

PONDER POINT: GOD'S SPIRIT GIVES GIFTS

Book of Ephesians: Spiritual Gifts
Ephesians 4:1–16

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Paul wrote the letter of Ephesians to the church in Ephesus.
- Many scholars believe that Paul may have been in jail when he wrote this letter.
- The message to the Ephesians is about bringing unity to God's kingdom.
- Even if it takes us outside of our comfort zone, we are to use the gifts that God has given us to glorify Him.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Choose a puzzle to complete with your child this week. As you construct the puzzle, talk about how the different pieces fit together. Explain to your child that, though the pieces are all different, you need all of them to complete the picture. One is not more important than another and without any of them, the puzzle will not be complete. Explain to your child how this relates to the spiritual gifts God gives us. Share that God's desire is that we work in unity with one another.

Read Ephesians 4:1–16.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are your strengths? What kind(s) of gifts has God given to you?
- How can you use your gifts to benefit the church?
- Share with your children the importance of respecting the spiritual gifts that others have. Encourage them to be in unity with those who may have different strengths than they do.

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God gives us spiritual gifts into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

**My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27**

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may God's Spirit give you power to serve others with the gifts He's given you.**