



## An Introduction to Spiritual Gifts

Hey Parents!

This lesson is an introduction to a short series on spiritual gifts. Did you know that God has gifted even His littlest children... the actual children! The more we are careful to watch for them, pray into them, and nurture them, the more powerfully they can be used by God through your kiddos to advance His Kingdom.

Join us on this adventure to explore the Spiritual gifts.. what they are and how we can use them to bring God Glory.

Enjoy!

### Videos:

- Owlegories: The Duck <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/194668?episode=1>  
How do we use our gifts to work together? Find out in this cute 16 minute episode of Owlegories.
- Kid Pastor – Spiritual Gifts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQjb8wMcrGk>  
A little silly, but let a kid teach your kid! It would be silly if our nose was our feet! Talk about how we each have specific gifts for specific roles.

### Worship/Music:

- If We are the Body (Church made video – good teaching tool)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SExJ9od-0zQ>
- We are the Body of Christ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yo9gMsscVY>
- We are the Body – Brook Hills Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYOCdVI9m1Q>

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## We Are the Body of Christ

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

**Explain:** *The “body of Christ” does not mean Jesus’ arms and legs, even though we hear it talked about that way often. The body of Christ is talking about the people of the church. Just like there are different body parts that do different things, each of us have different tasks that God calls us to do.*

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:15-16

### Parts of the Body

It is important for people with different spiritual gifts to work together in the church, just like the different parts work together in your body.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-16 and circle each body part that is mentioned.



hair



eye



ear



mouth



hand



foot

**Explain:** *It is important that the different parts of the body of Christ do different things or else we wouldn't be able to do everything Jesus wants us to do. If we could only teach people, how could we help the homeless find a place to live? If all of us were only good at encouraging each other, who would tell us when we do something wrong? If everyone in the church was only good at giving lots of money, who would be the teacher or pastor?*

**The activity on the back of this page is essential to teaching this passage. If you choose not to do the activity, be sure to find a different way to teach it. The materials are included in your packet.**

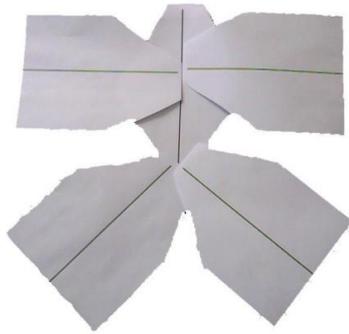
**Activity:** Pull out the Puzzle that is in your packet. Give it to the kids to try to put it together WITHOUT the Jesus circle. **DO NOT** show them the picture of what it should be. Say:

- *This is hard to do without knowing what the puzzle is supposed to look like.*
- *What do we need to help us put it together?*

*A PICTURE!*

Show them the picture without the Jesus circle and allow them to put the puzzle together.

Ask:



- *What do you think this puzzle looks like?*

Add the Jesus circle to the top. Ask:

- *Now what do you see? Jesus' Body.*

Explain:

- *When we didn't have a picture, it was hard to know where we were going.*
- *If our body didn't have a brain to tell us what to do, we might try to scratch an itch with our toes and then we would look like a dog!*
- *God's Word tells us that Jesus is to be the Head of the Church. That means we should listen to what He tells us to do. Otherwise, we might not teach the right things to the right people and we might not reach the lost who don't know Jesus. So how can we listen to Jesus?*
  - *Read the Bible*
  - *Pray*
  - *Listen for the Holy Spirit. Like our conscience which tells us the right thing to do.*

**Pray:** Pray together and ask God to begin revealing how He wants you to serve Him. Ask Him to help you pay attention to the whispers of the Holy Spirit so that you can know What He is calling you to do as a member of the body of Christ.

## We Each Have Gifts

**Read:** Romans 12:4-8

**Explain:** *God gives His children (those who believe in Him) gifts. These help us to serve Him as the body of Christ. Each of us have gifts or talents that we can use with OTHER members of the body of Christ who have DIFFERENT talents, in order to do all the work that Jesus asks of us.*

**REad & Make a List:** Romans 12:4-8

Work together to make a list of all the gifts that are described listed. Don't worry too much about explaining them all. We will dig into them further over the next few weeks.

-Prophecy -Service -Teaching -Exhortation -Giving -Mercy

**Read & Add to Your List:** Ephesians 4:11

-Evangelism -Shepherding/Pastoring

**Read & Add to Your List:** 1 Peter 4:9-10

-Hospitality

**Read & Add to Your List:** 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 & 28-30

-Wisdom/Knowledge -Faith -Healing -Healing -Miracles

**Activities:** If you don't get to them all, but want to, save some for coming weeks as we will be talking about spiritual gifts for three more weeks.

- Dictionary Race. If you have children who can use a dictionary, have a race to look up the spiritual gifts that they did not already know (Exhortation, Evangelism, Hospitality). Depending on time and are enjoying it, you could look them all up together.
- Hot Seat. At dinner (or whenever your family is all together) go around the table. Focus on one family member at a time. Everyone else has to share something that the person in the hot seat does well! Talk about how our gifts and talents are from the Lord. If time permits, discuss how the gifts shared could be used at the church or to spread the Gospel.
- Talent Show. Have a family talent show. Everyone should participate and talents could vary. Be creative. It could be singing or dancing. OR:
  - Share your talent for exhortation by taking time during the talent show to encourage everyone in the room.
  - You could read a book and explain it.
  - You could practice sharing the Gospel.
  - You could serve everyone a special treat.
- Service Day. In the morning or the night before, challenge everyone to stretch their service muscles. Tell them that at some point in the day they should go OUT OF THEIR WAY to serve someone in the family. At dinner, ask everyone to share what they did throughout the day.
- Build a Tower. Ahead of time, choose materials (marshmallows and dry noodles, paper and tape, sticks and string, etc.). Work together to build the best tower you can with those materials. Afterward, discuss how your family worked well together and some things you can improve on. Also discuss the different strengths each member brought to the challenge!