

Gifts to Bless the Church (5/22/22)

Main Verses: I Corinthians 12:4-7

Key Verse: I Corinthians 12:7

'Takeaway': Every true Christian has a gift from God that he or she should use to bless the church.

Getting Started: Have you ever been jealous of (or wanted) a gift someone else got?



READ the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does “gift” mean in this passage?
- Why does God give us gifts?
- Who decides which gift each of us receives?
- Do all of us receive the same gifts? Why do you think we receive different gifts?

Elementary:

- What does “gift” mean in this passage?
- Why do you think there’s a diversity of gifts?
- Who decides who receives which gift?
- Why does God give us gifts?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God gives each of us our own gift to be used to benefit (bless) believers & build up the church.
- Like people, there are many different kinds of spiritual gifts; but every one of them is important.).
- We need different gifts within the church so it functions the way God wants it to.

Elementary:

- Spirit, Lord, & God (vv 4, 5) refers to the three aspects of God (Trinity). The diversity of the divine persons within the unity of the Trinity model the diversity of gifts & ministries God wants his church (body) to have.
- Like people, there are many different kinds of spiritual gifts; but every one of them is important.
- God empowers the gifts in everyone for the unity & blessing of his followers; for the building up of the church.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for his church. Thank God for providing everything the church needs through the people in his church. Thank him for our church leaders. Thank him for the different gifts in the church, all with one focus—to build his church & serve him in unity. Ask God to help you know how you can grow as a builder of his church through faith in Christ.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for his church, & the gifts he provides through believers to build his church. Thank God that the gifts he gives each of us build unity within the church, as gifts are used to build up & bless others in the church. Ask God how you can grow as a builder in his church through faith in Christ.