

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Hebrews 2:4

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”

BIG IDEAS

- The gifts of the Spirit are only given to those who belong to Jesus.
- The gifts of the Spirit are various and good.
- The gifts of the Spirit foster unity, not division.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

UNITE - I AM CALLED

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Every good gift comes from the Father.
- They have been specifically and uniquely gifted to bring God glory.
- Spiritual gifts are given for the edification of the body of Christ.



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the various gifts God has given their church family.
- Convicted of the ways they bear the fruit of the flesh.
- Secure in their standing as God’s children through the Holy Spirit



Every student should strive to...

- Pursue unity with other members of their church family.
- Use their gifts for the good of God’s people.
- Practice regular repentance and obedience.



Every student should want...

- To be known for loving others like Jesus loves.
- To learn more about their spiritual gifts and the gifts of others.
- To both suffer and rejoice with God’s people

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to be gifted by the Spirit. We will pray for their hearts to desire unity with other believers and we will lead them to practice using their gifts for the unity of the church.

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Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 this week.

Ask yourself some of these questions as you think on these verses:

- How can you help your son or daughter identify his or her spiritual gifts?
- How can you lead them to use their gifts for the unity of the church?

Consider how you can model using your spiritual gifts for the unity of the church.

- How can you model a right view of spiritual gifts and a unifying use of them?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give your son or daughter a greater understanding of their spiritual gifts and how they can use them.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to use their gifts for unity within the church.



Help your son or daughter make a list of spiritual gifts.

- Next, help them think through which gifts they might have if they are believers. If they are not, discuss with them the differences between abilities and spiritual gifts.
- Discuss with your student how natural talents and abilities aren't spiritual gifts. Walk through the list of spiritual gifts and help them identify which ones they might have.