

BIG PICTURE:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

BIG IDEA:

GIFT EXCHANGE

BIG POINT:

GOD GIVES US GIFTS TO HELP OTHERS

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)

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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 us gifts to help others.
- Begin to discover their unique gifts and talents.
- Know that like a puzzle we have a part to play in a bigger picture.

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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 season is the best, Summer, Autumn/Fall, Winter or Spring?

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

1. How are our gifts like a puzzle?

A puzzle is made up of many smaller pieces that come together to make a much bigger picture. You and I are puzzle pieces! We each work together, using the gifts God has given us, to play our part in the bigger picture. Each piece of the puzzle is different and has its own spot in the picture. We are all different and have been given different gifts. Like the different puzzle pieces we have a perfect spot in the bigger picture of God's plan.

2. Why does God give us different spiritual gifts?

He gives each of us different gifts that work together. Romans 12:6-8 (NIV) "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." There is a part for you to play. As you begin to discover what you're good at and what you like doing you'll find out what gifts God has given you.

3. How can you serve others with the gift God has given you?

God gives us gifts to help others. The gifts God gives us are not for us to hold onto for ourselves, we need to pass them on, giving them to those around us. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV) "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." We can serve others by showing them God's love, helping them, caring for them, using our gifts to make a difference in the life of others.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: Make a door hanger to remind the children of different ways they can serve others.

Directions: Give each child a Door Hanger page printed from the print material files onto thin card paper. (If you have much younger children or a large group, you may like to pre-cut the door hanger shape before the lesson.) Children can colour in their door hanger and read the list of ways they can serve others. Then cut out the shape and take it home to hang on their bedroom door.

Explanation: We each have different gifts that we share with those around us. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV) "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." Someone else's gift helps us and our gift helps them. It's a gift exchange. God doesn't give us special gifts and talents just for our own benefit. God gives us gifts to help others!

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 Puzzle page to colour in. Children can then cut out their puzzle pieces and take home their finished puzzle.

GAME

Crab Soccer

Divide the group into two equal teams or play against another group. Set out the play area and the goals. Arrange players and announce which team is aiming for which goal. Players move around the field on their hands and feet with their bottom towards the ground. Set the timer and play three minute rounds for each game so as not to tire the players. After three minutes the team with the most goals wins that game.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us gifts. We want to serve You and others with the gifts You've given us. Help us find ways to stir up the gifts You've given us and build Your Kingdom.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Door Hanger pages printed from print material files onto thin card paper for each child, coloured pencils or crayons, scissors.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word Puzzle page supplied in print material files, colouring pencils, scissors.

Supplies Needed:

Soccer ball, something to use for goals (chairs or game markers), a timer or stopwatch.