

## MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Chat:** This week we are thinking about **GIFTING** – how God has given all of his people gifts and abilities so that we might serve him and help others. That's why we call our talents and abilities 'gifts', because God has given them to us! What do you think of the fact that God has decided to give you certain gifts and abilities to help you in this life, and to help you help others? (*Take answers*).

Today we want to think about what gifts and abilities we have – the talents that God has given us. What are your talents or abilities? What are your spiritual gifts? **Take some time and think about this, and then share with the family.** If you're struggling to think, maybe someone else can tell you how they think you are gifted!

Are all of us gifted in the same way? (*Take answers*) No! God has given us different gifts, to help us serve in different ways.

**Pray:** Take some time and thank God for how he has gifted you, both as individuals and as a family.

## TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Read:** Ephesians 4:11-14

**Chat:** This week we are thinking about **GIFTING**. Yesterday we thought about the gifts that God has given us. God gives us gifts, abilities and talents to help us serve others and point people to him.

Sometimes it has hard though to think about how we can do that with our gifts, so today let's think about how God has given us gifted people to help us! The passage we read tells us that Jesus gives us gifted people in our lives to help us to love Jesus more.

**Think!** Think of someone who has helped you with their God-given gifts. Maybe they have taught you about Jesus, or helped you when you've been sad, or listened really carefully to what you want to say. Everyone can take this opportunity to share about someone they are thankful for, someone who has used their gifts to help and serve you. Who has helped you with their gifts that you can thank God for? (*Take answers*)

**Pray:** Thank God for the gifted people he has placed in our lives.

## **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:10 (This is how the International Children's Bible puts it, "Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.")

**Chat:** Yesterday we thought about people who used their gifts to help us – that's why God gives gifts, so that his people can help one another. Today and tomorrow we are going to think about how we can use our gifts to serve others.

Think back to Monday, how are you gifted? (*Take answers*)

And now think and talk about this: how could you use your gifts to help and serve others at church? (both when church gets back to normal, but also now when we can't be close together)

**Pray:** Ask for God's help in using your gifts to serve the church.

## **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:10 (This is how the International Children's Bible puts it, "Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.")

**Chat:** Yesterday we thought about how we could use our gifts to serve each other in church. Today make a list. How could you use your gifts to serve....

Your home?

Your family?

Your friends?

Others in your school?

**Pray:** Ask God for his help in using our gifts to serve everyone we meet.

## FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:11 (Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. The person who serves should serve with the strength that God gives. You should do these things so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to him forever and ever. Amen.)

**Chat:** This week we have been thinking about gifting – how God has given us gifts and gifted people, and all of the ways in which we can use our gifts to serve others.

The verse we just read tells us why we should use our gifts, did you pick up on that? Why should we use our gifts? (*Take answers*) **You should do these things so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ!** We should use our gifts to point to our great God who gave us the greatest gift of his son, Jesus, to save us and make us his! And so we should use our gifts to show how wonderful and amazing our God really is!

**Pray:** Thank God that he is amazing, and that he has given us the best gift in Jesus. Ask for his help to always point to him in everything we do.

## **SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

**Chat:** What did you learn this week? What was hard or confusing? What was fun that you did this week?

**Pray:** Thank God for the week we just had. Pray for your family and friends.

## **SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Chat:** Watch the church service streamed online. What was the kids talk about? What did you learn?

**Pray:** Pray for our church. Pray for your school. Pray for the week ahead.