Do the Most Good

# With the Gifts You Have

Love God, love people 1John 4:7

1 John 4:7-8 KJV

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# **Prayer Point Focus** Leader's Lesson Overview

- Just like that seed has everything it needs to grow into a plant, we all have gifts that take a lifetime to unwrap.
- Understanding God's great love for us helps us to love others.
- God's love (FRUIT) is shown to others through us and our gifts.
- If the garden of our hearts is fertile soil, our gifts will blossom and be able to be used for the most good.
- To do the <u>most good</u> with the gifts we have, we need to work together. This is part of the Kingdom on Earth.

# Preparation

Leader's Plan Book

This is the basic format of meetings. You can use whatever works for you.



#### **Come Into His Presence**

MEMORY VERSE

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SONGS

- Come Into His Presence
- Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

# **Kingdom Kid Pledge**

I'm a Kingdom Kid and I'm here to say,

I'm living my life

in a brand new way!



# Enter the Gates (opening prayers)

Ask someone to pray an opening prayer. Maybe several will want to pray.

## **Prayers for Family and Church Family**

Pray for \_\_\_\_\_

# **Prayer Requests and Praise Reports**

Prayer requests



### Do The Most Good

Provide a project for the kids to do that takes working together. This is one we did.

## Activity

Prepare paper lunch bags. One bag for each participant.

In each bag, put ONE ingredient to plant a seed and staple it shut.

- Baggie of soil
- Small plastic or clay flower pot
- A few seeds (you could use pre-soaked flower or bean seeds)
- Small bottle of water

On the outside, write "Do the most good with the gift you have"

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For example: if you have 12 participants, you will need 3 bags with a baggie of soil, 3 bags with seeds, 3 bags with a water bottle and 3 bags with a flower pot.

#### Activity

Do not tell the participants what to do. Allow each person to choose a bag and then just watch them. They should begin to open their bags and realize that they need to work together to "do the most good with the gift they have." Hopefully, they will start to work together. But, whatever they do, it will be a learning process that you can use as an object lesson.

Click here for a testimony of this experience.

Discuss afterwards what gift they were given and how they used it. Also ask them if they noticed any other gifts in anyone. Was anyone generous? Did someone take charge and direct the activity? Did anyone help someone that didn't know what to do? Those also are gifts.



# Gifts

What kind of gifts do you think God gives?

Look at 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

We don't all have the same gifts. Each person has different gifts.

Here are some activities to explore Spiritual Gifts

https://cogop.org/children/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Helping-Kids-Discover-Their-Spiritual-Gifts.pdf

#### Story - A New Girl in Class

Becca Ann was a new student in a new school. Her family had moved into town a couple of weeks after school had started in the fall. Being new to a school was not a new thing for Becca. She had been to new schools before, but she had always started at the beginning of the school year. Not only had she come later in the year, but by the time the principal took her to her first hour class, the class was almost over.

Her first hour class happened to be choir. Becca loved singing and was glad that it was the first class. But, it was kind of embarrassing when she walked in the room and all of the kids stared at her. She sat on the end of a row feeling very small and scared. All of a sudden, a girl with bright red hair and a big smile bounced over to her and said, "Hi! I'm Tena! Are you a soprano?" Becca said that she was. Tena asked Becca to come sit with her and her friends in the soprano section. After that, Tena invited Becca to sit with her and her friends at lunch.

Can you guess what Tena's gift was?

#### Testimony

A little girl named Lorna really wanted to do something for God and the Kingdom but she didn't think she had any gifts. Someone told her that she had a nice smile so she decided to use her smile to cheer people up and bring joy to others. Lorna is now 87 years old and she still uses the gift of her smile for God.

Do you have stories or examples of gifts you have seen in others or in your self?

#### Challenge

- You could say to the children: Each of us has a purpose. Our purpose may change over the years. You might not know your purpose right now. That's okay! As children, maybe your purpose right now is to be a friend to someone who is lonely. Maybe it is to learn what you can in school and do your best. Maybe it is to obey your parents. Maybe it is to learn a musical instrument or another talent to use for God's Kingdom.
- Parents could pray with their children or for their children to understand their spiritual gifts and purpose in the Kingdom. It's a life long challenge that keeps changing with age and experience. But having a purpose is important.
- <u>https://www.kingdomkidsontheirknees.com/lessons-1/for-parents?c=extras</u>

#### Do You See Yourself In Any of These Gifts?

Affectionate. I like to show love. Giving. I like to share. Server. I like to help others. Leader. When there is a job to do, I take charge. Mercy Shower. I feel sorry for people who are sad, or sick, or in need. Teacher. I like to help others learn how to do things. Patient. I can wait without getting upset. Humorous. I make people laugh by things I say and do. Hard worker. I don't quit until the job is done. Dependable. You can depend on me to do what you ask. Friend. I am kind and willing to be a friend. Honest. I tell the truth.

### **Scripture Stories**

- Can you think of anyone in scripture that did the most good with the gifts they had? David, Samuel, Elijah...
- Some of them didn't think they had a gift, but God gave them the strength, wisdom or other people to do what they couldn't do by themselves. Noah, Moses...
- Can you think of any that used their gifts in a bad way and had to learn a hard lesson? Samson, Jonah, David, Solomon...

## Project

Find a project you could work on together as a group or as a family that uses your individual gifts and talents. Make sure prayer is a part of it!

In what ways can you do the most good with the gifts you have?

Do you have some ideas?

#### **Bring it Back to Prayer**

Spend some time thanking God for His love and gifts. Thank Him for the ways He shows you He loves you and ask Him how you can use your gifts for Him.

Sometimes God's answers are not immediate. Sometimes we have to wait for the answers to our prayers, but He hears every prayer.



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# **Beloved, Let Us Love**

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For love is of God; and everyone that loveth

Is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God;

For God is love. God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another,

First John, four, seven and eight.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruAll\_8tXi8

# **Come Into His Presence**

Come into His presence singing Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Come into His presence singing, Jesus is Lord...

https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/GG2013/544/low

