









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
4	3	5	Christian Living	Caring	9: Caring for Presents

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. *Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes*
 (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, Treasury of Goodness and Giver of life: come and abide in us. Cleanse us from every stain of sin and save our souls, O Gracious Lord.

Starter: What is my talent? Before starting the game, have the children name different talents and abilities that people can have (drawing, singing, athletics, teaching, writing, acting, storytelling, construction). Have a volunteer agree to be a special guest. Choose a talent for the volunteer and tell them to pretend they have that special talent. The object of the game is to guess what talent the special guest has and then encourage children to say how they can serve God and the people using that talent.

Learning objectives: To learn about the supernatural gifts which God gives to His children to help the people to grow in their faith and to walk more closely with God. To begin to comprehend that the Gifts of the Spirit are the outward manifestations of the Fruit of the Spirit To learn that the Fruits of the Spirit are Christ-like virtues and are produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit as we learn to walk in the Spirit.

Core Activities and Learning

1. The teacher will talk to children about the wondrous gifts our God has given us. The teacher will tell children that all people have God-given natural gifts, talents, or abilities. Some of us excel in sports, music, the visual arts, or writing. And some of us have abilities or talents that are not as evident; such as the ability to be a good listener, a good organizer, a good student, or a good friend to others. The teacher will explain that these natural abilities are very important and useful and that there are also the supernatural gifts, which God gives to His children, the Gifts of The Spirit. The purpose for these Spiritual gifts is to help the other people to grow in their faith and to walk more closely with God. The teacher will explain to children that the Gifts of the Spirit are the outward manifestations of the Fruit of the Spirit, the internal changes that occur in our lives once we receive the gift of faith. These are Christ-like virtues and are produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit as we learn to walk in the Spirit. Any spiritual gift one receives from God is not for their personal benefit. Rather, the gifts He has placed inside each of us is for the building up of His church; for the edifying of His people. Any gift given is for the purpose to "minister," or serve "one to another" with the end result "that God in all things may be glorified." The way the "Spirit" manifests or reveals His workings through individual's gifts is for the benefit of everyone, not just one's self. God has blessed all of us to make a difference in other's lives. Inside of each of us there is something special that is never meant to be buried, hidden, or kept to and for ourselves. As we go through life we should let the world benefit from the treasure that God has placed in us, treasure and care for the gifts we have received and offer prayers of thanksgiving.

2. The teacher will tell children that in addition to the "varieties of gifts" of faith, there are the "varieties of service" by which the faithful one serves the others with love and almsgiving. The one who receives the gifts of "service" considers himself a steward of the Lord. He devotes all his abilities with love in the service of God's commandments. Each person is given the energy, charisma and grace to work for the common interest of the people. The successful achievements of this "service" and "working" should be attributed to one and the same power - the Holy Spirit. - Who bestows them. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 "To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. "The teacher will explain that the gift of wisdom means the deeper understanding of the Will of God and mysteries of salvation; the gift of knowledge means the good sense of knowledge; the gift of faith means the supernatural achievements through the Spirit; the gift of healing means the ability to heal various sicknesses; the gift of miraculous powers means supernatural achievements; the gift of prophecy means the miracle in the form of preaching; the gift to distinguish between spirits means being able to distinguish between good and evil spirits by which various spiritual expressions exist; the gift of languages and the gift of interpreting the languages. The varieties of gifts mentioned are inspired by one and the same Spirit, these gifts are coming from the same Source - the Holy Spirit. Children will be engaged in a discussion: "Can you name some of the great gifts God has given us?" For example, in First John 5:11 we read, "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." One of the greatest gifts God has given us is eternal life. How many other wonderful presents from God do we know about? Offer guidance and direct the discussion so the children begin to comprehend that God gives us the wonderful gift of life. The acceptance of Christ as the Saviour through confession in Christ as the True God, is the highest gift given to the believer by the Holy Spirit.

3. Children will be encouraged to create a dove paper craft to represent the gifts of the spirit. While the children are making the dove paper craft the teacher will offer guidance and also will talk through, reminding the children that we should treasure the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Resources: Icon of the Holy Trinity

Review: The Holy Spirit comes with gifts from the Father so that we might be able to love and serve God.

Follow Up: Ask God to show you the gifts He longs to give you.