**Sunday School Lesson Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

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**Audience:** Youth and Adult Sunday School (adaptable for age groups)

**Lesson Title: Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

**Main Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 4:10

**I. Lesson Objective:**

By the end of this lesson, students will:

* Understand what spiritual gifts are and why they matter.
* Learn who gives them, who receives them, and how they are used.
* Be equipped with tools to begin discovering and using their spiritual gifts.

**II. Icebreaker:**

**Question:** "If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?"

**Transition:** Just like superheroes have powers to help others, Christians have spiritual gifts from God to build up the church!

**III. Bible Teaching Outline**

**1. WHO Gives and Receives Spiritual Gifts**

* **The Giver:** God the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:11)
* **The Recipients:** All believers (1 Cor. 12:7; Rom. 12:4-6)
* **The Beneficiaries:** The whole church and God's glory (Eph. 4:12-16)

**Key Verse:** "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." – 1 Cor. 12:7

**2. WHAT Are Spiritual Gifts?**

Spiritual gifts are *special abilities* given by the Holy Spirit to serve others and build the church.

**Examples:**

* Teaching (Rom. 12:7)
* Encouragement (Rom. 12:8)
* Service (Rom. 12:7)
* Leadership (Rom. 12:8)
* Mercy (Rom. 12:8)
* Healing, Faith, Wisdom (1 Cor. 12)

**Note:** These are *different from talents,* though God can use talents too!

**3. WHEN Are Gifts Given?**

* At **conversion** (Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 12:13)
* Developed and matured over time through growth and service

**4. WHERE Are Gifts Used?**

* In the **church** (Eph. 4:12)
* In the **world** (Matt. 5:16; Acts 1:8)
* In **daily life** (Col. 3:17)

**5. WHY Are Gifts Important?**

* To glorify God (1 Pet. 4:11)
* To build up the body (Eph. 4:12)
* To equip saints for ministry (Eph. 4:11-12)
* To foster unity and maturity (1 Cor. 12:12-27)

**Memory Verse:** "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." – 1 Peter 4:10

**6. HOW To Discover and Use Your Gifts**

* **Pray for guidance** (James 1:5)
* **Study Scripture** (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4)
* **Ask others** what gifts they see in you
* **Serve** and watch how God uses you
* **Stay under godly leadership** (Heb. 13:17)
* **Always use your gift in love** (1 Cor. 13)

**IV. Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is it important to know your spiritual gift?
2. How can using your gift bring glory to God?
3. What are some ways you can serve in the church or community this week?

**V. Activity Options:**

* **Gift Discovery Worksheet** (List spiritual gifts and ask students to reflect which fit them best)
* **Group Prayer** – Pray for God to reveal and activate gifts
* **Role Play or Skit** – Acting out different gifts in action (fun & interactive)

**VI. Challenge & Prayer:**

Encourage each student to take a step this week: try serving in a small way and watch how God uses them.

**Prayer:** "Lord, thank You for giving us gifts to serve You. Help us discover them, use them with love, and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, amen."

**Teacher Notes:**

* Adapt for kids by using simpler definitions and examples.
* For teens, add testimonies or real-life examples.
* For adults, invite deeper reflection and possible small group exploration.

**Resources Used:**

* 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4
* GotQuestions.org: "What are spiritual gifts?"
* Pastor R.A. Wilson, Kingdom Impact Ministry insights