



# WEEK 1

AT HOME LESSON



## **BIG IDEA**

Everyone has special gifts.

## **THE BIBLE**

**Spiritual Gifts:** I Corinthians 12:1-11;  
(Luke 11: 9-13)

### **MUSIC** | Celebrate and Worship

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs with your kids!

### **ACTIVITY** | Hot Potato Gift Edition

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Like the game, Hot Potato, we are going to pass around a gift-wrapped box to show that sometimes we get a gift and sometimes we give a gift away. Play music as the kids pass the box and stop it occasionally. Whoever is holding the box when the music stops is out of the game. Repeat until there is a winner. To take this activity to the next level, consider putting little treats or toys in the box. The winner gets to pass it out to everyone! Or, each time the music stops, whoever is holding the box gets a gift before they are out of the game.*
- There are two ways we use gifts. We can either give them to someone or we can receive a gift from someone.
- **What was your favorite Christmas gift this year? Have you ever given someone a gift?**
- It's good to both get gifts and give them away. Over the next few weeks, we're going to see that with God, sometimes we get gifts and sometimes we give gifts to others.

### **THE BIG IDEA** | Everyone has special gifts.

- Today, we're going to talk about some gifts! But these gifts are different than the gifts you've probably gotten before. You can't buy these gifts at the store. You can't even choose them, but you can ask for them. They're the best gifts you'll ever get. They're gifts from God, and everyone has them! God gave us these gifts when God made us.
- This week's Big idea is: **Everyone has special gifts!**



## VIDEO | Unboxed, Lesson One

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's teaching video with Pastor Robin and Mr. Harrison!*

## SCRIPTURE | I Corinthians 12:1-11

- Did you know God made everyone with a special gift? These gifts are special abilities that show who God is. What are these gifts? Let's find out!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read I Corinthians 12:1-11 with or for your kids. Below are explanations of the various gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:*
  - WISDOM: The ability to give good advice to your friends when they need it.
  - KNOWLEDGE: The ability to understand hard things.
  - FAITH: The ability to trust God completely.
  - HEALING: The ability to pray for sick people to get well.
  - MIRACLES: The ability to pray for miracles.
  - PROPHECY: The ability to tell people about Jesus.
  - DISCERNMENT: The ability to differentiate between right and wrong; being able to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit.
  - TONGUES: The ability to speak different languages.
  - INTERPRETATION: The ability to understand and translate these languages.
- You can't buy these gifts, return them, or even choose which ones you get, but they're all good. Why? Because they're all from God!
- God gives gifts to all of us. Everyone is made with special gifts!

## REFLECTION | What Gifts Has God Given You?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Refer back to the nine spiritual gifts, and ask the kids to think about which gifts they might have. Tell them to write about a time when they used that gift. For example, a time when they helped a friend with homework or prayed for someone who was sick.*
- Let's share some of the ways we have used our spiritual gifts for others.

## DISCUSSION

- What is a spiritual gift?
- To whom does God give gifts?
- Can we ask God for specific gifts?
- Read I Corinthians 12:11. How does God choose who gets what gift?
- Why do you think we need spiritual gifts?
- What spiritual gift(s) do you think you would like to have? Why?
- Why would God say no to something you ask for?

## ACTIVITY | Box of Gifts

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Distribute this week's printable to each kid. In the center of the box, tell the kids to write one or two of the spiritual gifts they would like to have (i.e., wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment, tongues, interpretation). In the remaining squares, tell them to write or draw how they are going to help others with that gift. Then, help them cut out and fold up their box!*



## UNBOXED | WEEK 1 ELEMENTARY AT HOME LESSON

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- Do you know why these are called gifts? It's not just because they are given to us by God, but also because we are supposed to use them for other people. They are gifts that keep on giving! And no one will be left out — God made everyone to have special gifts!

### PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You for the gifts You have given to us. Help us to use those gifts well, and please give us the gifts we do not have yet so that we can help and serve our friends better. Thank You for being the best gift giver.
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *A child with special needs may have trouble understanding the concept of prayer because they cannot see God. Echo Prayer is a good strategy to encourage and teach kids how to talk to God. The teacher speaks aloud a short segment of the prayer, and the students echo back the same sentence or phrase.*

### MEMORY VERSE | 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce kids to this month's memory verse. If you'd like to use a combination of SEE and ASL signing, use this link:*  
<https://growcurriculum.org/1Peter4-10/>.

