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Serving God is obeying
and honoring HIM in a
way that allows others
to see His goodness.

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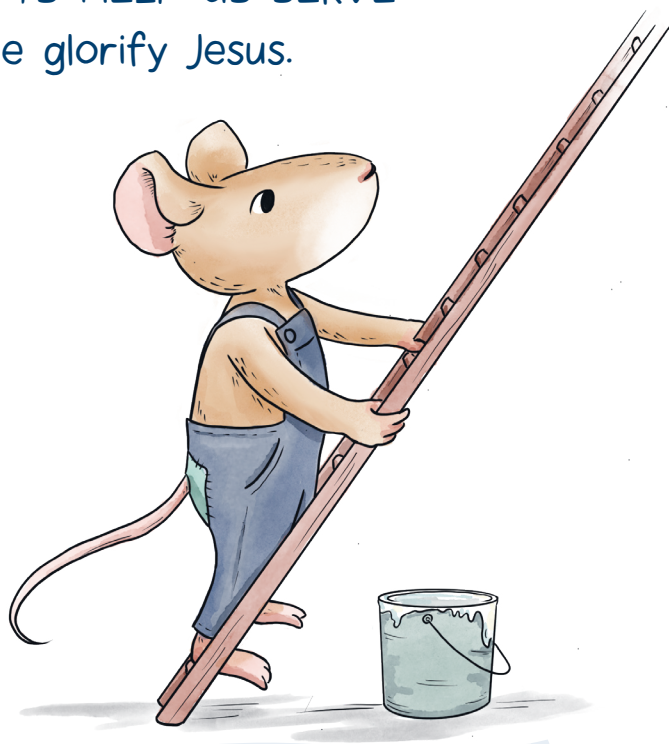
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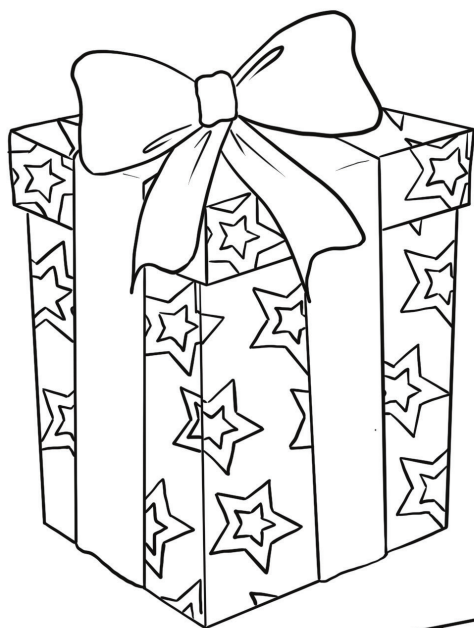
Ages 3 - 4

Everyone loves to be given a present.
On birthdays and Christmas,
Gifts are quite pleasant.
But God gives gifts that are not just for us—
THESE GIFTS HELP US SERVE
So we glorify Jesus.

**KEY TRUTH:**

God makes us ABLE to serve
by giving us gifts.

📖 | PETER 4:10-11



Color the gifts. Then, place your stickers on the page to remember why God has given you the gifts you have!

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7

When I was a kid, my favorite day of the year was my birthday. Can you guess why? Gifts! Most of us would agree that we love it when someone gives us a gift, especially when it is our birthday.

Did you know that God gives us gifts too? But these gifts are different. 1 Corinthians 12:4–7 tells us that we all have different gifts, but the SAME Spirit of God gives us the power to use them.

Read | [Corinthians 12:12](#).

How do our gifts fit together with others in the church?

Paul says we are all parts of Christ's body, the church! Your body is one thing made up of many different parts. You have eyes, ears, hands, feet and more. Like our bodies, Christ's body—the church—is made up of many different, uniquely gifted Christians who serve a specific purpose in the church!

Do you know what this means? You and your gifts are very important to God and the church!

What would happen if one part of your body decided to stop working or decided it wasn't needed?

There are many parts to the body, and each one is important. One part can't say to another part that it is not needed anymore or that it is not important. God planned the body to work perfectly with each part in place.

Read | [Peter 4:10](#).

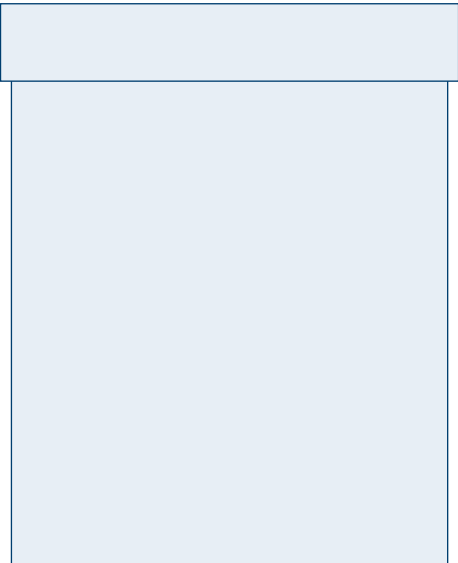
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God has given us all different gifts and put us into His body together.

