

Lesson 73: Spiritual Gifts

[1 Corinthians 12:4-27](#)

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/y_a0p4-yC-w

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/1-R1XONGbcM>

Worship Theme: God gives us gifts to serve him.

Memory Verse:

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. It's a Great Day <https://youtu.be/Z91SULEHfho>
2. Making Melody in My Heart <https://youtu.be/1th9e8PKFxs>
3. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Compare"

Materials Needed: Teachers need to have paper with phrases to describe children (long "hair," tall "height", short "pants", etc.)

1. Divide into two groups and have them stand together in their group.
2. The teacher will provide one word used to compare (big, small, long, short, etc.)
3. For example, if the teacher says "long," then each group will decide who in the group has something long (long hair, long pants, etc.).
4. Then each group will send a selected child to front and the teacher will show what's on her paper (for example, long "hair").
5. Then the group will compare the two selected children, and the child who matches the teacher's paper wins the game.
6. Play until the teacher runs out of the phrases.
7. After the game, teacher will explain to the children that God blessed each of us with different ability and talents.

Introduction:

Activity: (Teacher needs to prepare one gift.) Teacher selects a child (child in the front or the back) to give the gift and ask "Are you happy to receive the gift?"

Think about the best gift you have ever received from someone. Was it new clothes? Shoes? Money? It is always nice to receive gifts from people who love us. Do you think God who loves us gives us gifts too? Of course! The biggest gift God has given us is the gift of salvation. God also gives each one of us special gifts so that we can use those gifts to serve God. Today, we will learn about these special gifts!

Bible Story:

God gives us gifts, but they're not the same kind as the gifts we give each other. God's gifts are not like a new toy or a game, but God's gifts are even more important. God gives us gifts to help us serve him.

God loves us all, and he made us different so that we can help one another and serve God together. He created each of you to be very special. Because we are all different, God gives us different gifts. Because the gifts God gives us are different from other people's gifts, our gifts are meant to be used together with the gifts other Christians have.

Does this mean someone's gifts are better than other people's? The bible says that some of the gifts of God are gifts of faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, and more. Do you think gift of healing is better than gift of faith? Or is gift of prophecy more important than gift of miraculous powers? There are many other spiritual gifts. Some people are good at encouraging others and others are very good about sharing their faith with others. There are others who are good leaders as there are those who are gifted as helpers. Is one gift better than another?

No! All the gifts God gives us are important. God's gifts help us to accomplish the jobs he gives us to do. We all have different jobs to do and different gifts that help us to do them. The bible uses the body parts to explain how every gift is important. If foot feels unimportant because it's not a hand and stops to work, what will happen to our body? Or if ear decides that it's not as important as eye and stops to work, what will happen to our body? Just as every part of the body is important, all gifts are special and important. What's important is that we all understand what our gifts are and use them to serve God and God's people.

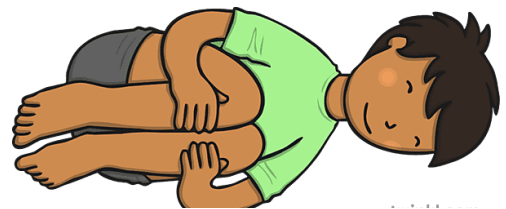
Let's think for a minute about the gifts God has given you. There are all kinds of gifts. The important thing is to let God show you how to use your gifts for him. Close your eyes, and ask God to show you what your gift is. Maybe God will give you the ability to encourage others, to tell others about Jesus, or, perhaps, to be a leader in church!

Questions to discuss:

1. What are some gifts that God gives us? (salvation, prophecy, healing, etc.)
2. Is one gift from God better than another? (no, all gifts from God are good)
3. Why does God give us different gifts? (We all have different calling from God. God gives us gifts to help us achieve our calling)
4. What gifts do you think you have from God? (let the children answer)

Game: Race Without Feet

1. Divide the children into groups of 4-5.
2. Explain to them that they have to race to the end of the classroom. When one person reaches the end, the next person can go.
3. The first group to have all of its members reach the end of the classroom wins the game.
4. However, in this race, you cannot use your feet. (Let the children be creative.)
5. Ready, set, go!
6. After the game: How hard was it to race without using your feet? Remember, every part of your body is important no matter how small or unimportant they seem. In the same way, every gift God gives us is important and special! Use your gifts wisely to serve God and God's people!



Memory Verse:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Craft: "We Are One!"

Materials Needed: Print paper doll (see below to print), crayon, scissors, tape/glue

1. Give the printed copy of the paper doll to each child.
2. Ask each child to write their name and decorate the paper doll.
3. Once everyone is done, connect everyone's paper doll using glue or tape and tape this to the wall of the classroom.



4. Explain to the children that even though every paper doll has a different name and is decorated differently, they are all connected in one body. In the same way, we are different but one body in Christ. Let us use our spiritual gifts to serve God and God's people!

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

It's amazing to know that God shares pieces of *Jesus'* abilities—the spiritual gifts—with each of us. Your spiritual gift is a God-given opportunity to be like Jesus. Have you taken the time to discover what your spiritual gifts are? Have you taken the time to develop your gifts? Remember, your gifts were given in order for you to build up Jesus' body. It's a great responsibility!

We Are One!

