



We can BE the Church!

Spiritual Gifts Part 2

Recommended Breakdown:

Day 1 – Service, Giving, & Hospitality

Day 2 – Teaching & Prophecy

Day 3 – Exhortation & Mercy

Next week we will finish up with:

Day 1 – Evangelism & Pastoring

Day 2 – Wisdom/Knowledge & Faith

Day 3 – Healing & Miracles

****Note:** There are a lot of suggested activities and songs for each day. You know your kiddos the best. Try to look at and think about which spiritual gifts the Lord might be forming in your children. Choose which activities you'd like to do based on gifts your children already have OR areas your children need to grow in.



Consider the following article as you explore spiritual gifts with your children:

<https://kindredgrace.com/childrens-spiritual-gifts/?fbclid=IwAR19af0LILDPZkX6BOPQDbi9LoWuB1pr2yHYYUIJUJiODfeDjTC3JVzfQs>

PLEASE WATCH. This is a longer video, with some silly parts, but Pastor Steve is a great teacher to children and does an awesome job explaining spiritual gifts! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2y0UKiYDWMQ>
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Service, Giving, and Hospitality

READ Romans 12:4-8

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

♥ Service:

Look up the word 'serve' in a dictionary.

1. perform duties or services for (another person or an organization)
2. present (food or drink) to someone
3. deliver (a document such as a summons or writ) in a formal manner to the person to whom it is addressed
4. be of use in achieving or satisfying

Look up the word 'serve' in your Bible's Concordance. Consider working in teams to look up one verse and explain it to the rest of the family.

Recommended Verses to Look Up:

1. Matthew 20:28
2. Deuteronomy 10:12
3. 1 Timothy 6:2

Discuss what it means to serve God and serve the Church.

♥ Service Activities

Activities:

1. Choose an act of service for a chosen period of time. Work together to choose a duration for the activity (day, # of days, week, etc.). Each family member can choose how they would like to serve for that amount of time, i.e. doing the dishes after snack, setting the table before dinner, collecting everyone's laundry, matching the shoes, getting the pool towels, etc. As you go throughout the activity, be sure to encourage, remind, and praise each other as you serve each other.
2. Choose a community service project. Work together to choose an activity that you can do as a family i.e. pick up trash from a park, collect and bring canned goods to the food pantry, make cards for a local nursing home or the church shut-ins.

Songs:

1. Servant of All: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPJ55CdHMA0>
2. Ready to Serve: https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/ERwOQjU4a25DrRTblzLMql8BxlUK_5jBce2oaXZEirKn6w?e=gqQN6x

♥ Giving:

Look up the word 'give' in a dictionary.

1. freely transfer the possession of (something) to (someone); hand over to
2. cause or allow (someone or something) to have (something, especially something abstract); provide or supply with

Look up the word 'give' in your Bible's Concordance. Consider working in teams to look up one verse and explain it to the rest of the family.

Recommended Verses to Look Up:

1. Acts 20:35
2. 2 Corinthians 9:7
3. Matthew 6:2

Discuss what it means to *give* to God and *give* to the Church.

♥ Giving Activities

Activities:

1. Clean out the toy bin! Take this opportunity to clean out some of your old toys. Discuss that there are children in the world who don't have as many toys as we do. Help your children go through their toys and create "keep, throw away, and donate" piles.
2. Donate a meal. It is important that children realize that giving requires some level of sacrifice. Consider skipping a snack or meal. Donate a meal or snack to a food pantry together and discuss the fact that some people don't have access to regular meals the way that we do.

Song:

Offering Song (by The Lads): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eesl9-dsg9U>

Video:

God's Story: Generosity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyXe25LycY>

♥ Hospitality:

Look up the word 'hospitality' in a dictionary.

1. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

Read: 1 Peter 4:9-10

Discuss:

1. What does it mean to be "hospitable?"
2. Why does the Bible tell us to "show hospitality" to one another.
3. When/how can we show hospitality to others?

♥ Wrap it up:

As you go throughout the day, bring up these gifts as often as you can. Talk about people who you know who are good at them. Point out when you see people in your household exemplifying these gifts and encourage each other in them. This practice helps kids to start to process their call and purpose in life.

Teaching and Prophecy

→ Teaching:

Look up the word 'teach' in a dictionary.

1. to cause to know something
2. to guide the studies of
3. to impart the knowledge of

Look up the word 'teach' in your Bible's Concordance. Consider working in teams to look up one verse and explain it to the rest of the family.

Recommended Verses to Look Up:

1. Luke 11:1
2. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NIV uses the word 'impress' but ESV says 'Teach')

Discuss

1. Who are some teachers you know?
2. What do you like about them?
3. What have you learned from them?

→ Teaching Activities

Activities:

1. Play School! Take turns playing the teacher but be intentional to actually teach something. Encourage kids to teach the students something they learned in school this year. Discuss what people did well while they were teaching.
2. Blindfolded Obstacle Field. Set up a room by spreading different objects out on the floor. Choose partners or work together. One person has to make it across the obstacle field, while wearing a blindfold, by listening to the instructions of the family or their partner. Part of teaching is being able to communicate! After everyone gets a turn, discuss different things that each instructor did well.

Song:

Teach Them (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/307590?episode=8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWzjI5PYqpc>

→ Prophecy:

Watch “God’s Story: Prophets”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sumaXbjP2Kg>

This video gives a good description of what prophets are, as well as a brief description of how we can hear messages from God and share them as well. Of course we know that this is somewhat muddy water in our 2020 world. This is a safe video for talking with children about it.

