

City SG—October 17th-18th, 2021

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

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

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NirV)*

1. Gift Unwrap

What You Need: "Gift Unwrap" cards inside a gift bag (set of 18 cards per group)

What You Do:

- Direct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Set the bag in the middle of the circle.
- Allow the kids to pass around the bag choose a card
- Instruct kids to go around the circle and take turns what "gift" they received out loud to the group.
- As each kid shares their gift, prompt kids to raise their hands if they believe they have that gift in real life.
- Ask, "What is one way you could use this gift to help others?" Encourage the kids to answer this question whether or not they have this gift in real life.
- Continue until all kids have read their gift.
- There are 18 cards in the bag if you would like to circle around again.

What You Say:

"Those are some great gifts! Some of them didn't seem like gifts at first, but all of those gifts can be used to help others. All of you have so many gifts. What are some gifts you have that we didn't already talk about? *(Pause for responses.)* How can you use that gift to help others? *(Pause for responses. If you notice there is a kid who lacks confidence and hasn't mentioned a gift they have, take this opportunity to speak to them and point out a gift you know they have or ask prompting questions about things they like to do to help them figure out a gift.)* Whatever your unique gifts are, you can **[Bottom Line] use your gifts to help others.**"

[Make it Personal] (Share a time when you discovered a gift you had and how you used it to help others. Maybe you didn't know it was a gift at first until someone in your life told you it was. How do you continue to use that gift to help others now?)

2. Ice Cream Verse Relay

What You Need: "Ice Cream Verse Sheets (2 sets of 12 sheets per group), party hats (10 per group), buckets (2 per group), Bibles

What You Do:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Help kids look up and read the verse in their Bibles.
- Ask for a volunteer to help read the memory verse out loud.
- Take the 2 sets of 12 verse sheets and crumple them each into a ball and place them in 2 buckets. Keep separate.
- Split kids into two teams.

- Line both teams up shoulder to shoulder and guide the teams to face each other.
- Place one bucket with the balled-up verses on one end of each line of kids and an empty bucket at the other end of each line.
- Give each kid a party hat “ice cream cone.”
- Explain that the kid closest to the filled bucket will scoop up a balled-up verse with their ice cream cone.
- Then that kid will pass the “ice cream scoop” down the line of kids and run to the end of the line so each kid will have a chance to scoop the verse out of the bucket.
- Instruct kids to pass the scoop using only their “ice cream cones.”
- Once a team has successfully moved all the “scoops” down their line, into the empty bucket, they can dump out their bucket. Then they open the pieces of paper and place them in memory verse in order.
- The first team to finish is the winner!
- Ask the team that finished first to encourage and cheer on the other team as they finish.

What You Say:

“That was a lot of work, but both teams did an awesome job! When the verse says, ‘What you have done is wonderful,’ it’s talking about how God made us. It is a wonderful thing how He made each and every one of us!

“Sometimes, we may not feel like it’s a wonderful thing, but it is. God didn’t make a mistake when He created you. He gave all of us unique gifts that we can use to help others. He also made us to help others figure out what their gifts are, too. Maybe you have a friend who has an amazing gift—like always including others—but they may not know it’s a gift. You have the opportunity to help them see their gift and figure out how to use it to help others.

“What is a gift that someone you know has? It could be an adult or a friend or just someone you know. *(Pause for responses.)* Those are great gifts. How could that person use it to help others? *(Pause for responses.)* What God has done in creating those people is **WONDERFUL** just like when He created **YOU!** Remember, God created each of you with gifts and you can **[Bottom Line] use your gifts to help others.**”

3. Rolling Number

What You Need: “Rolling Number” Page (1 per student), dice (1-3 per group), markers (at least 6 different colors each child)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Rolling Numbers” Activity Page and at least six different colors of markers.
- Direct the kids to fill in the key at the top of the “Rolling Numbers” Activity Page by choosing a different color for each number and coloring in the section next to that number.
- Instruct the kids to roll the die and color in the number that is rolled with the color on their key.
 - For example: If they chose the color red for the number one, every time a one is rolled, they color number one section red.
- Allow the kids to take turns rolling the die.
- Direct the kids to choose one section to color when that number is rolled on the die.
- Continue until the entire page is colored.

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Slip of paper (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pen.
- Ask the kids to write three gifts they have.
- If you notice a kid has trouble thinking of gifts God has given them, help by asking them questions about what they like to do and things they are good at.
- Once the kids write down their gifts, instruct them to think how they can use those gifts to help others.
- Close your group time in prayer.

What You Say:

“I have no doubt you are some of the most gifted kids because God gave each of you your gifts. No one has the exact same gifts as someone else. Even if you did, you can use them differently in how you **[Bottom Line] use your gifts to help others.** Let’s pray about the gifts you wrote and ask God to help you help others by using those gifts.

“Dear God, thank You for making us each unique and different. Thank You for giving each of us gifts. Please show us our gifts and show us ways we can use our gifts to help others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”