

BIG PICTURE:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

BIG IDEA:

YOU'VE BEEN SERVED

BIG POINT:

I CAN SERVE GOD WITH MY GIFTS

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:
- Understand that we can serve God with our gifts.
 - Discover that the apostle Peter encouraged the early church to use their gifts and we can too.
 - Know that no matter what we are good at, God can use it to build His kingdom.

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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 sport do you love to play?

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

1. What is something you think you might be good at or gifted to do?

Think about the things you are good at and enjoy doing. What are the things that other people might say "you're so good at this" or "you're really gifted at that"? What is something that while you're doing it, you feel a connection to God? Think about the things you do that are successful and make a difference. A great way to discover what you're gifted at is to try doing different things! You might never know that you're the world's best artist if you never pick up a paint brush. There's things that we seem naturally good at doing, which still take practice and hard work, but these may be the very things God has gifted you to do.

2. What does it mean to serve God with our gifts?

We use our gifts to serve God. When we do this, we are building the Church and God's Kingdom, allowing God to work through the gifts He's given us. We don't use our gifts to impress others or show off. We use our gifts to bring glory to God. Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

3. If we haven't discovered what our gifts are yet, how can we serve God?

You might not know yet what specific gift God has given you. It can take some time to discover. However, we can serve God in anything we're doing! Find an area that needs help or job that needs to be done and get stuck in. Did you know that worship is not just singing. Mopping a floor can be an act of worship. Do it with all your heart, mop the floor for Jesus! Washing dishes can be an act of worship! Do it with all your heart, wash the dishes for Jesus! Romans 12:1 (MSG) "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering." Honouring God in everything that you do. Serving Him alone in all parts of your life. That's worship! That's serving God!

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that they can serve God with their gifts.

Directions: Give each child a Gift Colouring page printed from print material files. Children can colour in their page and then use different kinds of gift wrap ribbon to make bows for the gift boxes on the page and attach them using tape.

Explanation: God is the one who gives each person gifts and talents. God can work through each person's gift, there's different gifts but only one God. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV) "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." No matter what you're good at, God can use it to build His Kingdom. I can serve God with my gifts!

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)

Say or sing the Big Word together first by whispering, then in a deep voice, a high pitched voice and finally, with a different accent.

GAME

Pass the Picture

Have the children sit in groups of four and give each child a piece of paper folded into four parts horizontally. First, each person draws a funny head on the top of the page. Then, with it folded down, they pass the paper onto the next person. Next, without looking at the head, everyone draws a funny body, folds the paper down and passes it on. Next, they draw legs and pass it on, folded down. The feet are drawn last. When everyone is done you can unfold your pages and see your funny, made up character.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that You've given us gifts so we can serve You. Help us to discover what gifts You've given us and show us ways to use those gifts to build Your Church.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Gift Colouring page printed from print material files, colouring pencils or crayons, different colours and kinds of gift wrap ribbon, scissors and tape.

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Sheets of paper, pencils