

# Together @ Home

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Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like in any order.

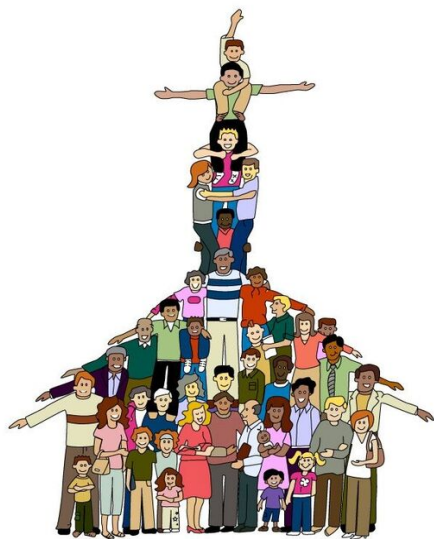
## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together how we use our God-given talents and abilities to benefit God's Church.

You can find it in your Bible in

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God

Thank you for our wonderful bodies and for the special gifts and talents and abilities you give to each of us.

Help us to remember that each of us is an important part of the Body of Christ--Your Church--and to use our gifts to help others know Your love.

Amen.

## Discussion

### Question for adults to ask children

*What gifts (talents/skills/abilities) has God given you that you could use to help God's Church (God's People)?*

The Bible teaches us that God's Spirit gives each person different gifts (talents or abilities) to be used to meet the needs of the whole Church (God's People). These gifts and abilities are the things we do well and love to do, but they are to be used for and/or shared with others. God has a part for each of us to play in growing God's Kingdom and sharing God's love with others.

### Question for children to ask adults

*What gifts do you use to serve God and others?*

Jesus said that the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people. Service is part of our role as Christians. While our churches are meeting virtually there are many roles and experiences that are lost: Your family won't be greeted at the door, there won't have been people in early to set up your meeting space, you will have to make your own drinks and snacks. There's a Church-at-Home resource to help you think about how we can replicate these areas of service at home. Find it at [www.hvbc.org](http://www.hvbc.org).

## Family Activity

**Puzzle Pieces:** Work on a puzzle as a family. As you put the puzzle together talk about what the puzzle would be like if a piece was missing.

**Body Parts:** Cut several strips of paper.

Have each family member write the name of a body part on a strip. Fold papers and place into an empty cup or basket. Have each person take turns drawing a slip of paper, reading the name of the body part, and telling one way we use that part of the body/why it is important to our bodies. Then see how many gifts/abilities you can name that are important to God's Church.





## A verse to remember

### 1 Corinthians 12 v 4

**There are different kinds of gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit.**

This is the beginning of a passage all about the different gifts we can receive through the Holy Spirit – you can read the whole passage in 1 Corinthians 12 v 4. Why not read it together and see how many different gifts you can find? To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Spiritual Gifts

The Bible tells us that we can receive Gifts of the Spirit – gifts from God that we can use with the help of Holy Spirit.

A few of these gifts that are available to all of us are listed below. Why not talk about each of these different gifts together.

Which would you most like to receive?

Pray and ask God to help you use your gifts to serve and share love with others today.

## Family Activity

Hold your own family talent show giving everybody a chance to share a gift or skill they have.

What will your talent be?

- Singing
- Playing an instrument
- Painting a picture
- Demonstrating Sports Skills
- Reading a story
- Acting out a scene
- Building something in Minecraft



### Words of knowledge

We can share encouraging messages from God with others.

1 Corinthians 12 v 8

### Faith

We can ask God for more faith!

1 Corinthians 12 v 9

### Teaching

We can have the skill to pass on knowledge to others.

Romans 12 v 7

### Healing

We can pray for those who are sick to be well.

1 Corinthians 12 v 9

### Leadership

Romans 12

### Encouragement

We can be an encourager of others.

