

Family Questions



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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of the church? *[To build relationships with others; to worship God; to learn about God; to connect with others; to serve; etc.]*
2. Why do you like to go to church? *[Have each family member share]*

What does the Bible say?

Read: Psalm 139:14.

How are you made? *[fearfully and wonderfully]*; What does this mean? *[everyone is special!]* Did you know that God made each of us on PURPOSE for a PURPOSE?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-17.

Name all the parts of the body mentioned in these verses.

Only God can put the parts in place! 1 Corinthians 12:18 says that (help your kids fill in the blanks) God has *[placed]* the parts of the *[body]* ...just as He *[wanted]* them to be! We cannot change what He has put in place.

You have a part in the Body of Christ!

Look up Romans 12:4-6 and answer the following questions out loud:

- Do all of the parts of your body do the same thing? *[no, they all have a different function or purpose]*
- Who are "the many" in verse 5? *[we are; all people]*
- Each member belongs to "who" in verse 5? *[Christ]*
- Each of us have been given different gifts (parts). According to verse 6, what are we supposed to do with them? *[use our gift]*

How does this affect my life?

It's time to take your own spiritual gifts test! Help your younger kids out, and each one should check only the statements that are true (written to an elementary age level):

1. ☐ I like to help my parents around the house or my teacher at school.
2. ☐ People have told me that I have helped them understand the Bible better.
3. ☐ I have encouraged someone who was sad and hurting.
4. ☐ I like to give my offering at church.
5. ☐ People seem to listen to me and agree with me when I have an idea.
6. ☐ I have a desire to help people who have physical problems.
7. ☐ I like to do tasks that have to be done once a week.
8. ☐ I enjoy studying the Bible so that I can share what I learn with others.
9. ☐ I can get others involved when their help is needed by telling them that their help is needed.
10. ☐ When someone needs money or something else I have, it is easy to give it to them.
11. ☐ Other Christians have followed my example when I do something right.
12. ☐ I have cared for others when they were sick or lonely.
13. ☐ I like to do things rather than sit and listen to someone talk.
14. ☐ When someone asks me a question, sometimes I think of a Bible verse to tell them as an answer.
15. ☐ I like to tell others what to do when they don't know what to do.
16. ☐ Sometimes I choose not to buy something for myself and instead get something for someone else.
17. ☐ When working on a group project, I like to be in charge.
18. ☐ I like to visit hospitals and retirement homes and make the people smile.
19. ☐ I am happy to do any job that anyone asks me.
20. ☐ I like to do Bible studies.
21. ☐ I like writing notes and cards to people to encourage them.
22. ☐ Giving to the church is easy for me to do.
23. ☐ I like to help lead younger kids when I have the chance.
24. ☐ I enjoy helping those who have less than me.



Circle the #'s that you have a check next to:

A.	1	7	13	19	Total Circles on line A: _____
B.	2	8	14	20	Total Circles on line B: _____
C.	3	9	15	21	Total Circles on line C: _____
D.	4	10	16	22	Total Circles on line D: _____
E.	5	11	17	23	Total Circles on line E: _____
F.	6	12	18	21	Total Circles on line F: _____

Whatever Letter (A-F) scored highest are most likely your spiritual gifts!

- A. **Serving.** This gift is the ability to meet the needs of others, to help out in God's church or His family, and to use resources to serve others. (Acts 6:1-7 * Romans 12:7 * Galatians 6:2,10 * 2 Timothy 1:16-18 * Titus 3:14)
- B. **Teaching.** This gift is the ability to communicate truths about the Bible to others in order to help others learn. (Acts 18:24-28 * Acts 20:20,21 * Romans 12:71 * 1 Corinthians 12:28 * Ephesians 4:11-14)
- C. **Encouragement.** This gift is the ability to give words of comfort, encouragement, and counsel to others so that they feel helped. (Acts 14:22 * Romans 12:8 * 1 Timothy 4:13 * Hebrews 10:25)
- D. **Giving.** This gift is the ability to give money and material things to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness. (Mark 12:41-44 * Romans 12:8 * 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 * 2 Corinthians 9:2-8)
- E. **Leadership.** This gift is the ability to lead others in such a way that the body of Christ (i.e. Christians) works together in a positive way. (Luke 9:51 * Acts 6:1-7 * Acts 27:11 * 1 Corinthians 12:28 * Titus 1:5)
- F. **Mercy.** This gift is the ability to feel compassion for people who are suffering physically or emotionally and to do things to help them. (Matthew 20:29-34 * Matthew 25:34-40 * Mark 9:41 * Luke 10:33-35 * Acts 11:28-30 * Acts 16:33,34 * Romans 12:8)

Share ideas of how you can use your spiritual gift to help the church and live out your purpose! Don't forget we have Next Steps and Serving Opportunities for teens and adults to learn their purpose, and Leaders In Training for 2nd-5th Graders to serve. Check out CrossroadsChurch.com for more info.

Pray something like this together: *Jesus, help us to live out the purpose You have given us. Thank You for my spiritual gift of [name gift(s)]. You are so kind to me! Help me to use my gift to serve the church and others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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