

Alley SG—October 17th-18th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Hey, Sew Sister (Lydia) • Acts 16:13-15

Today's Key Question: What are you good at?

Today's Bottom Line: Use your gifts to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

1. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: "Gift Cards" Page (1 strip of 3 per student), scissors, markers

What You Do:

- Give kids the "Gift Cards" Activity Page, scissors and markers.
- Ask kids to write one thing they are good at on each of the "Gift Cards," and cut out cards.
- Allow kids to share their cards.
- Challenge kids to identify jobs, skills, or hobbies that might require one or more of the skills listed on their cards.

2. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, "Gift Cards" from Activity 1, Colored Cardstock Paper (10 per group)

What You Do:

- Give kids a Bible.
- Look up Romans 12:6-8 and read it together.
- Ask:
 - Who has gifts?
 - What does this verse say you should do with your gifts?
- Set out the colored paper in a large circle.
- Gather the "Gift Cards" from the Take a Snapshot Activity.
- Shuffle them and place them face down under the colored sheets in the circle.
- Instruct kids to pick a sheet.
- Ask a kid at random kid to grab their card under their colored paper and read it aloud.
 - Say: If your gift is (*fill in the blank with the gift on the card*), then help others by...
 - Let the rest of the group call out some ways that gift could be used to help others.
- When everyone is finished, let the kid who read their card pick someone else to read their card.
- Continue for several rounds.
- Wrap up the activity by asking:
 - Why is it important to use the gifts you have been given?
 - What could be the consequences of not using your gifts?

3. Just for Fun

What You Need: Cups with Gems (8 per group), Plastic Spoons(8 per group), mobile device timer

What You Do:

- Give each kid a cup of multi-colored plastic gems and a spoon.
- Challenge kids to remove all of the purple gems from the cup using only the spoon, and not spilling any gems from the cup as they try.
- Give kids a time limit to complete their challenge.
- The winner is the kid who is able to remove the most purple gems in the allotted time.

- *Optional: Pair kids up. Repeat the activity but with both kids trying to sort the purple gems from the same cup this time. The kids who collect the most purple gems in the allotted time wins.*
- *Change It Up!: Choose a different color each round!*

4. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: “Prayer Cards”, pens, Bibles

What You Do:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Give each kid a “Prayer Card” Activity Page and a pen.
- Emphasize that we all have gifts we can use to help others.
- Challenge kids to write on their “Prayer Card” a gift they have been given and a specific way they can use the gift to help others.
- To get them started, ***[Make it Personal] (Share what you’ll be writing on your card.)***
- Close in prayer.
 - God, You are so generous. You made us in Your image and You have given us gifts. Each of us is good at something. Thank You for my gift of . . . *(Pause for kids to fill in the blank with the gifts they wrote on their “Prayer Card”)* God, You give us what we need to help others. This week help us to use our gifts to . . . *(Pause for kids to fill in ways they will use their gifts to help others)*. Amen *(when kids are done praying)*.