

Family Theme | **God Equips Us to Serve**    Date | **February 9, 2025**

Study Text | **1 Corinthians 12:1-31**

**Read the Word:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

**Disciple Your Family:** Help family members use the gifts and abilities God has given them to serve Him and build His kingdom.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: The Holy Spirit Has Given Spiritual Gifts and Abilities to Every Believer (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)**

**APPLY:** God has given every believer spiritual gifts and abilities to use in service to Him.

- *What are spiritual gifts?*
- *What role does the Holy Spirit play in spiritual gifts? How can remembering this keep us from being prideful?*

**APPLY:** There are a variety of spiritual gifts and ways to use them to serve God. He distributes spiritual gifts according to His will.

- *Why might it be tempting to be envious of the spiritual gifts someone else has received? How can we guard against that type of envy?*

**APPLY:** Spiritual gifts are for the common good of God's people, not for the gifted person's glory or benefit.

- *How are spiritual gifts sometimes misused?*

**APPLY:** Discover the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has given you.

- *How can believers discover which gifts they have received and begin to use them? (Discuss it with the pastor or other church leaders; take a spiritual gift assessment; try various areas of service to see what is a good fit; etc.)*
- *What might happen in our church if all of us use our gifts and abilities to serve God and help build His kingdom?*



**Key Truth: Every Believer Should Use His or Her Gifts and Abilities to Serve (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)**

**APPLY:** The church is like a human body. Every part has a role.

- *How is a church like a human body? (There are many different parts, and each part serves a purpose; the church functions best when all the parts are filling their roles; etc.)*
- *Why is it significant that every believer has a role to play in the body of Christ? How does this keep us from simply being spectators?*

**APPLY:** Every member of a church family is important. Show equal concern for all.

- *Look at verse 26 again. Why is it important for the church to suffer together and rejoice together?*
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- How does being in a smaller group at church make it more likely that a person will be cared for?
- How have you seen church members fulfill their roles to care for others in the body of Christ?

**APPLY:** Even though all gifts are important, certain gifts serve more vital functions than others.

**APPLY:** Fill your role in the body of Christ by serving according to your gifts and abilities.

- If you are not already serving, what will you do to get plugged in?

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What are spiritual gifts and who has them?
- What are some examples of spiritual gifts?
- Why are spiritual gifts given?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **1 Corinthians 13:13**



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Spiritual gifts are the diverse ways the Holy Spirit equips believers to serve His Church. We are exhorted to serve with unity.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Go to [bit.ly/spiritualgiftact](https://bit.ly/spiritualgiftact) and listen to the different instrument sounds. Talk about how it would sound if every instrument in an orchestra sounded the same. Each one makes a different sound, and when played together creates beautiful music. Relate the different instruments in an orchestra to the different gifts God gives the people in His church. Each one is special and together they serve Him and help others.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned Jesus cared for the over 5000 people who came to listen to Him speak when they became hungry. He miraculously turned two fish and five loaves of bread into enough food for everyone to eat with twelve baskets of food left over. Jesus cares for our needs too. **I Can Be More Like Jesus** and care for others too.