Discuss

1. How can we hear a message from God? *spend time being quiet, listening, reading His Word, paying attention to His creation*

Activities

1. Have a quiet time. After reading in God’s Word, whether this lesson or some other family Bible reading time, encourage your children to find a quiet spot in the house. Have them take a piece of paper and pencil and just draw or write whatever their mind wanders to. Encourage them to start by praying to God about whatever they would like and to really push themselves to be quiet and still for as long as they can. Consider putting a time limit on it. It doesn’t have to be long. Also consider playing some calm quiet worship music. Here is a link to our worship from Sunday School.
https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EmHq-MZPu2hBo9_CkxioXAwB4-ARLozNemOW4FbZDPpb4Q?e=X5FGDv
2. Share something new you have learned. We are all learning new things about God. Take turns sharing new things you have learned about God or His creation. Encourage children, throughout the day to LOOK for new things about God. For example:
 - a. When you are playing outside, what do you notice about God’s creation? God uses a LOT of colors in His creation.
 - b. Maybe you are cooking together and you realize, “wow, we have a LOT of spices with different flavors. God made a LOT of flavors!”
 - c. Maybe you are trying to choose a movie to watch as a family and everyone wants to watch something different. You might realize just how differently He created each member of your family.

***These are not necessarily “prophecies,” but this type of practice helps us to notice God and hear from Him. Challenging each other to share these things helps us to practice sharing things we learn from or about God.

Exhortation & Mercy



Exhortation:

Recommended Verses to Look Up:

1. Hebrews 10:24-25
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 *because Jesus died for us, we should live for Him. But to live for Him requires encouragement from other members of the Body of Christ.*
3. Hebrews 3:13 *encourage each other every day to be pure and holy (doing only things that please the Lord) so that we can all have strength to choose Jesus instead of sin.*

Discuss

1. Who do you know who always makes you feel encouraged or good about what you are doing?
2. What are some activities that someone might need exhortation to do? *A really hard test, a sports game, singing in front of people*
3. When have you needed exhortation or encouragement from someone else?



Exhortation Activities

Activities:

1. Encouragement Challenge. For the rest of the day, pay attention to each other and what you are doing. Before bed, go around the room and share something that you noticed someone doing well throughout the day. How much better do we feel about doing something mundane (like the dishes) when someone encourages us about it?! Try to be intentional to mention that GOD gifted us to do these things well. i.e. *“Charles, you set the table really neatly tonight, God gifted you with QUITE an eye for detail.”*
2. Mixed up charades. In a container, put slips of paper labeled with things that one might need encouragement about (examples below). Instead of acting them out draw a slip of paper and, without saying what it is, practice encouraging someone. Everyone else has to guess what is on your slip of paper.
EXAMPLES: a test, a sports game, a performance, a band concert or recital, a dance recital, sharing the Gospel with someone, teaching a Sunday school lesson, sharing about a mission trip in front of the church, asking for prayer about something.

Song:

Nothing is Impossible (Luke 1:37) https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/ESd_buv5XTqhOIGl9JIdnqJ0BFXxbPY1srWC2vy9AOb-8ag?e=3nGcGS

We can encourage each other by reminding each other of this verse!



Mercy:

Look up the word 'mercy' in a dictionary. *May take a bit of explaining.*

1. Compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power
2. compassionate treatment of those in distress

Look up the word 'mercy' in your Bible's Concordance. Consider working in teams to look up one verse and explain it to the rest of the family.

Recommended Verses to Look Up:

1. Psalm 51:1 *author is begging for mercy even though he has sinned. We need mercy from God and other members of the Body of Christ because we have sinned.*
2. Ephesians 2:4 *God is rich in mercy for us in our sin so we should be rich in mercy for others, even when they sin against us.*
3. Hebrews 13:16 *Other translations use "have mercy for the poor."*



Mercy Activities

Activities:

1. Sticky Note Mercy. Ask your children to come up with an expected punishment for each box on the worksheet included in the packet. Then tell them to write the punishment on a sticky note and place it over the box. Once completed, discuss the definition of mercy (withholding a deserved punishment) in view of God's mercy on us. Ask the children to take each sticky note off and write "MERCY" in each box. Tell the children it is God's mercy that protects us from the ultimate penalty of our sin (being forever separated from Him and spending eternity in hell). Also emphasize that God's mercy gives us more time to repent, ask for forgiveness, and enter into a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. HIGHLY ENCOURAGED! This is designed for a classroom of students but has EXCELLENT examples of situations that we can choose Mercy or Meanness. You could easily adapt the game to the number of people in your family. Choose a spot for "Mercy" instead of a person and have only one person be it. It could be played in a pool like Sharks and Minnows. Either way, check out the discussion pieces on the website!
<https://www.christianitycove.com/the-beatitudes-and-mercy-have-mercy-on-me-0327/1195/>

Song:

Who You Say I Am https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EY1UNsTpCTtGp7_QbeVkjBIBciHYWlhP4xTNXsRk0ORy1A?e=tMqiBk

God has so much mercy and grace for us. Praise Him together for that!

Pray: Pray together that God would reveal to you the kind of spiritual gifts He has given you. Pray that you would use them well to represent Him to nonbelievers.

Quiet Time: Spend some time alone, quietly praying that God would reveal to you how He would like you to use your gifts. Think about things you are good at and things that you like to do! Often times, God creates us to do things we ENJOY or that come naturally to us, in order that we may glorify Him.