

Activity tie-in: Christian Service

Object- Gift

Bible Verse- 1 Peter 4:10 “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

Lesson- Use the gifts God has given you to faithfully serve others.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- You might ask about a great gift someone gave them.
- You might create a hypothetical situation in which you give them the gift that they want most and ask them what they would do with the gift.
- You could tell a story where each person receives a gift, but then you tell them that they cannot use their gift. Ask them how they feel about this.
- You could have them get up and find something in the room to “give” as a gift to another person. Have them exchange gifts and then ask each person what they would do with the gift they received.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

- Transition from the introduction to the idea of receiving gifts from God. We each have received a gift(s) from God.
- Object lesson: Wrap a box as a gift and talk about how just like we get earthly gifts from our family and friends we also get gifts from God.
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: 1 Peter 4:10 “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- When you quote the Bible verse you could ask students:
 - “What is a gift God has given you that you?”
 - Some gifts they might list are, but are not limited to, music, hospitality, computer skills, teaching, talking, art, sports, etc.
 - “How can you use this gift to serve others?”
 - They may have a hard time coming up with ideas but be patient and encouraging and help them think of a way if they cannot come up with something on their own.
 - Encourage them to try using the gifts God gave them.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for the many wonderful gifts you have given us. Help us to use these gifts to honor you and to serve those around us. Help give us opportunities in which we can serve and use our gifts. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.