

BIG PICTURE:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

BIG IDEA:

BETTER TOGETHER

BIG POINT:

GOD WANTS TO WORK THROUGH YOU

BIG WORD:

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture SPIRITUAL GIFTS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Life with Jesus' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



Learning Outcomes

- At the conclusion of this lesson children will:
- Learn that God gives and each of us gifts and talents so He can work through us.
 - Discover that we each have a part to play by using our gifts.
 - Know that we are all part of the body of Christ.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Which is your favourite animal and why?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. Why does God give us different gifts?

God gives us different gifts so He can use them to build His Kingdom. We each have different gifts so we can work together. Ephesians 4:7 (CEV) "Christ has generously divided out his gifts to us." How amazing that God has chosen to give us gifts and that we get to play a part in what God wants to do on the earth. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

2. How is the Church like a body?

The body of Christ, the Church, has many parts. When we all work together, God can do great things through us. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIRV) "There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptised by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts."

3. What is something you're great at doing?

Talk about the different things each person is good at and how this could be used to help others and build God's Kingdom. No matter what it is you're gifted at, God wants to work through you. Your gift is important and valuable. The Bible says that it doesn't matter how seen or unseen your part is, it's important. 1 Corinthians 12:21-26 (NIRV) "The eye can't say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' The head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' In fact, it is just the opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without. The parts that we think are less important we treat with special honour. The private parts aren't shown. But they are treated with special care. The parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honour to the parts that didn't have any. In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honoured, every part shares in its joy."

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that we are better together! We all have a part to play by using our gifts and allowing God to work through us.

Directions: Give each child a few slips of the paper chain to colour in. When each slip is coloured, link the slips together and attach the ends of each slip with a stapler to make a paper chain.

Explanation: We are better together! We all have a part to play by using our gifts and allowing God to work through us. Just like these links in the paper chain, we all work together to make something great. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." When we each allow God to use us, we are like a body with all parts fulfilling their purpose, we're better together!

BIG WORD

"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV)

Give each child a Big Word - Unscramble page and help them to unscramble the letters of each word to complete the verse.

GAME

Musical Hats

Set out one party hat per child. When the music plays, the children dance and move around the room. When the music stops, children must race to pick up a hat and place it on their head. After each round take one hat away and when the music stops any children without a hat must sit out of the game. Continue until you are left with only one hat and two players. The child who gets the last hat first is the winner of the game.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that You are always with us and we can live our lives with courage. Lord, You can use the most unlikely among us to be a hero and do great things for You. We ask that You give each one of us courage to do amazing things for You.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Paper Chain pages printed from print material files, scissors, stapler, staples, coloured pencils or crayons.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word - Unscramble page printed from print material files.

Supplies Needed:

Party Hats, Music