

GAME PLAN MS

I AM CALLED

SERIES: GOD IS THE GIFT GIVER - I AM GIFTED

The “I am Called” semester builds on the theology and practice of family from the previous semester. When we know our position and part in the family of God, we will understand that there are things we are called to be as God’s children. Throughout the semester, we will look at the callings on the life of a Christian: to follow Jesus, to serve God and His people, and to use their gifts for His glory.

This series gives an introductory look at the person of the Holy Spirit, His role as Helper in our lives, His role of giving us spiritual gifts, and considers the calling on a Jesus follower’s life to use our gifts for the glory of God.

John 14:16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”

GUIDES:

- Guide 1 introduces spiritual gifts, what they are, and why we have them as Jesus followers.
- Guides 2-3 discusses the person of the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives.
- Guides 4-5 discuss spiritual gifts and the purpose of them.
- Guide 6 discusses the connection between spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit.
- Guide 7 helps students walk in love: the aim of our charge to use our spiritual gifts.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

Spiritual gifts can be a challenging topic. It is easy for students to get distracted by trying to discover what their specific gifts are, rather than understanding that they *are* gifted and putting their gifts to use in building up the church. Help them stay focused on what is most important through this series.

Tips for the church:

- While spiritual gifts tests and inventories might be helpful for some, they often can serve as a distraction from what is ultimately more important. Rather than trying to help students know what their specific gifts are, focus on helping students learn what it looks like to serve faithfully.

Tips for the home:

- Consider how your family serves within your local church. Do you model service for your children? Do they know people in your church who are gifted in different ways?
- **As a Jesus follower:** Help students cultivate a heart that desires to serve others. We often learn what our spiritual gifts are by the process of serving in various places in the church. Help them consider ways that they can begin to serve.

GAME PLAN PAGE

The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.



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