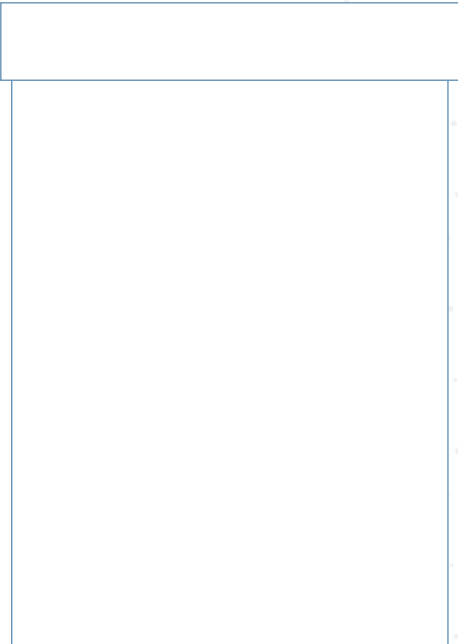
We don't have these gifts so we can take care of ourselves or make ourselves happy. God has made it very clear that He gifts us so that we can serve one another and glorify our God!



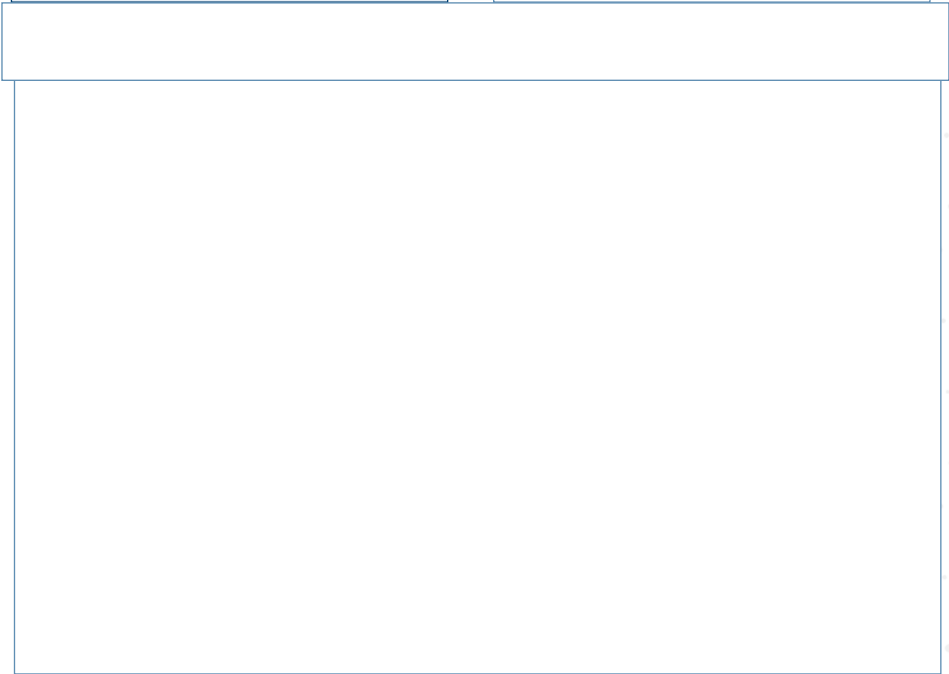
In the boxes, draw gifts that God has given you to serve others with. Think about the things you are good at.



A drawing box consisting of a small rectangular header at the top and a larger rectangular body below it, both filled with a light blue color.



A drawing box consisting of a small rectangular header at the top and a larger rectangular body below it, both filled with a white color.



A large drawing box consisting of a small rectangular header at the top and a larger rectangular body below it, both filled with a white color.

Pray and thank God for giving you gifts that you can serve others and glorify Him with.

Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

When I was a kid, my favorite day of the year was my birthday. Can you guess why? Most of us would agree that we love it when someone gives us a gift, especially when it is our birthday.

Did you know that God gives us gifts too? But these gifts are different. Instead of these gifts being for us to use and enjoy for ourselves, the gifts God gives us are actually supposed to be used for others!

1 Corinthians 12:4-7
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We all have DIFFERENT gifts, but the SAME Spirit of God gives us the power to use them.

Paul, the writer of this passage, uses a picture to explain how all these different gifts are supposed to work together.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12. In this verse, what does Paul compare Christians and the church to?

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and the church =

Paul says we are all parts of Christ's body, which is the church! Your body is one thing made up of many different parts. You have eyes, ears, hands, feet . . . (you get the point).

Like our bodies, Christ's body—the church—is made up of many different, uniquely gifted members (or parts) who each have a job to do.