Romans 12 v 8

### Service

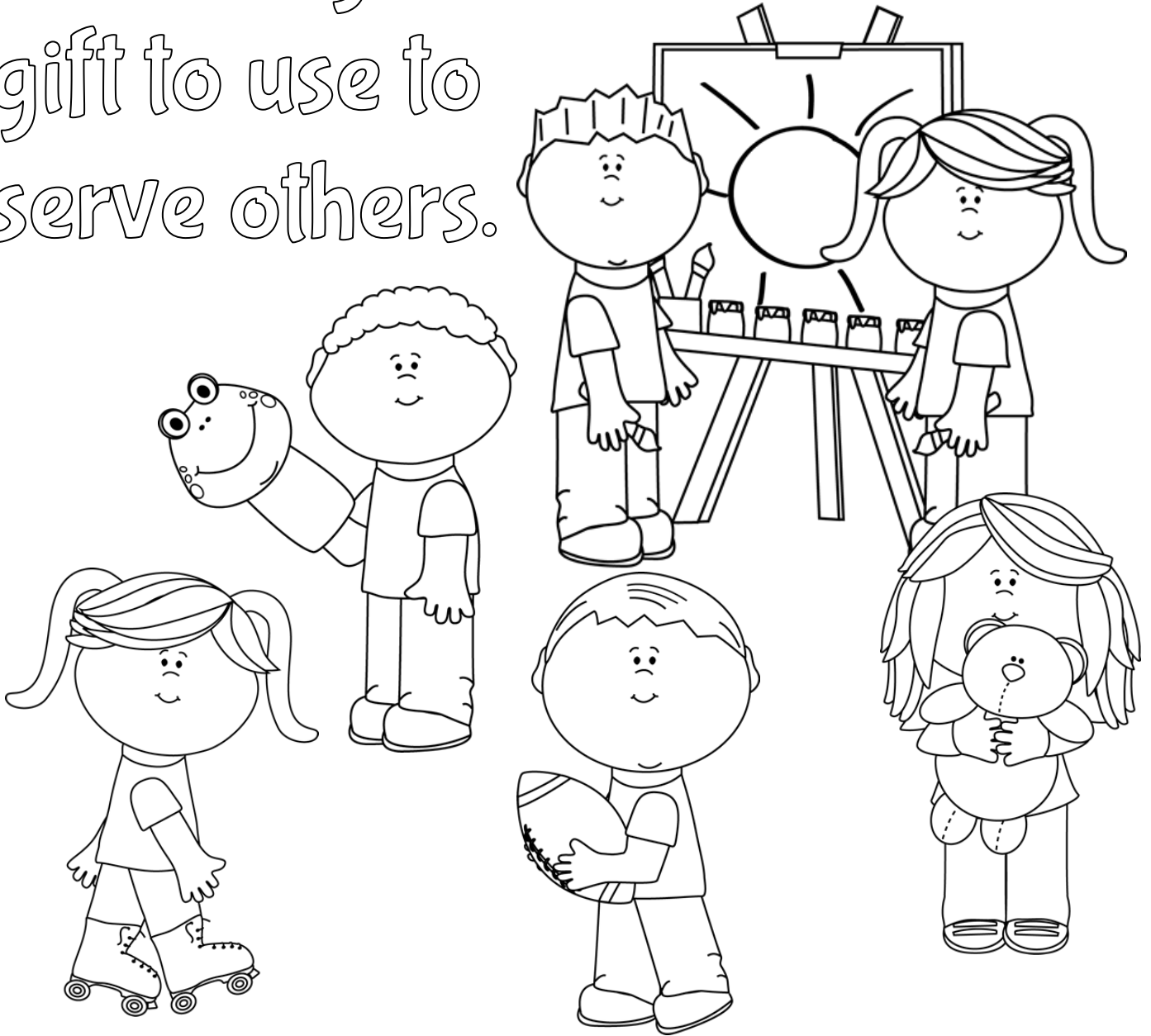
We can be somebody who serves others.

Romans 12 v 7

# Coloring Page

drawings provided by [www.whimsyclips.com](http://www.whimsyclips.com)

Each of you has received a  
gift to use to  
serve others.



Be good servants of God's  
various gifts of grace.

