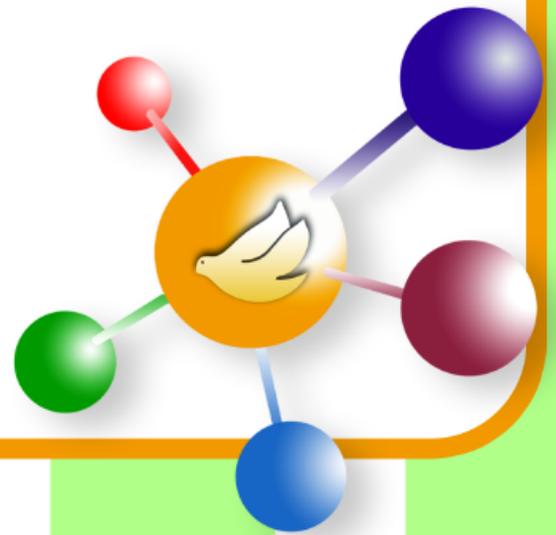


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LESSON 5

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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Lesson Objective:

In this lesson, kids will discover the different kinds of spiritual gifts that are given by God when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Bottom Line:

Spiritual gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to help Christians grow stronger in their relationship with Christ and equip Christians to minister to others and to the Lord.

Bible Foundation:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Teacher Insights:

"The purpose of the spiritual gifts is the edification of the Church. If the exercise of the gifts does not edify and build up the body they are valueless (1 Cor. 14:12 and 26). Gifts are bestowed with the purpose of bringing spiritual profit and edification to the whole body. If a gift is exercised without love, or merely as a personal display, a golden bell is changed into a clanging brazen cymbal."

"There are many different spiritual gifts, more than the nine chosen for mention in 1 Corinthians 12. There may be as many gifts as there are useful functions in the Church. Every believer should have some manifestation of the Spirit, and there should operate in the body every variety of gift." (Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, from *Foundations of Pentecostal Theology*, pg 329, LIFE Bible College, San Dimas, CA 1987.)

Discussion Questions:

For individual study of the teacher or for application as you teach:

- Word of Knowledge: The Spirit gives us knowledge we wouldn't know ourselves.
- Word of Wisdom: Sometimes the Spirit gives us wisdom about what to do in a situation- wisdom we wouldn't have come up with ourselves.



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- Discernment of Spirits: Helps us know whether something is from God, a person's own mind and heart, or evil spirits.
- Gifts of Healing: Praying for the sick and having increased faith to know God will heal.
- Miracles: Miracles are things that are impossible for us to do on our own.
- Faith: Knowing that even though we don't see Jesus, He is alive and working in our lives. God gives us the ability to trust Him when times are tough.
- Prophecy: This is a message God gives to encourage people for the purposes of making them stronger and giving them hope and comfort.
- Tongues: The Spirit gives us the ability to speak a language we haven't learned and we don't know. It is a heavenly language between God and us.
- Interpretation of Tongues: When tongues are used in a public meeting they need to be interpreted. With this gift someone gives a sense of what was said so everyone can benefit from it.

Memory Verse: (see page 3)

"Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all." 1 Corinthians 12:4

Object Talk:

God's Good Gift Boxes (see pages 4 and 5)

Activities:

Game – Gift Opening Relay

(see page 6)

Craft – Gift Box

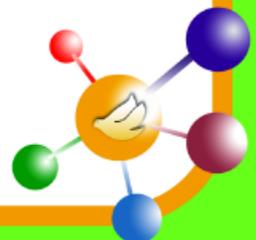
(see pages 7 and 8)

Handout – Gifts

(see pages 9 and 10)

Take Home:

Reinforce learning from this lesson using the Take Home summary (see page 11)



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Memory Verse

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Memory Verse Activity:

Display on paper and have students look up in their Bibles 1 Corinthians 12:4. Write out verse on index cards one word per card. Give index cards to volunteers. As I read 1 Corinthians 12:4 listen for the word or words on your card. When you hear them, stand up and hold up your card. The rest of us will echo the word or words on your card. Say verse, pause for volunteers to hold up card and students to echo the word or words. Collect cards and give to different volunteers. Repeat as time allows.



