



THE BIG IDEA | Everyone Has Special Gifts

Elementary

SCRIPTURE | I Corinthians 12:1-11

Did you know God made everyone with a special gift? These gifts are special abilities that show who God is. What are these gifts? Let's find out!

INSTRUCTIONS: Read I Corinthians 12:1-11 with or for your kids. You can use the list of words below, writing each word on a separate small piece of paper and have your child pull one out at a time.

- **WISDOM:** The ability to give good advice to your friends when they need it.
- **KNOWLEDGE:** The ability to understand hard things.
- **FAITH:** The ability to trust God completely.
- **HEALING:** The ability to pray for sick people to get well.
- **MIRACLES:** The ability to pray for miracles.
- **PROPHECY:** The ability to tell people about Jesus.
- **DISCERNMENT:** The ability to differentiate between right and wrong; being able to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit.
- **TONGUES:** The ability to speak different languages.
- **INTERPRETATION:** The ability to understand and translate these languages.
- You can't buy these gifts, return them, or even choose which ones you get, but they're all good. Why? Because they're all from God!
- God gives gifts to all of us. Everyone is made with special gifts!

ACTIVITY | Box of Gifts

INSTRUCTIONS: *Distribute this week's printable to each kid. In the center of the box, tell the kids to write one or two of the spiritual gifts they would like to have (i.e., wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment, tongues, interpretation). In the remaining squares, tell them to write or draw how they are going to help others with that gift. Then, help them cut out and fold up their box!*

Do you know why these are called gifts? It's not just because they are given to us by God, but also because we are supposed to use them for other people. They are gifts that keep on giving! And no one will be left out — God made everyone to have special gifts!

DISCUSSION

- Can we ask God for specific gifts?
- Read I Corinthians 12:11. How does God choose who gets what gift?
- Why do you think we need spiritual gifts?

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You for the gifts You have given to us. Help us to use those gifts well, and please give us the gifts we do not have yet so that we can help and serve our friends better. Thank You for being the best gift giver.

MEMORY VERSE |