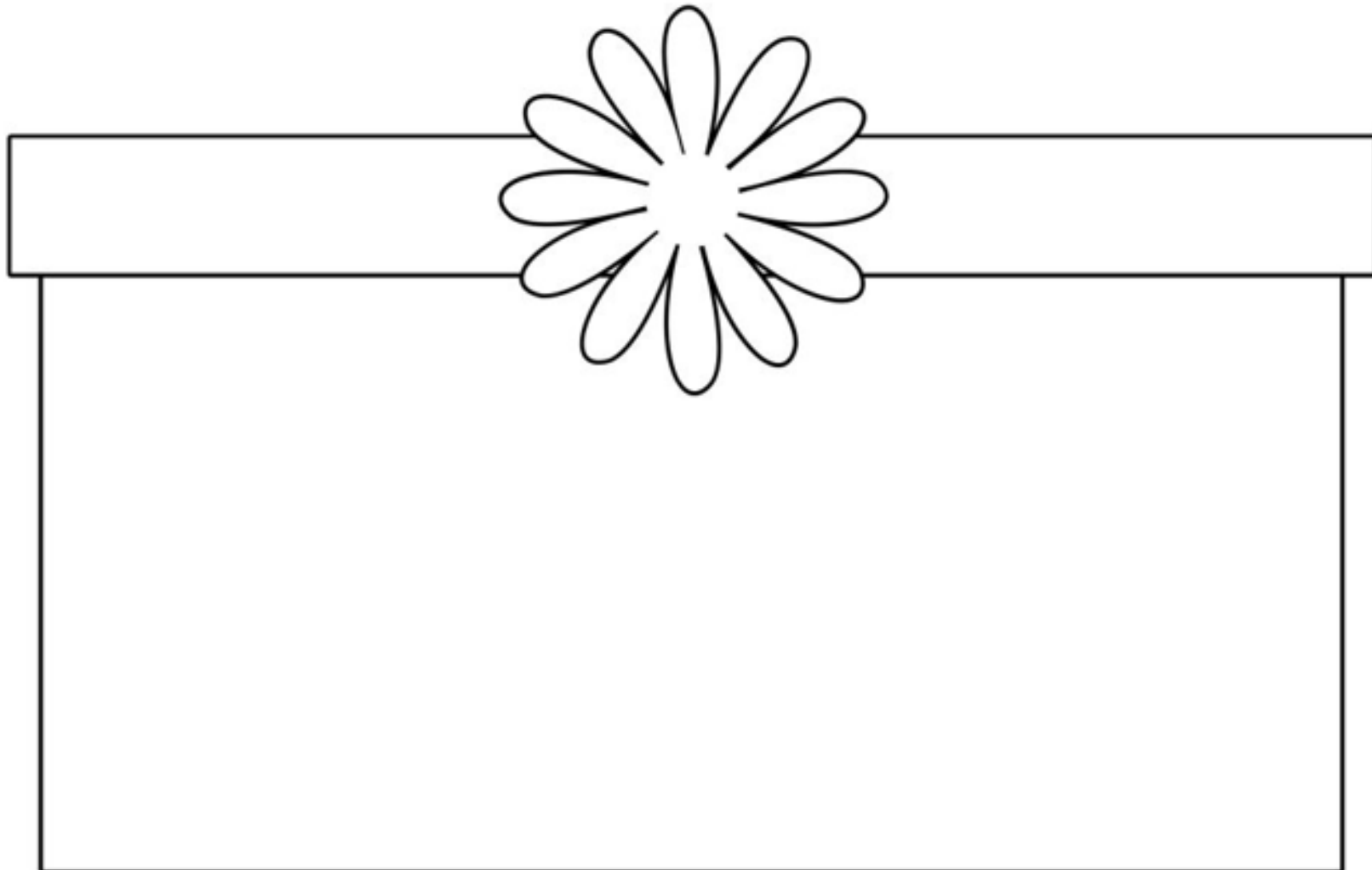
1 Peter 4 v 10

# "GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT"

**In the gift box below, draw a picture of one or more ways that you can use the gifts that God has given you to help others.**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

[www.wordforlifesays.com](http://www.wordforlifesays.com)



# Many Parts, One Body

Find the word in the puzzle.  
Words can go in any direction.  
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

M	Z	H	R	F	K	S	I	E	Z	E	O	G	S	A
D	S	Q	B	T	N	Q	Z	Y	W	L	A	D	Q	S
R	N	I	F	H	E	A	D	E	Z	D	N	R	C	E
L	A	E	T	N	E	T	P	S	B	A	S	E	S	O
C	E	W	M	P	S	Y	I	I	H	L	E	P	X	T
T	I	U	B	D	A	X	Y	E	C	D	V	E	T	D
D	J	M	S	N	D	B	O	H	L	B	K	K	N	Z
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N	R	H	W	A	N	K	C	L	M	E	C	Z	O	U
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C	B	J	K	L	U	B	S	Z	Y	C	T	X	H	R
L	P	X	U	J	O	V	L	E	W	M	I	I	U	K
G	L	O	Q	D	M	Q	D	G	N	H	X	T	Q	G
G	N	S	Y	S	F	Q	G	C	F	O	L	V	C	A
B	W	J	N	I	A	R	B	G	Z	R	Q	E	L	M

Baptism  
Ears  
Hands  
Nose

Body  
Eyes  
Head  
Spirit

Brain  
Feet  
Knees  
Toes