



Paul Teaches About Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-27

Infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds are just beginning to discover their bodies. Use this natural interest to show kids ways they can use each body part to serve God. Hold a baby in your lap, and gently wave the baby's hands. Praise the baby for using his or her hands to welcome others to church! While you play with a toddler, alternate giving each other hugs. Tell the toddler that both of you are using your arms to show love! Sit with a 2-year-old and take turns whispering into each other's ears. Whisper encouraging words or words about Jesus. Remind the child that you can use your mouth to tell others about Jesus and you can use your ears to listen to a friend! As children learn the many special ways each body part can serve Jesus, you'll be offering them a foundation to learn how each child can use his or her special gifts to serve God.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Body Boggle Experience an action rhyme about the parts of the body.		
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Who Is a Gift? Look in a gift bag and see their reflection.	gift bag, small hand mirror	Place the hand mirror, with the reflective side up, in the gift bag.
	Special Gift Decorate a picture of a gift box with their handprints.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Our Gifts" page (at the end of the lesson), washable ink pads, wet wipes	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



Bible Point
Serve God.

Key Verse

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).

Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will begin to understand that they have gifts they can use to serve God and others.





TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	A Special Thing Hear a rhyme about the different gifts God gives to us.	Bible	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Wonderful Gifts Find hidden gifts all over the room.	gift bags with bows	Hide the gift bags around the room in easy-to-find places at toddlers' eye level.
	The Perfect Gift Sprinkle glittering gift-wrap onto special gifts.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Our Gifts" page (at the end of the lesson), glue, glitter, saltshaker	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Put glitter into a saltshaker.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Crazy Faces Hear about the Bible passage as they experience the importance of each part of the face.	Bible	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	A Surprising Gift Pass around a gift as they sing a song.	shoe box, wrapping paper, bags of crackers or other small treats, scissors, tape	Gift wrap a shoe box and the lid separately so that you can easily remove the lid. Fill the shoe box with small treats.
	Decorating the Gift Decorate a picture of gift boxes.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Our Gifts" page (at the end of the lesson), scraps of gift wrap, 1 gift bow per child, scissors, glue sticks	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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INFANT

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■


Sing “God’s Mighty Power” (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush” anytime during the lesson. Gently bounce a baby on your knees to the rhythm as you sing.

 **God’s mighty power sets us free,
Sets us free, sets us free!
God’s mighty power sets us free—
Look what God has done!**

**God’s mighty power washes sin,
Washes sin, washes sin!
God’s mighty power washes sin—
Look what God has done!**

Afterward, say: ► **SERVE GOD.**

Sing “God Is Strong” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Old MacDonald” anytime during the lesson. Hug the baby each time you sing “God loves.”

 **God is strong and powerful.
I’m glad God loves me!
God is strong and powerful.
His power sets us free!
God loves you!
God loves me!
Our God’s power sets us free!
God is strong and powerful.
I’m glad God loves me!**

Afterward, say: ► **SERVE GOD.**



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “God’s Mighty Power” (track 2)





Who Is a Gift? Supplies

gift bag
small hand mirror

Who Is a Gift? Easy Prep

Place the hand mirror,
with the reflective side
up, in the gift bag.

Special Gift Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Our Gifts” page (at
the end of the lesson)
washable ink pads
wet wipes

Special Gift Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson
8 pages from each
My Bible Snuggles
student book.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Body Boggle

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Recite this rhyme, and do the actions with a baby:

God gave you arms so you can hug. (*gently lift up the baby's arms*)

God gave you legs so you can go. (*gently pedal the baby's legs*)

God gave you eyes so you can see, (*point to the baby's eyes*)

People who help with love to show. (*hug the baby*)

God gives you gifts to help you love. (*place the baby's arms over his or her heart*)

God gives you gifts so all can grow. (*gently lift up the baby's arms*)

Say: **We can ► SERVE GOD.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Who Is a Gift?

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set the gift bag next to you. Hold a baby in your lap.

Say: **God gave someone special a gift. I wonder who God gave a gift to. Let's see.**

Open the gift bag, and help the baby look inside and see his or her reflection. **God gave a special gift to you. God gave you a gift so you can make other people happy! God wants us to serve others. We ► SERVE GOD.**

Special Gift

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set a copy of the “Our Gifts” page on a table. Hold a baby on your lap as you sit in a chair in front of the table. Show the baby the picture of the gifts.

Say: **Look at these gifts. God gives us gifts to help others.** Gently press the baby's hand on an ink pad, and then blot it on the gifts.



Say: **Look at how you made your picture wonderful! God gave you gifts so you can serve others. Serving others makes God happy. We ► SERVE GOD.**

Use a wet wipe or wet paper towel to wipe off baby's hand.

Weaving Faith at Home

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing "God's Mighty Power" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "The Mulberry Bush" anytime during the lesson. Help children spread their arms wide on the word *free*. Then let children hug themselves on the last phrase of each verse.