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Object Talk

God's Good Gifts Boxes

Theme:

Gifts of the Spirit

Teaching Point:

We need to open up the gift of the Holy Spirit in order to receive and understand the Holy Spirit to his fullest

Supplies:

- 1 large box
- 3 smaller boxes (to all fit in large box)
- Wrapping paper

Scripture:

Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. 1Corinthians 12:4

Take the 3 small boxes:

1st box - Place a large piece of paper in the box that says "The Power to Know".

On the same paper or on smaller pieces of paper write:

Word of Knowledge: Luke 19:5

Word of Wisdom: Acts 11-13

Discernment of Spirits: Mark 1:23-28

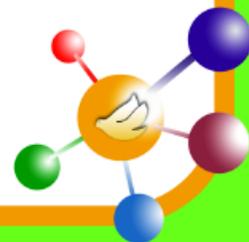
2nd box - Place a large piece of paper that says "The Power to Do".

On the same paper or on smaller pieces of paper write:

Gifts of Healing: Acts 5:12-16

Miracles: John 2:1-11 & Acts 5:12-16

Faith: Genesis 6-8



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3rd box - Place a large piece of paper that says "The Power to Say".

On the same paper or on smaller pieces of paper write:

Prophecy: Acts 11:27-30

Tongues: Acts 10:44-48

Interpretation of Tongues: 1Cor. 14:27-28

Wrap each box and place inside the larger box.

Wrap large box with the other two boxes inside.

Have the present sitting on the table during worship time.

How many of you love getting presents? How many of you love giving presents?

Today we are going to talk about a present that we get and share with others.

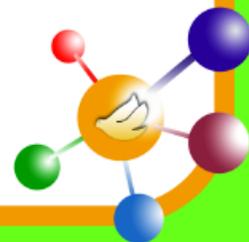
That gift is the HOLY SPIRIT.

Look at this present.... This reminds us of the Holy Spirit. We can put the present on the shelf and say "Thank you for your Holy Spirit, what a lovely present", or we can open it up and see what He has inside for us. God says in 1 Corinthians. 12:4-11 that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts that are not only for us but also for those around us.

Open the present and pull out one gift at a time. Have a child come and unwrap the smaller gifts. As you unwrap the gifts pull out the papers and briefly go over each gift (start with large paper and then the small papers).

Prayer:

Lord thank you for your gifts. Please help me to use the gifts and share them with others.



Game

Gift Opening Relay

Teaching point:

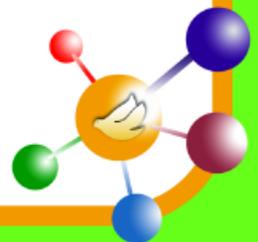
God does not make it hard to open his gifts like it was hard to open the gifts with mittens on.

Supplies:

- 2 gifts wrapped with extra paper and tape. Making it difficult to open.
- 2 pair of Mittens

Directions

For this game split the kids into two teams. (If there are lots of kids, you may need more presents and more teams). Have two gifts wrapped in several layers of wrapping paper, with lots of tape on each layer put extra tape on the outer layer, so that each child will have a chance to try and open the gift. Have the kids put on mittens (the puffier the mitten, the better). Each child on each team will take a turn and have 30 seconds to try and unwrap the present while wearing the mittens. As each child finishes their turn, he/she must give the mittens to the next person in line. The first team to have their present completely unwrapped (with no scraps or tape) is the winner.



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Craft

Gift Box

Teaching point:

God wants us to use our gifts to bless and build up the church and those around us. We need to remember that our gifts are to build up and bless the church.

