rare? Why?

**CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)**

**Special Gifts Tour (Activity)** [Click Here](#)

**ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)**

**Spiritual Gift Match (Activity)** [Click Here](#)

**APPLICATION ( 4 minutes)**

Today we learned that God gives special gifts to His people so they can serve others. When we receive Jesus as our savior, we are given a special gift. This gift is not a great talent or skill that we learn over time, instead it is God actually working through us. People have many needs, and the church has many areas to serve. That is why all gifts are not the same, but all are important and helpful to minister to the body of Christ, that is the church.

We must keep in mind however, as great as these gifts are, there is one gift that is more special, more important, and more precious than any other. That is the gift of Jesus. God gave His only Son to die for us, so we could be saved from our sins, and have everlasting life. If God cared so much about us to give up His Son, should we not also use our gifts as often as we can to glorify Him.

**NEXT WEEK**

What would you do if you went to a circus, but every act was just the same as the one before? For a circus to be fun, there must be a variety of acts. Come back next week to see what a circus and our church have in common. Not until we turn to God, and repent of our evil ways can we be used to His glory. But this is only the beginning. As we grow up, God gives us some very special things to help us serve Him. Next week these special things will be right here at our church.

**CLOSING PRAYER ( 2 minutes)** Further info? [Click Here](#)