**God's mighty power sets us free,
Sets us free, sets us free!
God's mighty power sets us free—
Look what God has done!**

**God's mighty power washes sin,
Washes sin, washes sin!
God's mighty power washes sin—
Look what God has done!**

Afterward, say: ► **SERVE GOD.**

Sing "God Is Strong" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Old MacDonald" anytime during the lesson. Let toddlers make muscles when they hear the words *strong* and *powerful*.

**God is strong and powerful.
I'm glad God loves me!
God is strong and powerful.**



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "God's Mighty Power" (track 2)





A Special Thing Supplies

Bible

His power sets us free!
 God loves you!
 God loves me!
 Our God's power sets us free!
 God is strong and powerful.
 I'm glad God loves me!

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

A Special Thing

What You'll Do

Gather several toddlers in a circle around you. Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 12. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say the following rhyme:

**A special gift God gives to everyone;
 To all who love Jesus, his Son.
 Each of us can do a special thing,
 Like pray, or read, or sing.**

Some of us can smile from here to there. *(have kids smile and point to each corner of their mouths)*

Some of us can say a special prayer. *(have kids fold their hands and bow their heads)*

Some of us can make a yummy treat to share. *(have kids pretend to stir something in a bowl)*

Some of us can give others loving care. *(have kids give each other hugs)*

Some of us can tell the world about Jesus' love *(have kids point to their mouths)*

And about heaven, way up above. *(have kids point up toward the sky)*

And it is true

That when you use the gift God gives you,

You are playing your special part

To serve others and show God's loving heart.

Say: ► **SERVE GOD.**





3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Wonderful Gifts

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a few toddlers around you. Tell them you've hidden several gifts around the room. Encourage toddlers to look around the room for the gifts. When a toddler finds a gift, have the toddler bring the gift to you. Encourage the toddler to do one of the actions from the Bible passage, such as smiling, praying, making a treat, giving a hug, or pointing to their mouths.

Say: **That was a wonderful gift—thank you for sharing it with me! When we share gifts with others, we ► SERVE GOD.** Then encourage the toddler to find another gift. Once all the gifts have been found, have kids close their eyes while you hide the gifts again. Play the game several times.

The Perfect Gift

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each toddler an "Our Gifts" page.

Say: **God gives us special gifts to use to help others.** Point to the gifts on the handout. **There are gifts on your paper.** Let children touch the gifts on their handouts.

God gives us gifts because God loves us. When we use our gifts to help others, we serve God. These gifts don't have any pretty wrapping paper! Let's decorate them.

Trace glue along the lines of the gifts, and help toddlers shake glitter onto the glue.

Say: **These gifts will remind us that when we use our gifts to help others, we ► SERVE GOD.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Wonderful Gifts Supplies

gift bags with bows

Wonderful Gifts Easy Prep

Hide the gift bags around the room in easy-to-find places at toddlers' eye level.

The Perfect Gift Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Our Gifts" page (at the end of the lesson)
glue
glitter
saltshaker

The Perfect Gift Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Put glitter into a saltshaker.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "God's Mighty
Power" (track 2)


2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■


Sing "God's Mighty Power" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "The Mulberry Bush" anytime during the lesson. Have children crouch on the floor and spring up when they hear the word *free*.

 **God's mighty power sets us free,
Sets us free, sets us free!
God's mighty power sets us free—
Look what God has done!**

**God's mighty power washes sin,
Washes sin, washes sin!
God's mighty power washes sin—
Look what God has done!**

Afterward, say: ► **SERVE GOD.**

Sing "God Is Strong" (not on the CD) to the tune "Old MacDonald" anytime during the lesson. Let children act out the words—making muscles, hugging themselves and a friend, jumping high.

 **God is strong and powerful.
I'm glad God loves me!
God is strong and powerful.
His power sets us free!
God loves you!
God loves me!
Our God's power sets us free!
God is strong and powerful.
I'm glad God loves me!**

Afterward, say: ► **SERVE GOD.**



2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Crazy Faces

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have children sit in a circle, and open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 12. Show kids the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Bible tells us about a body. Imagine a face without eyes. Close your eyes.** Encourage 2-year-olds to close their eyes or put their hand over their eyes. **Oh no! Without eyes, we can't see! Let's all open our eyes. Now imagine a face without a mouth. Everyone close your mouth tight.** Encourage kids to put a hand over their mouths. **Oh no! Now we can't talk! Everyone, try to talk with your mouth closed.** Encourage kids to try to talk through their hands. **That doesn't work very well. Without a mouth we couldn't talk. Everyone pretend to eat with your mouth shut.** Encourage kids to use one hand to pretend to scoop food into their mouths and the other hand to cover their mouths. **That doesn't work. Without a mouth, we couldn't eat. Let's uncover our mouths. That's better. Now imagine a face without a nose. Everyone plug your nose.** Encourage kids to use one hand to squeeze their nose shut. **Oh no, now we can't smell anything! Try to smell.** Encourage kids to try to smell through their plugged noses. **Without a nose we couldn't smell anything. Let's unplug our noses. That's better! We need our eyes, our mouths, and our noses. I'm glad God gave us all those things so we can see, talk, eat, and smell.**

God gives us all the different parts of our faces to do all the different jobs that a face does. God also gives each of us special gifts so that we can serve him by helping others. **Some of us can sing.** Have kids stand up and sing. **Some of us can give great big hugs.** Have kids hug each other. **Some of us can make yummy snacks for others.** Have kids pretend to stir a "snack" in a bowl. **Some of us can tell others about Jesus.** Have kids yell out "Jesus!" **God gives us gifts to serve him. We ► SERVE GOD.**

3 WEAVING FAITH
INTO LIFE

A Surprising Gift

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have the children pass the gift box that you prepared around in a circle as they sing "God Gives Gifts" to the tune of "Three Blind Mice."



