

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **January 16, 2022** Family Theme | **The Gifts of the Spirit** Study Text | **1 Corinthians 12:1-31**

**Objective:** Children understand God gives Christians special abilities we can use to serve Him and help build His church.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** In this part of 1 Corinthians, written by Paul around AD 55, Paul instructed the Corinthians about spiritual gifts.

**Bible Basics:** Memorize James 1:17 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about the special gifts and abilities God gives to Christians so they can serve Him and help build His church and kingdom. Discuss ways they might be able to serve God and His people.



**Key Truth: Every Believer Has Been Given Spiritual Gifts by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)**

In 1:7, Paul indicated that the Corinthian church did not lack any spiritual gift. We gather from this week's text, however, that they were not using their spiritual endowments properly, and that further wisdom and instruction were needed. By definition, spiritual gifts are gracious endowments given to believers by the Holy Spirit to enable them to perform service for the building of the church and the kingdom of God. There are various gifts, but all of them originate from the same Spirit. Those gifts lead to a variety of ways to serve and different kinds of good works. All this variety, however, comes from the one and same God. The believers' gifts were not for their own benefit, but instead were for God's glory and the common good of all.



**Key Truth: Every Believer Has an Important Role in the Body Of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)**

Paul reminded the reader that human body parts perform unique functions and are each important to the body. In fact, if the body is to function properly, varied body parts are necessary. That's how it works with the church. God has placed each of us in His body, the Church, and He has given us various gifts. The members have differing gifts, but they all depend on each other. Each has a role that is indispensable for a healthy and fully functioning church. Paul reminded the readers never to regard other believers as unnecessary within the body of Christ. The body is pictured as unity that depends on diversity. It depends on each one functioning in a unique role. It was imperative for the Corinthian believers to focus on unity rather than their diversity.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What are spiritual gifts?
- What are spiritual gifts to be used for?
- Why is it important for every believer to use his or her spiritual gifts to serve the Lord and the church?
- How is the church compared to a body?
- Why is each member an important part of the body?
- What is your role to play in the body of Christ?
- **For Elementary:** How is the church compared to a body?
- **For Elementary:** Why is it important for every believer to use his or her spiritual gifts to serve the Lord and the church?
- **For Elementary:** What do you think some of your spiritual gifts are?

## Everyday Extras

This year, did you and your children receive some Christmas gifts that you are not using? Maybe the sweater didn't fit or the game was boring. Maybe the fragrance was not your style or you haven't used the gift card yet. Talk about how the giver of the gift would feel if that person was to discover that the gift was unused. Would he or she feel unappreciated or insulted? Would he be disappointed? Would she be puzzled because she had tried so hard to find the right gift for you? Now think about the way God feels when we fail to use our spiritual gifts. Many times, we do not even recognize that He has given us something to use in building His kingdom. We are too busy doing other things to put His carefully selected gift to use. Whatever abilities and aptitudes the Lord has given to us, let's use them for Him. Let's please Him by recognizing that He gives good gifts!

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Jesus demonstrated kindness to a lady when no one else did. He or she learned that Jesus spoke to a woman who had made wrong choices and was disliked by those around her. The woman was amazed by Jesus' kindness toward her. **I Can Be More Like Jesus** and show kindness to those around me.