



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God has given us all unique talents.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will share one talent God has given them.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 12

MEMORY VERSE:

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)

SUMMARY:

Ant-Man might get laughed at, but he still has some special powers. God has gifted all of us in special ways so that we can serve Him and others.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gifts you've given us.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

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"Do everything else for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NirV)

LARGE GROUP:

Write each word of the verse on a poster board. Bring enough kids on stage so each kid can hold one of the words. Then have the kids unscramble the words and put them in order on stage so the verse can be read by the audience.

SMALL GROUP:

Give each kid one word or a few words of the verse on a notecard. See if they can arrange the cards and get the verse right. Then read the verse aloud with the kids.

HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

SKIT

MY TALENTED FRIEND

ITEMS NEEDED:

Superhero costumes for Morbidman and the Supreme Diva, a chair

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS:

Morbidman - A sad superhero

The Supreme Diva - A teenage hero

Morbidman enters, followed by the Supreme Diva.

DIVA: Morbidman, come quick! I need your help!

MORBIDMAN: What's going on?

DIVA: It's Dr. Insidious! He's trying to take over the city again!

MORBIDMAN: He is? Oh no. I better get out of here!

DIVA: Get out of here?

MORBIDMAN: Yep, I'm getting out of town!

DIVA: You can't run for the hills, Morbidman!

MORBIDMAN: I'm not running for the hills. I was thinking of going to Toledo.

DIVA: Morbidman, I need your help! I need your unique talents and abilities to help me save the city!

MORBIDMAN: What unique talents and abilities? I'm no superhero. You have all the super powers. I'm just a grumpy rich guy who wanted to play hero.

DIVA: Come on, Morbidman, that's not true and you know it. God made us special, and we're all gifted and talented in different ways.

SKIT

MORBIDMAN: Not me! I can't fly. I can't shoot laser beams out of my eyes. I don't have super strength, and I definitely can't fight.

DIVA: Morbidman, stop being so... so...

MORBIDMAN: Morbid? I can't help it. It's who I am. Morbid. Man. The only thing I'm good at is having a bad day!

DIVA: That's not true.

MORBIDMAN: It is true, kid. I'm just going to hold you back.

DIVA: Fine. If that's the way you want to be, fine. Go to Toledo. I'll take Main Street down to City Hall and stop Dr. Insidious by myself.

MORBIDMAN: Main Street to City Hall? Are you crazy? He'll see you coming a mile away.

DIVA: Do you have a better idea?

MORBIDMAN: A block from here is the entrance to the old city subway. Head down to level B and follow the Green Line to Sub-Station G. It'll bring you up right behind City Hall, and you can take him by surprise.

DIVA: How did you know all this?

MORBIDMAN: Photographic memory. I memorized all those old subway routes when I was a kid.

DIVA: Really? But I thought you didn't have any talents.

MORBIDMAN: Maybe you're right, Diva. Maybe we are all gifted.

DIVA: Come on, Morbidman. I might get lost taking that Green Line to Sub-Station C.

MORBIDMAN: It's Sub-Station G.

DIVA: See? Where would I be without you?

They start to exit.

MORBIDMAN: Well, if you get off at Sub-Station C, you will be right in the middle of a bowling alley!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A cereal box with a free toy inside

Start the lesson by showing off the box. What toys are inside? Which of the possible toys do the kids' hope is inside? Open the box, pull out the toy, and see who was right!

When you buy a box of cereal with a toy inside, you never know what toy you're going to get. Will it be one you don't have? Will it be the same one you got last time? Will you get the same toy your friend did? Until you open the box, there's no way to tell!

God has given all of us gifts and abilities too. He's given you a unique set of gifts unlike anyone else. You may have a few gifts in common with a friend, but not all. God made you special, and He has a plan for you to use those gifts for His glory.

Do you know your gifts and talents? Have you used them for God? Ask God how you can put those gifts to work so that other people can know Jesus!

LARGE GROUP GAME

GIFT HOOK

ITEMS NEEDED:

A broom

Six gift bags

INSTRUCTIONS:

Open the gift bags and set them on the stage, staggered and spaced out. Fill them with tissue paper to give them an extra nice look.

Choose one player for this game. The player will take the broom and try to collect all six gift bags by sliding the broom handle through the straps and lifting them, one at a time. If the player can get all six bags on the broom before 60 seconds runs out, they are a winner.

VARIATION:

Choose two players and give each one a broom. Instead of trying to collect all the gift bags, they will race to see who can be the first to get to three.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God has given all of us unique gifts to use for Him.



LARGE GROUP LESSON

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KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 12

INTRO:

Some heroes have great powers, like Superman. Who wouldn't want to have Superman's powers, right? He can see through walls. He has super hearing. He has heated laser vision. He has super speed and skin that can stop a bullet. He has super strength, and best of all, he can fly. I tell you what, when it comes to super powers, Superman really hit the jackpot!

But what about Ant-Man? Poor Ant-Man, huh? He can't fly. He doesn't have bulletproof skin. He doesn't have super-speed, and he can't see through walls or shoot lasers out of his eyes. You know what he has? He has a suit that shrinks him down to the size of an ant. Pretty silly, huh?

