

Spiritual Gifts

for Kids



Discover and use your Spiritual Gift to serve others and glorify God

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What is a “Spiritual Gift”?



Everyone likes to receive gifts! Did you know that God has given you a very special gift? This is a gift you received on the day you asked Jesus into your heart and life. It is a special gift, and one that is given to you by God your Father in Heaven.

When you received Jesus as your Savior, you became part of God’s family, the “Body of Christ”. I Corinthians 12:27 says “*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*” As part of God’s family, each one of us is given a special gift we use to help the Body of Christ do the work He wants us to do for Him. This is not a natural talent you have, like an athletic ability or being able to play an instrument. This is a Spiritual gift that you use to help others. As members of the Body of Christ we all need to work together and take care of each other. You use your spiritual gift to accomplish this.

Some of the spiritual gifts we receive are helping, giving, showing mercy, teaching and leading. Each one of us has one of these gifts. In the next few devotionals you will learn more about each of these gifts and how to discover which one you have.

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins to allow me to become part of your forever family. Thank you for the special gifts you give to your children. Help me to discover mine and use it for your glory. In your name I pray, Amen

The Gift of Serving

Seeing a need and helping without being asked

Did you ever buy a special gift for someone? If you did, you probably thought a lot about what that person is like so you could give the perfect gift. God gives special “spiritual” gifts to us when we receive Jesus as our savior. These gifts are for us to serve Him and help build up or strengthen the Body of Christ. I Peter 4:10 says: ***“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”***

Some of these gifts are helping, giving, showing mercy, teaching and leading. Everyone has at least one of these gifts.



Today we will talk about the gift of serving, or helping. Patty loves to help! Without being asked, she runs to the car to help her Mom bring in the groceries. At school she helps the teacher clean the chalkboard and put things away. At church she picks up papers that are left in the pews. Patty knows Jesus as her savior and He has given her the gift of “Serving”. She feels a special joy when she uses the gift God gave her.

Once you know what the gifts are, you need to pray and ask God which gift (or gifts) He has given you. God knows you the best because He made you! He knows exactly which spiritual gift will be perfect for you!



Dear Jesus, thank you for the special gifts you give to your children. As I learn about these gifts, help me to discover mine and use it for your glory. In your name I pray, Amen

The Gift of Giving

The special joy of Giving

“Hey Mom, can you take me to the store?” Jimmy asked “I want to buy something with my birthday money from Grandma.” “Sure”, mom replied; “What are you going to buy?” “Well,” said Jimmy, “Today at recess I noticed my friend Jason was cold and didn’t have a hat or gloves. I thought it would be nice to get him some.”



We have been learning about the spiritual gifts God gives each of us when we receive Jesus as our savior. Some of the gifts are helping, giving, showing mercy, teaching and leading. What spiritual gift do you think Jimmy has? If you guessed the gift of giving, you are right!

“When you use your Spiritual gift you feel a special joy in your heart.”

We have learned so far that our spiritual gift is not a natural talent, like an athletic ability or being able to play an instrument. It is a special spiritual gift that you use to help others. When you use the spiritual gift God gave you, it brings you much joy. Instead of buying something for himself, Jimmy was excited to spend his money on Jason. It made him happy to give his friend something he needed! That is what happens when you use your spiritual gift! You have a special joy in your heart. Have you been praying and asking God to show you what spiritual gift you have?

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The Gift of Mercy

Sensing someone's need for comfort and encouragement

Michaela sensed something was bothering her friend Jessica. *"You seem down today, is anything wrong?"* She asked. *"Yes"*, Jessica replied. *"My brother Jake is really sick and the doctors don't know what is wrong."* Michaela put her arm around her friend. *"It will be okay"*, Michaela encouraged her; *"God knows what's wrong. Let's pray for Jake and ask God to help the doctors figure it out."* The two friends bowed their heads and Michaela prayed.



Michaela has the spiritual gift of "Mercy" (showing kindness). She is able to sense when someone is hurting or has a problem and encourage them and pray for them. The Lord used Michaela to help Jessica.