Crazy Faces Supplies

Bible

A Surprising Gift Supplies

- shoe box
- wrapping paper
- bags of crackers or other small treats
- scissors
- tape

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A Surprising Gift Easy Prep

Gift wrap a shoe box and the lid separately so that you can easily remove the lid. Fill the shoe box with small treats.





Decorating the Gift Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Our Gifts” page (at the end of the lesson)
scraps of gift wrap
1 gift bow per child
scissors
glue sticks

Decorating the Gift Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)



God gives gifts.

God gives gifts.

To help us grow.

To help us grow.

God gives good gifts for us to share.

To spread God’s love everywhere.

We can love and we can share,

’Cause God gives gifts.

When you are finished singing, allow children to open the box and see what is inside. As the children enjoy their surprise, remind them that God surprises each of us by giving us different gifts.

Say: **God gives us gifts to help others. We ► SERVE GOD.**

Decorating the Gift

What You’ll Do

Set out the wrapping paper and glue sticks. Give each child an “Our Gifts” page. Help the children use the glue sticks to rub a thin layer of glue on each gift in the picture. Show the children how to decorate their gifts by pressing the scraps of gift wrap onto the glue.

Say: **God gives us gifts to help others. We ► SERVE GOD by helping others.**

Affirm each child by adding a gift bow to the picture.

Say: **God gave [child’s name] a special gift.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned that we serve God (from 1 Corinthians 12:4-27). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Who Is a Gift?

Place a hand mirror with the reflective side up in a gift bag. Set the gift bag next to you. Hold your baby in your lap.

Say: **God gave someone special a gift. I wonder who God gave a gift to. Let's see.** Open the gift bag and help baby look inside and see his or her reflection. **God gave a special gift to you! We serve God when we use our gifts to help others.**

TODDLER

Wonderful Gifts

Place bows on a few gift bags. Hide the bags in a room. Encourage your toddler to look around the room for the gifts. When your child finds a gift, have him or her bring the gift to you. Encourage your toddler to do one of the following actions from this week's Bible passage: smile, pray, make a pretend treat, give a hug, or point to his or her mouth.

Say: **That was a wonderful gift; thank you for sharing it with me!** Then encourage your toddler to find another gift.

God gives each of us gifts we can use to serve others and serve him!

2-YEAR-OLD

Decorating the Gift

Draw a simple outline of a gift. Set out wrapping paper and a glue stick on a table. Help your child use the glue stick to rub a thin layer of glue on the gift. Show your child how to decorate the gift by pressing a square of gift-wrap onto the glue.

Say: **God gives each of us gifts.**

Affirm your child by adding a gift bow to the picture.

Say: **God gave you a special gift! We serve God by using our gifts to help others.**



Giving Gifts

Infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds don't have experience in giving and receiving gifts yet. However, it doesn't take too many birthdays and Christmas days for a child to enjoy the idea of receiving gifts. Encourage your child to give gifts to your family by being helpful. Talk about how every good thing that we have is a gift from God—and that God wants us to share those gifts by helping others. When we do that, we're serving God.



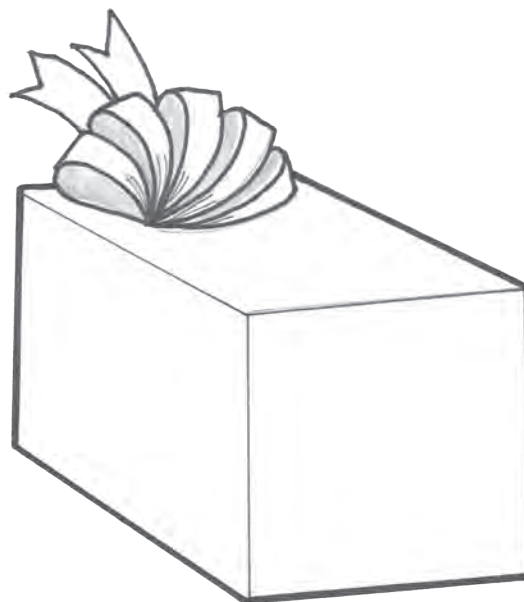
Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Surprise your child by giving him or her a small gift, such as a special treat. Tell your child how much you enjoy giving him or her a gift. Explain to your child that God likes to give gifts to his children as well.
- Bring a dust cloth with you the next time you come to church. Help your child do a little dusting when you get to church. Explain that when we help other people, we are serving God.

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Our Gifts



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