



Gifted 15

You will need:

Mission Possible:

- Scissors
- Large sheets of gift wrap folded up
- Sticky tape
- Empty cardboard boxes of various shapes and sizes – but not bigger than 15-20 cm in any dimension
- Gift bags, or carrier bags – one per person
- *Instructions: Count the number of people in your group and divide it by four.*
- *Involve leaders if you need extra people to make up the numbers, and adjust the number of people involved on the day.*
- *You are aiming to divide your large group into smaller groups each containing four people.*
- If you have five groups of four people you will need:
 - 5 carrier or gift bags containing one pair of scissors each
 - 5 bags containing a roll of sticky tape
 - 5 bags containing a neatly folded whole sheet of gift wrap
 - 5 bags containing an empty cardboard box of some kind
- Each person needs to have one bag containing one item.

- If you have a group number that is more easily divisible by 5, add another set of bags containing parcel ribbon.
- If you have a group number that is more easily divisible by 3, then put the scissors and tape in the same bags.

Word Search:

- Copies of Word Search studies - 1 study per person
- Pens

Family Focus Time:

- Drinks and cups
- One postcard-sized piece of card for each person
- Double sided sticky tape
- Stick a length of double-sided sticky tape along one short edge of each card, or use another method for sticking a card onto each person's back.

Family Prayer Time:

- Paper
- Pens

Jesus and Me (JAM) Session:

- One set of 'Jesus and Me' Journal Pages per participant

Take-away Menu (optional):

- One gift tag per person – if possible choose a design with the picture of a gift

By the end of the session, the group members will:

- Know that God gives each person special gifts.
- Feel the joy and excitement of being affirmed for their gifts.
- Respond by planning a project that uses their unique gift combination.



KID for Teens: Leaders Guide: Gifted!



Before you start: Leadership Personal Preparation:

1. Prayerfully read through the whole lesson at least twice.
2. Gather all the materials you need for each section (previous page) .
3. Work with another team member and plan who will manage each section of the session.

What gifts has God given to you? What difference have they made to your life? What difference have your gifts made to the lives of the people around you? Are you using all your gifts? Which of your gifts is resting on a shelf at the moment and why? Think of a time when you used one of your gifts and it really blessed you and at least one other person. How could you share your inspiring stories with the group during today's session?

Welcome and Prayer – 5 mins

Say:

“Most of us enjoy getting presents, especially when the gifts are unexpected, well chosen, or something we've always wanted. God loves us, and like any good parent, he enjoys thinking of great presents to give to each of his children, to make us and others happy. Today we're going to discover and unpack some of his special gifts.

God gives each of us so many special gifts. Sometimes we don't even know they are hiding inside our potential. Sometimes we are afraid to use them, but God has given us the gifts he knows we'll enjoy the most...So it's up to us to unwrap them and find out how to use them to share God's love with the people around us. ”

Icebreaker - Gifted! - 5 mins

- Find a partner whose birthday is in the same month as yours, or in the month before or after your birthday.
- If you have the highest birth date think of one of the best presents you have ever been given – but don't tell your partner what it was. (Someone born on the 21st has a higher birth date than someone whose birthday is on the 17th).
- If you have the lowest birth date you need to ask lots of questions until you discover your partner's favourite gift.
- But each question can only be answered with a yes or no answer.
- If you have enough time after the first gift has been guessed, swap over and let the other person think of a gift that was special to them.
- You have five minutes for this activity.

Mission Possible - 7 mins

You will need:

1. The bags ready-prepared - one per person - as instructed on page 1.
- Give everybody a carrier bag with one item in it. Don't tell them what the items are or what they have to do with them.
 - **Say:** 'You have a gift that needs to be shared with other people in order to complete a special mission.
 - You must make a group of four with three other people (adjust this if necessary) and share your gifts to complete a project.
 - When you discover your gifts, and each other's gifts, then you will probably guess what you need to do.
 - You have five minutes for this mission.
 - Ready, steady, Go!'
- Let them work out what their gifts are, how to make groups, and how to use the things they have. Hope and pray that one group works out that they need to gift wrap the box using the paper, scissors and tape!





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Word Search - 25/35 Mins

You will need:

1. One copy of the Word Search study for each person
2. Pens

- Divide the large group into three sub-groups.
- Give each sub-group a Word Search sheet to study and discuss together.

Family Focus – 15 mins

You will need:

1. Drinks and cups for refreshments during the Family Focus time
2. Ready prepared postcard-sized piece of card for each person
3. Spare Double sided sticky tape or pins

- Let the everyone re-assemble into their family groups, collecting a drink on the way.
- Stick or pin a postcard on the back of each person in the family.
- Ask everyone in the family to think of a gift they have seen another family member use, and then write a description of the gift on the postcard on the person's back.
- When everyone has written on everyone else's cards, take them off and read what's been written.

