

SMALL GROUP | DAY 4

GOD MADE EVERYTHING WE KNOW AND SEE



Bible

God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully. If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking God's words. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength God provides. Then in all things, God will be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11 NIRV

Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters. Work because you know that you will finally receive as a reward what the Lord wants you to have." Colossians 3:23-24 NIRV

Supplies

- Markers
- Button supplies



I can trust God
no matter what

Digging Deeper | Gifts & Talents

- What does it mean to have a gift or a talent?
- What are you good at doing? Could this be your gift or talent?
- What do you like to do for fun? Have you ever thought of those things as your gift or talent?
- Remember the gift box this morning. Were there any gifts or talents that you said, "I'm good at that!"

Reference for the gifts & talents shared in opening: storytelling/writing,
patience, giving speeches, construction/building,
good listener, artistic, helper

Allow each Camper to share, and encourage
Campers to listen when someone else is sharing

Special Note:

If a Camper doesn't yet know what they are talented or good at, say:

God has a super special gift or talent in store for you! I believe it! Your job right now is to have fun trying many different things (like crafts, sports, and opportunities like VISTO where you are singing, dancing, and acting). As you try these different things, you will discover what you are good at or really like doing.

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Make a Button

Using the blank button, students write or draw a picture or a symbol of their gift or talent.

Connection to Bible Story

Your gifts or talents can be a hobby or one day, your career or business. But more importantly, your gifts and talents can be used for God to help others and to improve the world around you just like Tabitha loved sewing and used her sewing skills to make clothes for others.

(Reference Acts 9:36-42)

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There are many ways talents can be used for God to bless and help others.

- Your love for drawing or painting might mean that one day you become an art teacher.
- If making new friends comes easy to you, use that gift to invite someone who is alone to join you or hang out with you
- If you like cooking, you can use that talent to make a meal for someone who is sick or without a home
- If you feel special helping others, use that gift to carry grocery bags, unload the dishwasher, or help out a neighbour

Allow time for each Camper to share one way they will use their gift
or talent to encourage or help someone at home,
at VISTO, or in their community.

Going Deeper

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What does it mean to “Work at everything with all your heart as if you are working for the Lord?”

Encourage Campers to share their ideas

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Working at everything with all my heart means:

- doing my very best
- making poor choices right
- being honest
- finishing a chore (not leaving it half-done)
- cleaning up messes
- staying focused on the task
- doing the task with a good attitude

Printed on cards and have Campers open them up to read

Remember your Take Action for Day 2? You did an everyday activity creatively to make it more fun. Now you can do them diligently with all your heart!

And remember that while God gave you your gifts & talents, you should practice to get even better at them. It takes diligence and patience to improve your gifts and talents.



Show your Gift & Talent Button to a family member and ask what their gift or talent is and how they use it to help others. Have your family member sign (autograph) your Playbill.

Bonus: draw a picture or symbol to represent their gift or talent.

Don't forget to watch your special message from VERA! She is hilarious and guaranteed to make you smile!

Bring your Playbill back to VISTO tomorrow to share your family members gift or talent with your Crew Leader.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You that we get to learn more about you and how much you love us. Thank you for creation and the creative gifts You gave us.

Help us to learn more about the talents You have planned for us. Help us to develop them and not be afraid of them. We know you created each one of us uniquely, with purpose and creativity!

We want to work at everything with all of our heart. We ask for courage to show others the gifts and talents we have and encourage our friends with theirs. Amen.

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