

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Promise, Purpose, Power and Present in the run up to Pentecost. Today we look at Present. Here are some activities you could do as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like.



# B**I**BLE PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 12:4-20

Read the story together—choose a Bible translation or children's story version that best suits your family.

You could also watch this fun video about us all having different gifts and roles in church:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=rQib8wMcrGk

Kid Pastor - Spiritual Gifts

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you have given us all different and important gifts through the Holy Spirit.

Thank you that we are all made in the exact way that you want us to be.

I pray that we will know that all of our gifts are equally important and that we can all bring different amazing gifts and talents to everything we do.

Amen

## **BIG QUESTIONS**

Do you have any special or unique talents?

How many of the spiritual gifts can you remember from the passage?

Why might God give spiritual gifts to people?

We all have different talents and skills; for some people it might be writing, for others they may be brilliant at sport, other people are very creative and arty. When people are good at these things, we sometimes say they are 'gifted at...' It's almost like they've been given a gift to be able to do something well. God gives us special gifts too, but these are a little bit different. They are gifts which are given not for us, but for other people, for everyone around us. God gives us gifts like healing, prophecy and faith so that we can help other people, and God can help other people through us. One gift isn't more important than another, rather they are all special and all need each one to be able to do its job the best it can.

# **Activity**

Speed wrapping

As we are talking about 'Presents/Gifts' this week we thought we would test your present wrapping skills!

Grab yourself an object of some kind, and then something to wrap it with! (This could be anything: Newspaper, Magazine pages, wrapping paper or even some big leaves!) Just make sure you ask your grown up first!

Now time yourself to see how fast you can do it and let us know how you did!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**



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## **MEMORY VERSE**

#### I Corinthians 12:4

"There are different kinds of gifts; but they are all from the same Spirit."

Try to learn this verse together. You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together, and then put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week. You could write each word on a separate peace of paper (use scrap paper or old envelopes) mix them all up then try and put them in to correct order.



## **GAME**

# The long arm challenge - moving things with big things

For this game you will need:

Things to make your arms longer (chopsticks, straws, or even mops or brooms)

Objects to move with your longer arms (objects should differ depending on the size of your arms)

A space to move the objects from and too

A device that can be used to time a minute (a stopwatch or phone will do but if you are an expert in astronomy, feel free to use the sun or stars!)

#### Aim:

To use your longer arms to move as many objects as you can in a minute

#### How to play:

Pop all the objects in a pile (we suggest cushions, toilet rolls or Maltesers depending on what size your new long arms are)

Using your new longer arms, your challenge is to move as many as the object from one pile to another in a minute (the objects should be chosen depending on the size of your new arms and the difficulty required)

Your physical human hands cannot be used apart from holding your arm extensions

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Shine! — Nick Jackson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2xc-w8Zcbo

Worship together as a family, this could be doing the actions together (if you don't Have any actions, you could make new ones up as a family, or ask the children to teach you the actions they might know) or listen to the song and chat about what it means to you, dance around the room together, sing loudly, sing softly.

## LINK THE STORY

As we can see in the bible passage from today, there are so many different types of spiritual gifts that we might have. There are 3 really important things to remember when we think about spiritual gifts! But first maybe we should explain what spiritual gifts are.

Spiritual gifts are special skills, talents or passions that we can use in our mission as Christians to show the love of Jesus to everyone around us! They aren't just things we can use in church; they are things that we should use in every part of our life!

This might be getting a picture from God that he wants you to share with someone, it might be that you have a real passion for caring for those in need! It might be that you are a great singer, or a great storyteller, it might be that you are a great team leader! They are all things that we can use all the time!

#### Here are the three important things to remember!

- Spiritual gifts are given to us by God by the Holy spirit!
   They should be used to thank and praise God as we show his love to those around us!
- 2. None of the gifts are better than the others, God love all of them equally just as he loves us!
- Everybody has a spiritual gifting, you may not realise what it right now, but God has an amazing plan for you to use it!

## SNAPSHOT

Take a photo or video of something you have done this week and send it into us. Let us know if you are happy for us to share it.

children@smlpoole.org.uk or share on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

## CREATIVE PRAYER

#### Gift tag prayers

On gift tags (if you don't have them, you can make them out of a rectangle piece of card and some string), write on one side if you have any spiritual gifts that you are aware of (talk to those around you and see what they think). On the other side, write where/how you could use the gifts. Tie them up somewhere and pray that God would help you use them

for Him.