



Pathway Kids Spring 2026 Leader Guide February 23, 2026

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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 23- Romans 12:4-5; Acts 4:32-37 The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God.



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
- paper (1 per kid)
- crayons

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out that God gives us special gifts or talents. Show the gift box. We'll learn more about what we can do with our gifts this week.

- Give each child a sheet of paper.

Say: The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God. When I think of serving, I think of servers at a restaurant. Pretend your paper is a serving tray and draw your favorite food on it. Allow time.

Say: Serving isn't only about food. We can serve in many ways to help others, but these serving trays can remind us that the reason God gives us gifts is to serve him.

- Lead kids to place their serving trays in the gift box.

Share

Say: In the Bible story we'll read today, we'll hear about someone who served God by sharing. Let's begin our lesson by talking about people who have shared with us. Tell about someone who shared with you.

- Have kids share about people who shared with them.
- 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: God loves when we share with others, and it's a way to use our gifts and talents to serve God. Today we'll talk about lots of ways to serve God with our gifts, and we'll find out that's why the Holy Spirit gives us gifts.

Pray, thanking God that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve him. Keep the gift box for next week's lesson on spiritual gifts.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “The Family That Serves”

Say: Today we’re learning that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God. That means there’s a big purpose to the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us!

Let’s watch a family that uses their gifts to serve God. Pay attention to what gifts you see in each family member.

Watch “The Family That Serves.”

Ask: • What gifts did you see in the different family members?

- How were those gifts useful as they served?
- What gifts have you seen in your own family members?
- How could you all use your gifts together to serve God?

Say: Cooper is good at making new friends! He makes people feel welcome and loved. The dad is a good leader who could lead the service. Emery has compassion and helped a man who didn’t smell good feel loved. They all have the gift of generosity, giving their time and resources to help people in need. And when they put all their gifts together, they served God in a really cool way! The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- paper grocery bags (1 for every 1group)
- paper towels (1 sheet for every 4 kids)
- play money (1 piece for every 4 kids)
- musical instruments (1 for every 4 kids)
- gift bows (1 for every group)

Easy Prep

- Make a “gift” bag for each leader-led group with 1 of the following gifts inside:
 - 1 Bible
 - 1 paper towel per child in the group
 - 1 piece of play money per child in the group
 - 1 musical instrument for each child in the group
- Fold each bag closed, and put a bow on it.

Tip

- If you don’t have enough musical instruments, pick another classroom object that could be used to serve others. For example, plastic cups could serve someone who is thirsty, or a stuffed animal could serve a friend who is lonely or sad.

Deeper Bible: cont

Receive a Gift

Have kids sit in groups.

Say: I'm so excited! I brought gifts today. They're really special gifts!

There's so much you can do with them. Are you ready for the gifts? Pause for a response. Then give each group a gift, and allow kids to open the bags. Allow time for them to observe their gifts.

Say: These gifts are special. They aren't really for us. These gifts can help us serve others. And when we serve the people God loves, we're serving God!

For about five minutes, encourage leaders to help their groups think of ways they could use their gifts, such as the following:

- Paper towels could be used to help clean the church.
- Money could be used to buy food for someone who's hungry.
- The Bible could be used to tell people about God's love.
- Musical instruments could be used to help people worship God.

After kids think of ways to use their gifts, invite groups, one at a time, to show everyone their gift and act out how they could use it to serve.

Use Our Gifts

Say: The gifts I brought today were for you to use to help others. You did a great job thinking of ways to use them to serve. We all have gifts we can use to serve others.

Share about something you have that you could use to serve others. Maybe you could use your car to give someone a ride, offer a spare room so a friend could visit, or deliver some food to a neighbor who's sick.

Ask: • Tell me about something you have at home that you could use to serve someone else.

Help kids get started, if needed. Kids may say they have a toy they could share with their brother, a kid-size broom they could use to sweep the floor, or some music they could play to worship God.

Help kids share how they could use those things to serve.

Say: The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God. When we use them to serve others, we're serving God, too! Let's thank God for all the good gifts he gives us. Lead kids to pray and thank God for his gifts.

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

Write, Draw, Sing

Say: We learned how the church in the Bible used their gifts to serve each other. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve God and others, too! When we serve others to show God’s love, we’re also serving God! Let’s learn a Bible verse that can help us sort this out some more.

The Bible was originally written in three languages. Today it’s in hundreds of languages so people around the world can understand it and learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and their own spiritual gifts.

In the Bible, 1 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.”

- Lead kids in repeating the verse a few times, one phrase at a time.
- Invite kids to learn the verse in different ways. They can each choose one of these options:
 - Refer to the Bible Verse Poster to help them write the verse.
 - Draw a picture that shows what the verse means to them.
 - Simply speak the verse again several times.
 - Sing the verse to a familiar tune, such as “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”
- Distribute paper and crayons to anyone who would like to write or draw the verse.

Talk About It

Ask: • What did you choose to do to learn the Bible verse? Tell me more about that. Allow kids who wrote or drew a picture to hold up the papers.

• What did that show you about the differences in how people can serve God?

Say: You chose different ways to repeat the message—the words—of the verse, but they all were the same message. That’s a lot like how our different gifts can all serve God. The way we serve can look and sound and even feel different but can all show God’s love for others. The Holy Spirit give us gifts to serve God.

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 gives us gifts to serve God. That's what the Christians in the Bible did when they shared all they had.

Allow time for kids to color.