Family Prayer Time - 10 mins

You will need:

1. Paper and pens
- Make a list of all the gifts you have identified in your family. If you can think of some you didn't write down in the previous activity, do so now.
 - Look at the collection of gifts on your list. What project could you do as a family that would help your church or community? Find something you could do together which uses at least one gift from each person's list.
 - Then prayerfully make a plan to do this project at least once.

JAM Session (Jesus and Me) - 10 mins

You will need:

1. One set of journal pages for each person.

- Allow 10 minutes for group members to start working on their journals.
- During this time, play some worshipful Christian music, if you wish.

Take-Away Menu

You will need:

1. One gift tag per person
- Give each person a tiny gift-wrapped box – you can sometimes find these as Christmas or party decorations. Or gift wrap empty matchboxes, or give small gift bags to each person.
 - These tokens are to remind them that they have been given special gifts by God. They are, in fact, a gift to the world, from God!

Closing Prayer





15 KID for Teens: Handout: Gifted! Word Search - Gifted! - A



What are the gifts?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

List the gifts that are described in these verses:

What else can you discover from these verses about the gifts God gives to us?

What other gifts do you think Peter and Paul would have added to the list if they had been writing to Christians today?

What is the difference between spiritual gifts and God-given talents?





15 KID for Teens: Handout: Gifted! Word Search - Gifted! - B



Why does God give us different gifts through his Holy Spirit?

Read the verses below and then list the different reasons God gives us these gifts.

Matthew 7:7-12

1 Corinthians 12:4-27

1 Peter 4:10-11

What responsibilities come with these special gifts?

When we don't use the gifts God has given us, it is like keeping our gifts, still wrapped up, on top of our wardrobes! What might happen if we chose not to use our spiritual gifts?

How might this affect God's plans?

How might this affect those around us?

How might this affect ourselves?





15 KID for Teens: Handout: Gifted! Word Search - Gifted! - C



What attitudes do we need to have when we use our gifts?

Romans 12:6-8

1 Corinthians 12:13-27

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Peter 4:10-11

When we use our gifts grudgingly, or for selfish reasons, it is like wrapping a wonderful present in dirty newspaper! Why do you think the attitudes we have when we use our gifts are so important?

How do our attitudes affect our gifts?

How do our attitudes affect the people with whom we share our gifts?

How do our attitudes affect ourselves?





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Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 15: Gifted!



Which of the following things are true about the gifts God has given to you? Underline the statements you think are true and say why you believe them.

They are perfectly suited to the unique person God created me to be

They will make me miserable

They are only to be used to make others happy

I WILL ENJOY USING THEM

I will have to work at developing them

I will be brilliant at the gift with no extra effort

When I start using the gift, exciting things will happen

MY GIFT IS NOT JUST FOR ME, IT IS A GIFT FOR THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH I LIVE

If I don't use my gift it may be taken away from me

The Holy Spirit will help me know how and when to use my gift

What else is important to know about the gifts God has given to us?





Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 15:

15 What gifts do you think God has given to you?



Here are four gift labels.

Write your name on each of the labels. Then write the name of one of the gifts God has given you so that you can make life happier for others.

To:

THE GIFT OF:

WITH LOVE FROM GOD



To:

THE GIFT OF:

WITH LOVE FROM GOD



To:

THE GIFT OF:

WITH LOVE FROM GOD



To:

THE GIFT OF:

WITH LOVE FROM GOD





15 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 15: Saying Thank You to God!



ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR A GIFT IS TO USE IT!

List ten enjoyable ways you could use one of your gifts to bring happiness to others:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.





15 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 15: Gift Plan



THINK OF A SPECIAL WAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE ONE OF YOUR GIFTS NEXT WEEK.

Gift:

Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to use your gift in the best possible way.

What will you do?

What effect do you hope your gift plan will have on others?

When will you do it?

...And on yourself?

Who will you do it for?

When God sees me using my gift in this way I imagine he will feel or think...





15 Jesus and Me: Journal Lesson 15: More Ideas



Write a thank you note to God for the special gifts he has given you.

Buy a card that expresses your thanks, or make one, or write a short note.

Make a diary of the times when you consciously use one of your gifts to share happiness with others. What is the effect on those around you?

Write a project plan for developing your gift. What else would you like to try, or to learn, so that you can use your gift in ways that are even more effective?

How can you team up with other 'gifted' people to create new and exciting ways to share God's love and happiness with others?

Encourage someone else's gift – write them a note, send a text or an email, or let them know that you have noticed them using a special gift in some way. Visit www.dayspring.com for free e-cards that you can use to encourage others.