Ant-Man may seem like a silly superhero with useless powers, but the truth is he's one of the most powerful and gifted superheroes of all. His ability to shrink also gives him super strength like an ant. He can communicate with ants and use them to fight crime. He can shrink small enough to get into places no one else can, allowing him to disable bombs, save prisoners from their captors, and other things.

Ant-Man doesn't think his powers are useless. He's taken the powers he has and used them to great effect in the comics, in cartoons, and yes, in the movie Ant-Man. Ant-Man's gifts make him a great teammate to the Avengers as well. He's a good role model for us as Christians, teaching us that we all have gifts we can use to compliment our brothers and sisters in God's family.

Paul wrote about the gifts that God gives His children in His first letter to the Corinthians.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12

LARGE GROUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

God has given all sorts of gifts to His people. He's given the gift of leadership, teaching, serving, praying, and so many more. God gives each person gifts that are unique, and no two people are alike in the gifts they have.

God wants us to use those gifts to serve him. He wants us to find our gifts and put them to use in God's family, the church. And God doesn't want us to get wrapped up in who has what gift. He doesn't want us to envy people who have what we think are better gifts. God wants us to serve Him together, using the gifts we have to help each other and reach out to those who need Jesus.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Paul uses the illustration of a human body to show us how we need to work together. Our ears can't do the job of our eyes. Our nose can't do the work of our mouths. All the parts need to work together for the common good.

Imagine if you came in one morning and there was no one on stage! Imagine if this church didn't have people with the gift to teach, or people with the gift to lead worship, or the gift to serve snacks. What if every adult in this room was gifted to do the same thing? How would we have worship on Sunday if God made all of us to vacuum the floors?

No offense to the guys and gals who do vacuum, but we all need each other. We need teachers and group leaders and worship leaders and room cleaners and all the other parts of this staff that makes worship happen. Without the contributions of all these people, using their gifts, we couldn't have worship today.

God has a place for you in the church too. He has given you gifts, and He wants you to use them. If you seek God's will, if you discover those gifts, God will show you where you need to be so you can use those gifts for Him.

Best of all, no one's going to laugh about the talents you have or don't have. Just as Ant-Man has his unique powers, we all have our unique talents. We all need one another to make the ministry of this church happen.

What are your gifts? Have you found them? Are you using them? Ask God to show you where you are gifted and what you can do to serve. God will do amazing things through you and this church when you give your talents to the Lord.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gifts you've given us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever received a cool superhero gift?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Give each kid one word or a few words of the verse on a notecard. See if they can arrange the cards and get the verse right. Then read the verse aloud with the kids.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Open a jigsaw puzzle of around 50 pieces. Hand out the pieces at random until everyone has about the same number. How fast can you work together to assemble the puzzle?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 1 Corinthians 12

Where do our gifts come from?

What kind of spiritual gifts does God give?

Why don't we all have the same gifts?

Why do we need to work together with our gifts?

What is one gift God has given you?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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How does God want us to use our gifts?

What is one gift God has given you?

What is one way you can use that gift for God?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

Our gifts are given to us by the Holy _____.

SPIRIT

There are _____ kinds of gifts, but they all came from the Lord.

DIFFERENT

The eye can't say to the hand, I _____ need you.

DON'T

Christians are the _____ of Christ.

BODY

God wants us to use our _____ for His glory.

GIFTS

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: GIFTED



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Ant-Man might get laughed at, but he still has some special powers. God has gifted all of us in special ways so that we can serve Him and others. 1 Corinthians 12



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Spend some time with your kids working with them on their hobbies. What unique talents and gifts do they have? Share with them how special those gifts are, and pray with them to thank God for those blessings.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did God give us all different gifts?
- What are some of the different kinds of gifts God gives people?
- How can you use your talents and gifts to praise Jesus?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

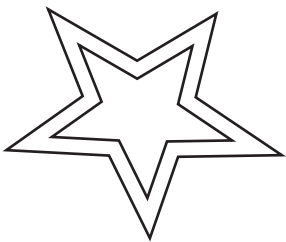
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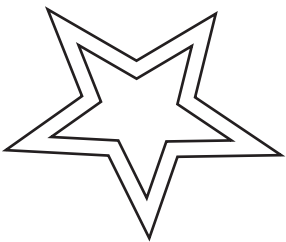
What you need to know:

God made us all unique, but the things that make us different allow us to compliment one another as we serve Christ. Ask God to guide and direct your kids as they grow so they can put their talents to work for Jesus.



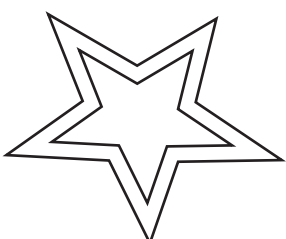
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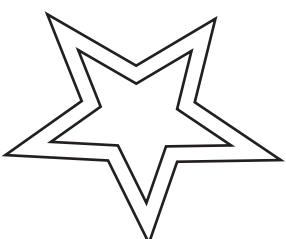
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids create their own superheroes on a piece of paper by cutting and pasting shapes of different colors and sizes onto their page. Use triangles, rectangles, squares, circles, and other shapes to form your own superhero character. As you work on these collage heroes, discuss with the kids how the pieces are different but come together to form one image, just as we can come together to serve God as one body in Christ.