



THE BIG IDEA | God uses my gifts to help others

Elementary

SCRIPTURE | The Body of Christ: I Corinthians 12:12-31

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read the passage with your kids. You can further discuss with them what it means with something like this:*

- Back when the church just started, right after Jesus went to heaven, some people were fighting over who was better – or whose gifts were better. But God doesn't want us to compare gifts. God gave us all different gifts so that we could work together to help others.
- To help us understand, the Bible tells us to look at our own body. We are each made out of many parts. Arms and legs, heart, brain, stomach. But all of these parts are still part of one body. That's how it is with Jesus. We are all different parts of one body, the "body of Christ." Now, imagine that your whole body was just one big eyeball? How would you hear? How would you smell things? God put every part of our bodies exactly where they should be, and God puts all of us where we should be. And every part matters!
- Just like all your body parts need each other, we all need each other, too. God made us all with gifts. **Why does God give us gifts?** That's right! So we can help other people!

ACTIVITY | Sketch-A-Scene

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a picture frame printable. Encourage the kids to think about a time when someone else helped them. Maybe it was their mom or dad, a brother or sister, a friend, or a teacher. Tell them to draw a picture to show how someone else helped them.*

- # SPECIAL NEEDS HACK: *Modeling is a powerful instructional tool for all kids, especially those with special needs. Give a specific time when someone else helped you in your own life. Have a picture already drawn as a worked example for the kids to see so that they will know what your expectation is, and can refer to it throughout the activity. Your sample picture should be clear and simple.*
- # PRETEEN HACK: *Pair up with your child and sketch out a scene together where you are combining each of your unique gifts. Encourage them to share a scenario where God might use all of their gifts together!*
- God uses our gifts to help others, and God also uses other people's gifts to help us. Remember how we are all parts of the same body? We all need each other. God designed us to work together and help each other out.

DISCUSSION

- Can any part of the body work by itself without being connected to the rest of the body?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:25-26. In your own words, what does this Bible verse mean? What is the most important part of the body of Jesus? (Trick question!)

PRAYER

- God, thank You again for the amazing gifts You have given us. We love getting gifts, but it is so fun to be able to give gifts to our friends, too! Help us to use our gifts and for us to be able to see who needs our gifts. Thank You for all the people who have helped me with their gifts and thank You for the gift of Jesus!

MEMORY VERSE

