

Scripture Reading

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well! ¹¹ If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honor to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen.

Memory Verse Challenge

Memorize the highlighted verse. Who will be first to commit this verse to memory?



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Mission Activated

Activity Instructions

Step 1: As a family, read the Scripture from 1 Peter (back) and “You’ve Got Gifts!” (below).

Step 2: Discuss the Scripture using the Family Discussion Questions (right) to learn how to apply it to your lives.

Step 3: Using the “Managing My Mission Worksheet,” take some time as a family to identify each member’s mission this new school year.

BONUS: Take the Memory Verse Challenge on the back page!

You’ve Got Gifts!

As Military families, we are always *ready for duty*. We receive orders, we make plans, and we serve our country faithfully.

As a part of God’s family, we should always be ready to serve him faithfully, too.

But sometimes his orders don’t seem as clear.

Fortunately, 1 Peter 4:10–11 provides us with a great plan to get ready for *God’s* call to duty.

It tells us that God equips everyone with one of his wonderful gifts that we can use to serve and help others, which help build his Kingdom.

Think about it this way: If you play a team sport, different people are good at different things.

One person might have the gift of pitching, another person might be gifted at hitting the ball, and someone else is gifted at catching it. When each person does what they’re good at, they help the team succeed.

In God’s family, we’re a team, too! Your unique gifts support the team and help it accomplish God’s mission to build his kingdom.

If God gave you the confidence and skill to speak eloquently before a crowd of people, it’s a great privilege to do so for the Lord!

Or if he gave you the gift of faith, it’s a wonderful honor to encourage those who struggle with their own.

What gift has God given you? And how can you use it to help build God’s kingdom?

Family Discussion Questions

Eagle Squad

- How does it make you feel to help people?
- How do you think it makes Jesus feel when you help others?

JV Squad

- Why do you think that God gives us gifts?
- Share a time when you used one of your gifts to serve a peer, and what was the outcome?

Varsity Squad

- How would focusing on God’s mission change your daily activities?
- How would my peers be impacted if I used my gifts regularly?



So What?

So how can you use your gifts to help others and build God’s kingdom? Use the action plan below to help you identify your gifts and use them in service of others for the Glory of God!

1. **Fact:** God gave us all gifts, lots of them!
2. **Act:** Take some time to identify what they are and use your gifts **in service of others**.
3. **Pact:** Commit to helping one another to use your gifts to **bring honor to God**.

For the Grown-Ups

Once we know our gifts, the next hurdle is whether we will obey God. Read the story of Jonah with your children (Jonah 1–4). What an example of the *dos* and *don’ts* of carrying out God’s mission! Ask your kids to identify what happened when Jonah avoided his mission, and what happened when he fulfilled it. Share your own experiences being obedient *and* avoiding the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Then discuss how you can support one another in carrying out God’s mission. Let’s build a muscle of obedience this new school year!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Managing My Mission Worksheet

Instructions

God has a plan and purpose for each and every one of us, no matter how big or small (read Jeremiah 29:11 if you don't believe us). Using one worksheet per child (early writers can draw their answers), consider what God would like to do through YOU this year. As a family, help one another to individually answer questions 1 and 2. Then pray for God's wisdom and insight, and use those answers to develop a simple mission statement in question 3. Once each family member has written their individual mission statements, work together to combine your answers and prayerfully identify your family mission statement.

**Additional worksheets for optional parent participation can be downloaded from the Digital Resource Library by accessing the QR code on the back of your Mission Manual.*

1. What am I good at and what gifts has God given me? (Example: Encouraging my friend)

2. What verses or stories in the Bible have been meaningful to me? (Example: Proverbs 22:9)

3. What is my mission for this school year? (Example: To use my gift of teaching by regularly sharing Scripture with my friends.)

4. What is my family's mission for this school year? (Example: This year we are committed to showing the love of Jesus by showing grace to one another and serving our community with words of encouragement, hospitality and teaching the Gospel message.)
