

UNBOXED

WEEK 1

BIG IDEA

Everyone has special gifts.

BIBLE

Spiritual Gifts: I Corinthians 12:1-11;
(Luke 11: 9-13)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Christmas Share ▲

Today, we start a new series about gifts! By the way, can someone tell me what a gift is? Yeah! A gift is something you give to someone or get from someone.

- Over the next few weeks, we'll discover some gifts we get from God and other gifts we give to others!

ACTIVITY | Hot Potato Gift Edition ▲

There are two ways we use gifts. We can either give them to someone or we can receive a gift from someone.

Have you ever given someone a gift?

POLL | Would You Rather Give a Gift or Get One? ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids whether or not they would rather give a gift or get one. If they would rather give a gift, tell them to put two hands in the air. If they would rather get a gift, tell them to put their hands on their head.*
- It's good to both get gifts and give them away. Over the next few weeks, we're going to see that with God, sometimes we get gifts and sometimes we give gifts to others.

THE BIG IDEA | Everyone has special gifts.



- **Everyone has special gifts!**

SO WHAT?

VIDEO | Unboxed, Episode 1



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | I Corinthians 12:1-11

- Did you know God made everyone with a special gift? These gifts are special abilities that show who God is. What are these gifts? Let's find out!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read I Corinthians 12:1-11 with or for your kids. Encourage the kids to take turns and come up to a gift box, reach inside, take out one of the paper "gifts," unfold it, and read what it says aloud. You only need to write the key word on the paper, as you will explain each of them shortly. Then, stick each strip of paper onto the wall, in numerical order, until all the gifts have been removed from the box. Here's the complete list, paraphrased for kids:
 - **WISDOM:** The ability to give good advice to your friends when they need it.
 - **KNOWLEDGE:** The ability to understand hard things.
 - **FAITH:** The ability to trust God completely.
 - **HEALING:** The ability to pray for sick people to get well.
 - **MIRACLES:** The ability to pray for miracles.
 - **PROPHECY:** The ability to tell people about Jesus.
 - **DISCERNMENT:** The ability to differentiate between right and wrong; being able to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - **TONGUES:** The ability to speak different languages.
 - **INTERPRETATION:** The ability to understand and translate these languages.

- You can't buy these gifts, return them, or even choose which ones you get, but they're all good. Why? Because they're all from God!
- God gives gifts to all of us. Everyone is made with special gifts!

VIDEO | The Holy Spirit



- watch this video to find out more.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Watch [this animated, four-minute video](#) by The Bible Project, giving an overview of who the Holy Spirit is.

QUESTION | That's a No

- Have you ever asked your parent, teacher, or another grownup for something only for them to say, "No?" **What was it? Why do you think they said, "No?"**
- Sometimes, we get told no because maybe that thing is not good for us, and the grownups in our lives want to keep us safe. And sometimes, it's because they have something better in mind!

SCRIPTURE | Luke 11:9-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the passage with the kids.
- Jesus wants us to ask for all things, including spiritual gifts.
- Jesus said that if you asked a parent for a fish or an egg, they probably wouldn't give you a snake or a scorpion instead – because that can hurt you!
- Jesus is saying that if you ask God for something that is good for you, God will give it to you. But God won't give you something that could hurt you.
- Jesus also says that the good gift God will give us is the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is always with us to guide us.

NOW WHAT?

ACTIVITY | Surf or Turf Snack Time ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fill a clear container with gummy worms and set aside Goldfish crackers in paper cups. Ask the kids if they had to choose between a surf snack (Goldfish) or a turf snack (gummy worms), and that's the only food they can have for a week, what would they choose?. Then give out a few of each to the kids and discuss while they enjoy their snack.*
- Remember, God gives good gifts when you ask for them. God won't give you anything that could hurt you. If you eat too many gummy worms, they could give you cavities! If you had to live off one of these snacks for a whole week, these Goldfish crackers are way better for you!
- **Can you think of any other examples where God might not give you what you ask for because it's not good for you?**
- Everyone is made with gifts, and only God knows which gifts are best for you.

REFLECTION | What Gifts Has God Given You? ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Refer back to the board with the nine spiritual gifts posted on it, and ask the kids to think about which gifts they might have. Tell them to write about a time when they used that gift. For example, a time when they helped a friend with homework or prayed for someone who was sick.*
- Let's share some of the ways we have used our spiritual gifts for others.

PRAYER ▲

- Dear God, thank You for the gifts You have given to us. Help us to use those gifts well, and please give us the gifts we do not have yet so that we can help and serve our friends better. Thank You for being the best gift giver.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION ▲

- **What is a spiritual gift?**

- **To whom does God give gifts?**
- **Can we ask God for specific gifts?**
- **Read I Corinthians 12:11. How does God choose who gets what gift?**
- **Why do you think we need spiritual gifts?**
- **What spiritual gift(s) do you think you would like to have? Why?**
- **Why would God say no to something you ask for?**

ACTIVITY | Box of Gifts ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Distribute this week's printable to each kid. In the center of the box, tell the kids to write one or two of the spiritual gifts they would like to have (i.e., wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment, tongues, interpretation). In the remaining squares, tell them to write or draw how they are going to help others with that gift. Then, help them cut out and fold up their box!*
- Do you know why these are called gifts? It's not just because they are given to us by God, but also because we are supposed to use them for other people. They are gifts that keep on giving! And no one will be left out — God made everyone to have special gifts!

MEMORY VERSE | I Peter 4:10 (NIV) ▲