

Wednesday, January 30th 2019

1st-4th Grade Lesson Plan: Your Spiritual Gifts (M3)

- **Welcome** children to the small group as they arrive. Take attendance.
- **Opening Prayer (10-15 minutes)**
 - Gather around your prayer table- turn on the candle, bless the children with holy water if you'd like
 - Opening Song- Holy Spirit- follow this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zEiiZi2DKk&t=75s>) for the youtube video. You can also find it in the 1st-5th Grade Small Groups Playlist. Encourage your small group to sing along!
 - Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Using the Catholic Children's Bible, find this scripture reading together and have someone read it out loud. Ask your group: Which of the gifts in this scripture reading sounded familiar to you? Can you think of a person you know who is blessed with one of these gifts?
 - Write down any prayer intentions for the basket
 - Read the following prayer or do a spontaneous prayer. Begin and end with the sign of the cross. *Loving God, today we thank you for the spiritual gifts that you give to us through your Holy Spirit. We thank you for the worldwide Church that we are a part of and the gifts that we all have that allow the Church to do so many different things. Help us to have fun, stay safe, and grow in relationship with you in our session today. Amen.*
- **Check-ins (5-10 minutes)**
- **Journey of Faith (15-25 minutes)**
 - This week I would read the front page; it offers a little bit of explanation of what the Spiritual Gifts are and when we receive them before jumping in to explaining each of them.

- If you'd like something for your group to be doing while you're reading through the gifts together, there's a coloring sheet that can be found on the website under Additional Resources called Gifts of the Spirit. It has each gift written on a gift box. You can have your group color each box as you get to each one and read about it and discuss it. The wording is slightly different but not too confusing and you'll note that they have tongues and interpretation as two separate gifts whereas our text has them combined into one.
- Read through the two inside pages of the pamphlet, having each child color in each gift on the coloring sheet or maybe having someone come up and draw something on the board for each gift. Or if you're feeling a little bit crafty, you could have everybody make a string of beads and assign a color to each Spiritual gift that they put on a string when you get to that gift. Beads can be found on the shelves in the AV room on the far back left wall. Definitely use the discussion questions to break up the reading and help the children try to understand how we can act with each of these important gifts.
- I think the activity on the back page is a really good review of what you just learned; I would encourage you spending some time on it. For the younger grades, you may all need to work on it together and help them out a bit. Here are the answers: Wisdom- helping a friend make a decision, Knowledge- helping a friend with homework, Healing- comforting someone, Mighty Deeds- helping the homeless, Faith- talking about faith, Discernment- argument with brother, Prophecy- telling a teacher, Tongues/Interpretation- helping your friend see how God is working in her life
- **Activities (to fill the rest of the time you have)**
 - Discussion- Which Spiritual Gifts do you have?- 1st-4th
Once you've gone through each of the spiritual gifts and taken some time to understand what they all are and what they mean, ask the children in your group which of these spiritual gifts they have or which gifts they think other children in your group have.

This may require a bit of prompting and examples to help the children understand what you're getting at. For example, if you're good at talking to people about what they believe, they may have the gift of tongues and interpretation. If they like visiting people who are sick and talking to them or taking care of them, they may have the gift of healing. If they really like doing research and learning new things, they may have the gift of knowledge, etc.

- Craft- Holy Spirit Dove- 1st-3rd

Follow this link (<http://www.catholicicing.com/holy-spirit-craft-make-a-dove-from-a-paper-plate/>) to find instructions on how to do this cute craft. It shows you how to cut up a paper plate to make it look like a dove and then write the gifts of the Holy Spirit on little flames made out of paper (note that the wording is different here than what we have in our text- be sure to use the same words that they just learned so you don't confuse anyone). You can find ribbon in the AV room and there may be plates in the AV room or if you don't find any there look in the second to the top drawer of the green thing right inside the Faith Formation office.

- Poster- The Spiritual Gifts-1st-4th

Assign each child or pairs of children to a different spiritual gift (there are 8 in our text, but you could stretch it to 9 by dividing tongues and interpretation). If you have a large group, you might need to have a few pairs working. Give each child or pair a piece of paper and have them write the gift in large letters and decorate it in a way that illustrates the meaning of that gift. When everybody has finished their mini poster, tape all the pieces of paper together or just put them up on the wall together to make a big poster of the Spiritual Gifts. You'll also want to make something that labels these posters as being the spiritual gifts (that could be another group if you have a big group or you could do it yourself). You can hang these posters in the hallway or in your small group room.

- Video- Many and One- 1st-4th

I gave this video as an option at the beginning of the year when we talked about how we all bring different things to community. I thought it might be cool to bring it back because it also ties in to what we talked about tonight; we all bring different gifts to the Church, yet we're all united. You can follow this link (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcx_oZdHlwY) or you can find it in the 1st-5th playlist near the beginning.

- **Closing Prayer (5 minutes)**
- Pray the Glory Be together and/or listen to Many and One by Steve Angrisano. The words to the Glory Be can be found in the Catholic Prayers app under “Basic Prayers” if you want to put them up on the screen.