You and your gifts are very important to God and the church!

One of the worst or most frustrating feelings in the world is when your hand or foot falls asleep. At first, maybe you can't feel anything, but soon it starts feeling fuzzy and prickly. Sometimes staying completely still is the only way to avoid intense pain as the blood starts flowing through your hand or foot.

If your hand or foot stopped working, would it be easy for the rest of your body to do its job?

There are many parts to the body, and each one is important. One part can't say to another part that it is not needed anymore or that it is not important. God created the body and planned it out so the body would work perfectly with each part in place.

Read | **Peter 4:10**. What have we ALL received? _____

According to these verses, God has given us all different gifts and put us into His body together.

What are we supposed to do with our gift? _____

We don't have these gifts so we can take care of ourselves or make ourselves happy. God has made it very clear that He gifts us so that we can **serve one another** and glorify our God!

Take a moment to think about what this lesson means for you. What specific ways can you serve others and glorify God with the gifts He has given you?

Today, pray and thank God for giving you gifts with which to serve others and glorify Him.

Youth Level
Ages 12 and up

When I was a kid, my favorite day of the year was my birthday. Can you guess why? Most of us would agree that we love it when someone gives us a gift, especially when it's our birthday. You might get those cool shoes you've been asking for, a new video game that all the other kids have, or some fun and exciting gadget.

Did you know that God gives us gifts too? But these gifts are different. Instead of being for us to use and enjoy for ourselves, the gifts God gives us are actually supposed to be used for others!

Read *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*.

What do these verses tell us about the gifts all of us have as God's children?

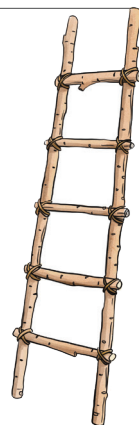
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Paul, the writer of this passage, uses a picture to explain how all these different gifts are supposed to work together.

Read *1 Corinthians 12:12*. What does Paul compare Christians and the church to?

Paul says we are all parts of Christ's body, the church! Maybe this illustration seems a little funny to you, but let's talk about it! Your body is one thing made up of many different parts. You have eyes, ears, hands, feet . . . (you get the point). Like our bodies, Christ's body—the church—is made up of many different, uniquely gifted Christians who serve a specific purpose in the church!

Do you know what this means? You and your gifts are very important to God and the church!



Read *1 Corinthians 12:14-26*. What would happen to your whole body if one part of your body decided to stop working or decided it wasn't needed?

One of the worst feelings in the world is when your hand or foot falls asleep. At first, maybe you can't feel anything except the weight of your unresponsive limb, but soon it starts feeling fuzzy and prickly. Sometimes staying completely still is the only way to avoid intense pain as the blood starts flowing through your hand or foot.

Having this happen is frustrating and painful! When part of your body isn't working correctly, the rest of your body suffers!

Read *1 Peter 4:10-11*. According to these verses, why has God given us all different gifts and put us into His body together?

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Take a moment to think about what this lesson means for you. Are you willing to serve others and glorify God with the gifts He has given you?

Today, write out a prayer thanking God for giving you gifts with which to serve others and glorify Him. Ask Him to show you specific ways to serve those around you.

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Parent Guide

I'm sure you enjoy receiving gifts—most of us do! Though gifts might look a little more practical than fun for us parents (a vacuum cleaner for Christmas, perhaps), usually when someone gives us a gift, it is meant for us to enjoy. (I don't know about you, but I find deep joy in a more efficient vacuum cleaner!)

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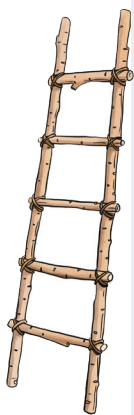
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Paul, the writer of this passage, uses a picture to explain how all these different gifts are supposed to work together.

It's often tempting to believe we do not have anything to offer or any important way to serve. Our kids may feel this way too since they are not adults or old enough to help in ways they view "important." Let your identity as a valuable member of Christ's body encourage you and your children to serve even in small ways that God makes available!



Read *1 Corinthians 12:12*. What does Paul compare Christians and the church to?

Like our bodies that are made up of lots of different parts, Christ's body—the church—is made up of many different, uniquely gifted Christians who serve a specific purpose in the church!

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Take a moment to think about what this lesson means for you. Are you willing to serve others and glorify God with the gifts He has given you?

Today, write out a prayer thanking God for giving you gifts with which to serve others and glorify Him. Ask Him to show you specific ways to serve those around you.

Many people spend a little too much time focused on "finding their gift." Encourage your kids to try new things and point out things that seem to be their strengths. Don't get so caught up in looking for that one right thing that you miss all the many opportunities to serve—even in your weakness.

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Key Truth: God equips us to serve by giving us gifts.

Discussion: How are Christians and the church like the many parts of a body? Are you willing to use your gifts to serve God and His body?