



Kids Club

Leader Guide

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Week 5

God Gives Us Gifts to Serve

Theme: God gives each of us gifts to help His church.

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:4–6

1. Welcome & Game (10 minutes)

- "Gift Match" Game
 - Before class, write different gifts or abilities on cards and place them in a bowl.
 - Examples: Encouraging people, Singing, Helping, Being organized, Welcoming others, Teaching, Fixing things, Being creative

Kids draw a card and act out the ability without talking. The group guesses the gift.

After each round ask:

How could someone use this gift to help at church?

Examples kids might give:

Encouraging → writing notes to people

Singing → helping lead worship

Helping → setting up chairs

Welcoming → greeting families

Wrap up the game:

God gives people different gifts and abilities. When we use those gifts to help others, we are serving God and His church.

2. Bible Teaching & Discussion (15 minutes)

- Read or have a volunteer read Romans 12:4–6

Today we are learning something really important about the church. God does not expect everyone to do the same job. Instead, He gives different gifts to different people.

The Bible says the church is like a body with many parts. Each part has a job. In the same way, God gives people different gifts so the church can work together.

Read or summarize Romans 12:4–6.

God gives gifts like helping, teaching, encouraging, leading, giving, and showing kindness. These gifts help the church care for people and tell others about Jesus.

Give real-life church examples kids recognize:

- Someone who loves welcoming people might serve as a greeter.
- Someone who loves music might help lead worship.
- Someone who likes helping and organizing might serve on the cafe or setup team.
- Someone who loves younger kids might serve in preschool.
- Someone who likes technology might help with sound or slides.

Ask discussion questions:

- What are some gifts or abilities God might give people?
- What is something you enjoy doing that could help others?
- Why do you think God gives different gifts to different people?

Emphasize clearly:

God did not give all the gifts to one person. He gave different gifts to many people so the whole church could work together.

Today we are going to practice using our gifts to serve others in the church.

3. Hands-On Church Service Activity (15–20 minutes)

Option A:

- Serve the Servers – Kids make snack bags and thank-you notes for Sunday volunteers.

Many people use their gifts every week to serve at church. Today we are using our gifts to encourage them.

Kids can:

- Decorate thank-you cards
- Write encouraging messages
- Assemble snack bags

Option B:

Prearrange with service team members in the areas you choose below so that our kids are expected and will have supervision. This is a GREAT option, but should not be a day-of surprise!

- Junior Greeters – Have kids stand near the kids check-in area or classroom doors and say “Welcome!” or “We’re glad you’re here!” to families arriving for the second service, or pass out bulletins as people walk into service.
- Junior Cafe Team – Have kids help with Cafe Team, passing out mints or granola bars (hot cups of coffee with supervision for safety!).
- Junior Parking Lot Team - Give kids a small sign (“Welcome!” or “Have a great Sunday!”) to hold safely near an indoor entrance. They can wave or give high-fives to people coming in.
- Junior Production Team - Visit the tech booth or worship space. Let kids push a “pretend” button on the light board or clap along to a mic test. Show how sound or slides work, and pray for the team.

- Preschool Team - Help pass out toys or books to little ones. Participate in worship or Large Group. Make a "You are special!" coloring page to give to preschoolers. Help clean up toys or blocks when the class is done.
- Enlist adult Serve Team leaders to agree to mentor 1-3 kids for the morning. They could walk them through their morning serving routine, talk about why what they do is important, and pray with them.
 - These experiences help kids see the big picture of the church working together, and let them dip their toes into serving in safe, fun, and meaningful ways.

4. Wrap-Up & Prayer (5 minutes)

- **Ask:** What part of the church do you want to help with someday?
- **Pray:** "God, thank You for making each of us part of Your church. Help us use our gifts to love and serve others!"

Execution and Prep

To help this 5th Sunday "Service Sunday" run smoothly and meaningfully, take the following steps:

1. Prepare Your Kids Club Leaders in Advance

- As soon as the new curriculum series begins, inform your Kids Club Leader(s) about the upcoming Service Sunday.
- If you alternate Kids Club Leaders weekly, consider inviting both to serve on this 5th Sunday so one can lead the classroom while the other supports the "Try It Out" serving experiences.

2. Coordinate with Campus Coaches for Serving Areas

- At least 3 weeks ahead, decide which serving teams kids will observe or shadow (e.g., Greeter, Coffee, Parking, Production, Preschool).
- Contact the team coaches for each area to:
 - Explain the purpose and flow of the day.
 - Arrange safe, simple, and supervised interactions for the kids.
 - Clarify how long kids will be in each area (if rotating).

3. Communicate with Parents

- Send an email or text to all regularly attending Kids Club families about this special Sunday.
- **Give clear vision: share that kids will be learning how every part of the church matters, including them!**
- Encourage them to prioritize attendance and express how this connects to discipleship and belonging.

4. Prep Materials

- Create signs or lanyards for kids to wear at their stations (e.g., "Junior Greeter," "Serving in Action"). Or have kids create them during Week 4!
- Prepare small thank-you notes or treats that kids can hand to the adult volunteers they're shadowing.

5. Cover Safety & Transitions

- Ensure adequate adult-to-child ratios for transitions between stations.
- Review safety boundaries with kids before visiting serving areas (e.g., stay with your leader, be respectful, listen carefully).
- Allow time at the end to debrief with the kids and celebrate how they served.