

## Spiritual Gifts



Parents, below are a few activities you can try at home together to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

**Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit gives us a spiritual gift, so we can help others grow closer to God.

**Bible Basis:** 1 Corinthians 12

**Key Verse:** 1 Peter 4:10b

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Nighty Night*

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** Practice the verse together several times. Next, have everyone lie down and pretend to sleep as you sing the sleeping song together. At the end of the song, fill in the blank with one of the suggested animals or objects. Everyone must then wake up and act like that animal or object. After a few moments of imagination play, say the Bible verse as if you were that animal or object. Then ask one person the question from below. Afterwards, direct everyone to go back to sleep and repeat.

**Sleeping Song:** Sleeping, sleeping, everyone was sleeping. When they woke up, they were all \_\_\_\_\_.

**Suggested Animals or Objects:** Lions, robots, snakes, chickens, babies, sloths

**Question:** Can you remember a "fruit" of the Spirit? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) What does that mean to you? How do you show that "fruit" to others?

Grade 3-4 Activity: *Fruit of the Spirit Memory Matching*

**Supplies:** One (1) set of memory match cards (print-out option provided)

**Directions:** Place the memory match cards face down. Choose someone to go first. Have him/her flip over two cards in an attempt to find a match. If the cards do not match, flip them back over. If the cards do match, ask the question below. After the question has been answered, remove the matching set of cards from the game. Continue until all of the matches have been found.

**Say:** Today we learned that Jesus is like the vine and we're like the branches. When we stay connected to Jesus, we grow in the "Fruits of the Spirit." Does anyone remember what some of those fruits are? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) We're going to play a game that will help us remember the Fruits of the Spirit and helps us think of ways to show it to others.

**Question:** What does that fruit of the Spirit mean to you? What is one way this week you could exemplify that fruit of the Spirit?