

Quarter 2 — Lesson 22

Year 3-Quarter 2: The Church is God's Idea



You Have a Gift to Give

Lesson Introduction

Tell (or read) the following story: There is a story of a kingdom where three servants are each granted one wish. The gardener, knowing that the king loved roses, wished that all the gardens in the land would only grow roses from then on. The baker, knowing that the king loved bread, wished that all the ovens in the land would only bake bread from then on. The head teacher, who knew that the king loved education, wished that the children would only be allowed to attend school or do homework in the land from then on.

Ask the class: What is going to happen in this kingdom?

After some discussion, tell your students that you want them to listen as somebody **reads 1 Peter 4:10-11.**

Ask: What does this Scripture say about what we should do with our gifts? Why do you think it's so important for us to use our gifts?

Say: God gives us gifts so we can use them to serve others and build up the church. Our gifts are worthless if they go unused. You have a gift to give, and you can start using it right now.

Huddle Groups: Four "committees" will be needed. (See lesson supplement for details.) **Power Point**

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Activity: Invisible Phone Booth

Procedure:

Using masking tape, make several squares on the floor (about two feet square). Form groups of no more than ten. Have groups each try to fit as many people as they can inside the square they have been given without anyone touching the floor outside of the square.

Allow several tries, and applaud the group that gets the most people inside its square.

Then ask:

How easy was it to get everyone into the square?

How did you work together?

Say: In this activity, you really had to work together as a team. The people in God's church also need to work together to accomplish his will in the world. Today we're going to discover how spiritual gifts can affect the church and learn ways we can put our gifts into action.



MEMORY VERSE

"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gift. Use them well to serve one another."

- 1 Pet. 4:10



Huddle Groups: Four Committees

Evangelism Committee

- 1. Read Acts 8:26-40.|
- 2. Discuss these questions:
 - What does "evangelize" mean?
 - How can we use it to build up the church?
- 3. Situation: Pretend our church hasn't had anyone new join in ten years.
- What can we do to change this situation?
- 4. Draw a picture of what you would do.

Faith Committee

- 1. Read Hebrews 11:1-6.
- 2. Discuss these questions:
 - What does "have faith" mean?
 - How can we use faith to build up the church?
- Situation: Pretend people in our church are beginning to doubt whether God really cares at all.
- What can we do to change this situation?
- 4. Draw a picture of what you would do.

Service Committee

- 1. Read James 2:14-17.
- 2. Discuss these questions:
 - What does "serving" mean?
 - How can we use it to build up the church?
- Situation: Pretend that no one in our church has remembered to visit the sick for six months.
 - What can we do to change this situation?
- 4. Draw a picture of what you would do.

Teaching Committee

- 1. Read Acts 18:24-28.
- 2. Discuss these questions:
 - What does "teaching" mean?
 - How can we use it to build up the church?

3. **Situation:** Pretend that the Bible confuses people in our church and on Sundays they read the comics in the newspaper, but not the Bible.

- What can we do to change this situation?
- 4. Draw a picture of what you would do.



Summary

Bible Passages:

1 Pet. 4:10-11

Main Point:

God gives us gifts so we can use them to serve others.

Discuss:

Q: What is a gift from God, and can you name one gift you think you have?

Q: How can you use your gift to help someone in your family or community?

Q: Why do you think God give us different gifts?

Q: Can you share a time when you used your gift to help someone? How did that make you feel?

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Explore the Bible

Read: 1 Peter 4:10 *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Kid Version: "God has given each of you a special gift. Use your gifts to help others and show God's love."

Talk with their children about their gifts and find ways to use them at home and in the community.

Family Activity

Discussion: Talk about different gifts people might have, like being good at drawing, singing, helping others, or being a good friend.

Art Project:

Have your child draw a picture of themselves using their gift to help someone. For example, if your child is good at drawing, they could draw a picture of themselves making a card for a friend.

Activity:

- Give your child a piece of paper and ask them to write or draw one gift they think they have.
- Discuss how their gift can be used to help others.

Apply and Pray

Remind your child God gives us gifts so we can use them to serve others.

Prayer: Lead your child in a prayer thanking God for our unique gifts and asking for His help in using them to serve others.