

Who Is The Minister?

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Every Christian is needed to do their part in the ministry of the Church.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Memory Verse: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4

The Children's Sermon

Today, we have a special treat. We're going to listen to some music played by an orchestra. Who knows what an orchestra is? An orchestra is a big group of musicians who play instruments together. They make beautiful music by working as a team. Each musician has a different instrument and part to play.

Just like in an orchestra, where each instrument is important, God gives us special gifts to help and serve others. These special gifts are called "spiritual gifts." There's a Spiritual Gifts Bible Verse that tells us about these gifts. It says that just like parts of the body, each one of us has a special role to play in God's family.

Now, imagine if the orchestra only had flutes. The music would be missing something, wouldn't it? It's the same with us. God gives us different spiritual gifts so we can all work together to show His love. Some people are really good at teaching, some are great at helping others, and some can make people feel better when they are sad.

Let's talk more about these spiritual gifts. The Spiritual Gifts Bible Verse teaches us that these gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit. That means they are super special. They are not just any gifts; they are gifts to help us do God's work in the world.

Think of it like this: if our class was an orchestra, and each of us played a different instrument, we would need to practice and learn how to play our parts well. With spiritual gifts, it's similar. We need to discover what our gifts are and then use them to help others.

Now, how do we find out what our spiritual gifts are? It's like going on a treasure hunt. We pray and ask God to show us. We try doing different things to help others. Maybe you're good at drawing and you can make cards for people who are sick. Or perhaps you're good at solving problems and you can help your friends when they have a tough time.

Once we know our spiritual gifts, it's important to use them. Imagine if someone in the orchestra decided not to play their instrument. The music wouldn't sound as beautiful, right? When we don't use our spiritual gifts, the world misses out on the beautiful things God wants to do through us.

Remember, using our spiritual gifts is a way to say "thank you" to God for all the wonderful things He has given us. It's like if someone gave you a really cool toy, and you played with it a lot. Playing with the toy is a way to show you're thankful. Using our spiritual gifts shows God we're thankful for what He's given us.

Sometimes, it might feel scary to use our gifts. Maybe we're afraid we won't do it right. But guess what? The Spiritual Gifts Bible Verse tells us that God helps us. Just like a

music teacher helps students in an orchestra, God helps us use our gifts in the best way.

And the best part? When we all use our spiritual gifts together, it's like the most beautiful orchestra playing. Everyone doing their part makes the world a better place. It shows everyone how much God loves them.

So, let's be like the orchestra. Let's find out what our spiritual gifts are and use them to make beautiful music together. Let's help, teach, and care for others. And let's remember the Spiritual Gifts Bible Verse that teaches us how special and important these gifts are.

In the end, using our spiritual gifts is not just about making us feel good; it's about showing God's love to everyone around us. It's about being part of God's big orchestra and playing our part as best as we can. And when we do that, we make the world a more beautiful place, just like a perfect piece of music.

Bible Memory Verse

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. - 1 Corinthians 12:4

You Will Need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers

Get Ready:

- Cut the colored paper into large, simple shapes (like stars, hearts, or circles).
- Write one word of the memory verse on each shape.

Do This:

1. Spread out the shapes on a table or the floor, with the words facing down.
2. Ask the children to take turns flipping over the shapes to find and arrange them in order to form the memory verse.
3. Once the verse is correctly arranged, talk about the different gifts they see in their friends or family and how each gift is important. Let them draw or write about a gift they think God has given them on a shape.
4. Decorate the shapes with markers and stickers to celebrate the unique gifts God gives each of us.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Colorful building blocks (like LEGO)
- Simple pictures of church activities (singing, praying, teaching, helping)
- A large tray or mat to build on

Get Ready:

- Arrange the building blocks and pictures on a table where children can easily reach them.
- Place the tray or mat in the middle of the table.

Do this:

1. Show the children the pictures of church activities and explain simply that everyone in church helps out in different ways, just like parts of the body work together.
2. Ask each child to choose a block and a picture, then explain that their block represents them helping out in the church in the way shown in their picture.
3. Together, build a church out of the blocks on the tray or mat, placing the pictures next to the structure. As you build, emphasize that every block (person) is important and needed to make the church complete.

Snack Activity: Body of Christ Fruit Salad

You'll Need:

- A variety of fruits (e.g., grapes, bananas, apples, oranges)
- Plastic knives (for adult use only)
- Large bowl

Get Ready: Wash all the fruits and lay them out on a clean surface.

Do this:

1. Explain that just like our bodies have many parts (eyes, ears, hands, feet), the Church is made up of many parts too. Each Christian is like a different piece of fruit in our fruit salad.
2. Have an adult cut the fruits into small, bite-sized pieces. As they do, talk about how each type of fruit is different but all are important to make a yummy fruit salad.
3. Mix all the fruit pieces together in a large bowl. As you do, remind them that even though we are all different, we work together to serve God and make His Church strong and beautiful. Enjoy the fruit salad together as a reminder that every Christian is needed and valued in the Church.

Game Activity: Body of Christ Relay

You'll Need:

- Pictures of different church roles (e.g., pastor, choir member, teacher, helper)
- Baskets or boxes
- Tape to mark starting and ending lines

Get Ready: Before the game, tape a starting line and an ending line in a large open space. Place the pictures of the different church roles into the baskets or boxes and place them at the starting line. Divide the children into small teams.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that just like our bodies have many parts, the church has many different roles and each one is important. Show them the pictures and briefly explain each role.
2. Place each team at the starting line. At the signal, the first child from each team will pick a picture from the basket, then hop, skip, or walk to the ending line and back, holding the picture.
3. When they return, they tag the next team member, who then picks a new picture and repeats the process. Continue until all pictures are used.
4. Gather the children and discuss how each role they 'played' is important to the church, emphasizing that every Christian is needed, just like every part of the body is needed.

Craft Activity: We All Fit Together

You'll Need:

- Construction paper in various colors

- Child-safe scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into large puzzle piece shapes ahead of time, one for each child.

Do this:

1. Give each child a puzzle piece and ask them to draw or write something they can do to help others or serve in their church. For younger children, they can draw a picture or you can write for them based on their description.
2. Once everyone has finished their puzzle piece, work together as a class to fit all the pieces together on a large piece of poster board or on the floor, showing how we all fit together in the body of Christ.
3. Discuss how each piece was needed to complete the puzzle, just like every Christian is needed to do their part in the ministry of the Church.

Prayer Activity: God's Garden: We All Help It Grow

You'll Need:

- A small flower pot for each child
- Soil
- Flower seeds
- Watering can or cup
- Colorful markers and stickers

Get Ready: Before the activity, set up a table with the pots, soil, seeds, and watering cans. Place markers and stickers on another table for decoration. Prepare a simple

explanation of 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, emphasizing how everyone has different gifts but all are important to God.

Do this:

1. Start by explaining that just like every plant in a garden is different, every Christian is unique and important. Tell them that today, they will plant a seed to remind them that they are a special part of God's big family, the Church.
2. Let each child decorate their pot with markers and stickers. As they do, encourage them to think about what makes them special and how they can help others.
3. Help the children fill their pots with soil, plant the seeds, and water them. Explain that just like these seeds need soil, water, and sunlight to grow, we need love, kindness, and the special gifts God gives us to grow in our faith and help the Church.