Supplies

- Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue
- Colored paper
- Fine tipped marker
- Ribbon

Directions:

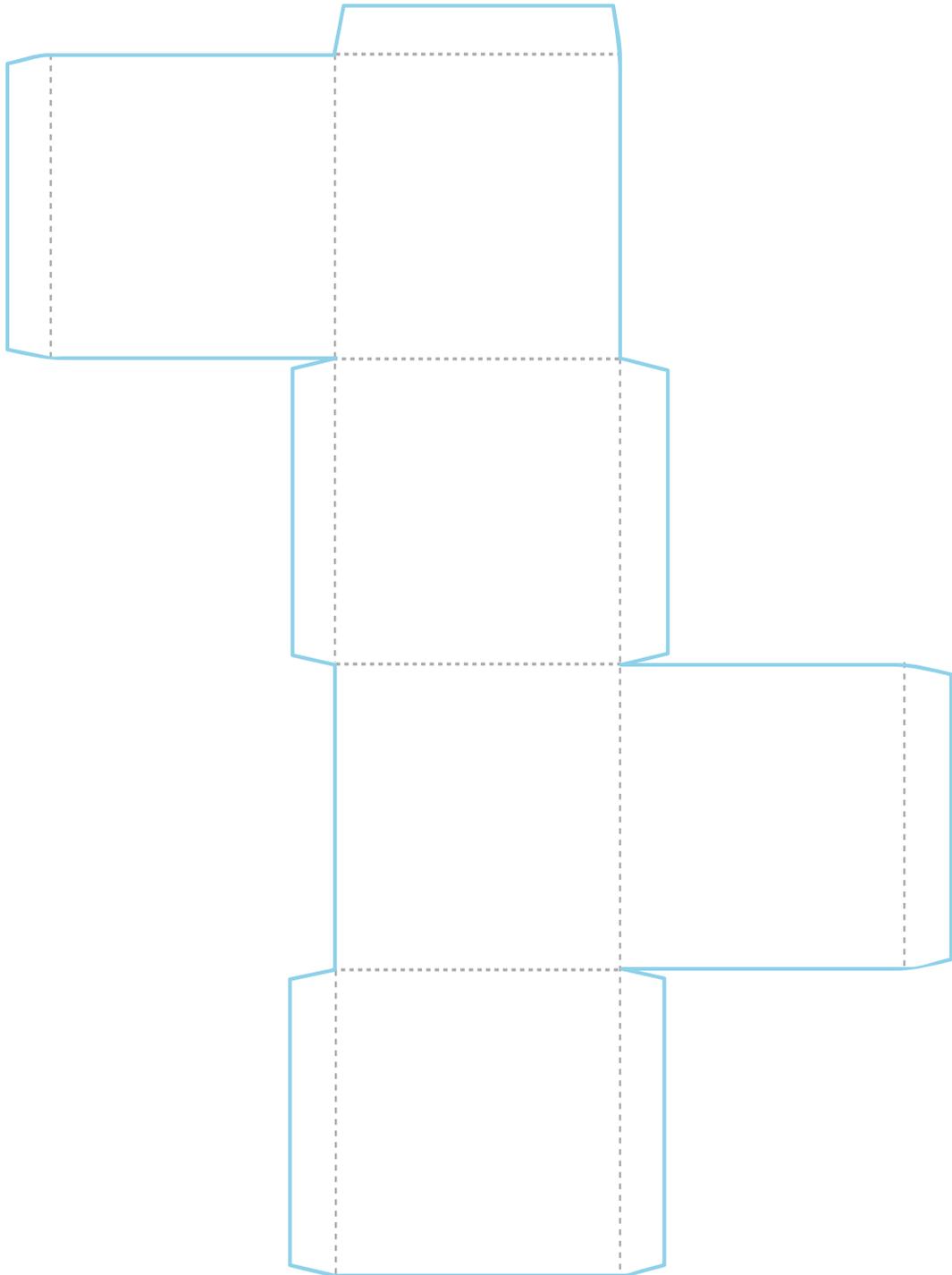
Print it onto a full sheet of heavy paper, cut it out on the black lines, fold on the dotted lines, and then glue the flaps to the inside of the box so no one can see them. Do not glue the top flap if you want the box to be able to open and close.

Suggestions:

1. Wrapping paper
2. Old bulletins with pictures on them



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Bottom Line week 5

There are many different Spiritual Gifts and each gift is important.

Memory Verse

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1 Corinthians 12:4

We are learning about:
THE HOLY SPIRIT

**The Gifts
of The
Holy Spirit**

Talk About It

Talk about these questions as a family on your way home or during a meal.

Kid's Question:

What are some different gifts of the Spirit?

Parent's Question:

How do you use the gifts in your life?

Today's Bible Story is:

Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

