



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

February 16, 2026

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Gifts- God gives each of us different gifts to use for Him. Even though our gifts are different, we all serve the same God and work together as one team. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5
Bible- Feb 16- Romans 12:6-8; Exodus 31 The Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Spiritual Gifts-
Leader Devos

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Snack: 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Outside Play: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
Small Group: 7:20 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bibles
- large gift box from Feb 9
- "My Gift" handout (1 for every 4 kids- each kid gets one picture of a gift)
- crayons

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Say: Today we'll find out that God gives us special gifts, or talents. Show the gift box. We'll learn more today about the kinds of special gifts God gives us.

- Give each child a picture of a gift from the "My Gift" handout. Say: The Holy Spirit gives each of us a special gift.
- Read aloud the text, and insert kids' names. Then have kids write their names on the blank lines (or have adult and teen helpers write them). Invite kids to color their special gifts.
- Lead kids to place their special gifts in the gift box.

Share

- Share about a gift you'd love to receive.
- Have kids share about a gift they'd like to receive.
- After small groups have discussed, have adult or teen helpers share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: Everyone loves getting gifts. And God's special gifts to us are wonderful gifts that we can use to love and help others. We'll learn more about what kinds of special gifts the Holy Spirit gives us as we read the Bible today.

Pray, thanking God that the Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift. Keep the gift box for future weeks on spiritual gifts.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Max’s Story”

Say: We’re learning that the Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift.

That means we have qualities that God can use to help us serve him and others better!

Ask: • What’s something you’re good at?

Say: Let’s learn about a kid named Max who God made good at science!

Watch “Max’s Story.”

Ask: • How would you describe Max?

• Max is definitely good at science. But what character qualities did you see in him?

Say: Max is creative and curious. He likes to find solutions that help solve other people’s problems. The Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift. That means there are parts of our characters and personalities that make us feel extra drawn to doing certain things. And the Holy Spirit can guide us to use those gifts to serve God!

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- white paper lunch bags (5 for every group)
- gift bows (5 for every group)
- classroom items that vary in weight and will fit in the bags, such as small toys, cotton balls, crayons, glue sticks, and puzzle pieces (enough to put 3 or 4 items in each bag)
- upbeat music
- music player

Easy Prep

- Fill 5 bags for each leader-led group with a different supply in each. Be sure there’s a noticeable difference in the weight of the bags. Tape the bags closed, and put a bow on each one.

Sort the Gifts

Say: Today we’re learning that the Holy Spirit gives each of us a special gift. They aren’t gifts like toys or clothes—they’re things that we can do really well and love doing! All the Holy Spirit’s gifts are good because we can use them to show God’s love to others. Listen to this. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:1-6. Let’s think about that with a game.

- Form groups.
- Give each group five bags sitting side by side on a table or the floor. **Say:** Each of these bags has something different inside. Let’s put them in order of how heavy they are. We’ll put the lightest bag at the start of the line and then put each bag in order of weight until the heaviest bag is at the end of the line.
- Play upbeat music, and encourage adult and teen helpers to help groups get started and work together.
- If time allows, have groups rotate and try to put the next set of bags in the opposite order.

Deeper Bible: cont

Talk About Gifts

After groups finish ordering the bags, go to one set of bags and say: These bags are all special gifts. But maybe we think this bag (pick up the bag that the group thought was heaviest) is more important because it's heavier or this bag (hold up the bag thought to be lightest) is less important because it's lighter. But all the gifts are special, just like the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us. For example, he has made some people good teachers. That's a special gift. Share about someone you think is good at teaching about God's love. It may be a pastor in your church, a fellow classroom teacher, or a teacher you had in school. Share something he or she taught you about God's love.

Ask: • Tell me about a good teacher you know. Kids may say their dad, a classroom teacher, or a teacher at school. Encourage kids to share what they've learned from the teacher, especially about God's love.

Say: It's easy to see teachers using their gift. But we might not notice someone who likes to serve. Serving is a special gift, too.

Share about someone you know who's a gifted servant. Maybe it's one of your helpers in the classroom, someone serving in your church, or someone who serves the poor in your city. Be sure to share how he or she serves others.

Ask: • Who do you know who likes to serve others? Kids may say their mom, a friend, or someone who helps at school. Encourage kids to share how the person serves others.

Say: It may seem like the people everyone can see using their gifts are more important than the people who show God's love to others in quiet ways. But the Holy Spirit gives each of us a special gift, and they're all important to God. Let's thank him for those gifts. Lead kids to pray, thanking God for all the special gifts he gives.

Memory Verse:

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Tear a Streamer

Say: Today we’ve been discovering that the Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift. We can serve God and serve others from our unique gifts, just like Bezalel and Oholiab did when they built the Tabernacle. Let’s learn a Bible verse that has some encouraging words about why our differences are okay.

Before we learn the verse, I have a cool fact to share with you about the Bible. The word Bible means “book,” but it’s not just any book. It’s God’s special book filled with wisdom, directions, and love for us! First Corinthians 12:4-5 says, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.”

Guide everyone to repeat the verse with you, one phrase at a time.

Say: Let’s get a picture of what it means to have different gifts given to us from one source.

- Pass around the rolls of streamers, and tell kids they can tear off whatever length they’d like to, even if it’s a really long piece.
- After everyone has a length of streamer, one at a time have each person hand you one end of their streamer.
- Once you’re holding an end of all the streamers, have everyone spread out around you so all the streamers are gently stretched to full length.

Say: You all have different streamer lengths, and your unique lengths all connect you to me. That reminds me of how when we’re connected to the Holy Spirit through Jesus, we all have different gifts! Let’s say the Bible verse a few more times. As you repeat after me, you can slowly move toward me any way you’d like and roll up the streamer.

Repeat the Bible verse with kids once slowly as everyone moves toward you.

Say: Because of our different spiritual gifts, we all serve in different ways, too—the ways we care for or help others. The ways we serve may look different but can all be done for the same Lord, which is another name for God.

Continue to repeat the verse with everyone moving slowly toward you in different ways until everyone is near you. Then gather all the streamers and have a seat with kids.

Talk About It

Ask: • What differences did you see in how you all moved toward me?

- What was the same?
- What are different ways people can serve others to show God’s love?
- What’s the same about all those ways?

Say: Sometimes we can feel like the things that make us different aren’t good, but our differences are great! The Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift on purpose, and we can serve God in different ways for all the very different people around us.

Activity Page with a Purpose

Supplies Needed:

- Activity/Color Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out the coloring pages and supplies.

SAY: Today we're exploring how the Holy Spirit gave each of us a special gift. God made Bezalel and Oholiab good at building and making things. Let's color them making a table for God's tabernacle. Allow time for kids to color.