We have been learning about the spiritual gifts God gives each of us when we receive Jesus as our savior. His Holy Spirit living inside of us helps us discover our gift and use it to help others who are part of God's family. Some of the gifts are helping, giving, mercy, teaching and leading. If you are quick to sense when others are hurting, you may have the spiritual gift of mercy (showing kindness). People with this spiritual gift are quick to comfort others and give them the strength they need to go on. God's Holy Spirit living in you gives you wisdom to use this gift and know when someone needs comforting and prayer. James 3:17 says *"But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is full of mercy..."*

Do you have the spiritual gift of Mercy? Why not pray and ask God to reveal to you which spiritual gift He has given you so that you can begin to use it to help others in His family.

Dear Jesus, thank you for the special spiritual gifts you give to us when we receive you as our Savior. Help me to discover mine and start using it for your glory. In your name I pray, Amen

The Gift of Teaching

Enjoying the Study of God's Word and the ability to help others understand it

Mrs. Fox gave her class an unusually hard assignment that required a lot of research. Nikki could hardly wait to get home to search for answers on the internet! She was especially excited to share what she learned with her best friend Joy.

Nikki has the spiritual gift of teaching. When you have this gift, you enjoy helping others understand things, especially things about God and His word, the Bible. You have a knack for making things that seem complicated and hard easy to understand.



We have been learning about the special gifts God gives to each of us who have received Jesus as our Savior. These special “spiritual” gifts are used to help others who are part of God’s family. So far we have learned about the gifts of: Serving (seeing a need and helping without being asked), Giving (a

desire to give to others who have a need), and Mercy (sensing someone’s need for encouragement or kindness). The way to know you have a particular gift is that when you use it, you feel a certain sense of joy. God’s Holy Spirit in you gives you this sense of joy and the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping another in the body of Christ.



Do you enjoy studying your Bible and helping others understand what it says? Have you been praying and asking God to show you what gift He has given you?

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and giving me a special gift to serve you with. Help me to discover what it is and start using it for your glory. In your name I pray, Amen

The Gift of Leading

The ability to organize others to get things done



Tammy was so excited! School had just ended for the year and she, along with 12 girls from her school Volleyball team, were going to attend a sports camp for 2 whole weeks! While there, they would be competing in a Volleyball tournament with girls from other schools. She was so excited! The night they arrived at camp, the girls got together and decided it would be a good idea to appoint a leader for their group. After some discussion, they unanimously picked Tammy! The girls had noticed that Tammy had the ability to motivate others to do their best. She was organized and always quick to come up with a plan to get things done. She was a good leader!

Tammy has the spiritual gift of leading. She is able to be strong to stand up for what is right, and to help others make good decisions. When there is a problem, she is quick to come up with a solution and lead others to do the right thing.

The spiritual gift of **Leading** is just one of several spiritual gifts we have been learning about. So far we have learned about the gifts of: **Serving** (seeing a need and helping without being asked), **Giving** (finding joy in giving to others), **Mercy** (noticing when someone is hurting and comforting them), **Teaching** (enjoying the study of God's Word and helping others understand it). When you use your spiritual gift, you feel a special joy in your heart knowing you are helping others and serving God at the same time! I hope you been praying and asking God to show you which gift He has given you!

How to Discover & Use Your Spiritual Gift

The best way to find out which gift you have is to just try them! If you feel a special joy doing something and find you are good at it, you probably have that gift!

Serving (Helping)



Are you like Patty who loves to help without being asked? Do you see a need and enjoy stepping in to help out? You just might have the spiritual gift of Serving.

Giving



Or are you more like Jimmy, who has the gift of Giving. Do you feel a special joy when you give of your time and money to help others?

Mercy



Do you sense when someone is sad or has a problem and needs encouragement? Like Michaela, do you offer to help and pray for them? Then you have the gift of Mercy.

Teaching



Like Nikki, do you love to study your Bible and learn new things so you can teach them to others? Is it easy for you to help them understand what the Bible says? If so, you may have the gift of Teaching.

Leading



Or are you like Tammy, who likes to organize and lead others to get a job done? You may have the gift of Leading.

I hope you have enjoyed our study on Spiritual Gifts. I pray you will ask the Lord Jesus to help you discover yours so that you can discover the joy of serving Him!

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