

Kidz World's
Church at Home
BRAVE!: God Can Use My Gifts

FUN TIME: 'God's Gifts' (*All ages*)

For this game you will need a gift box for each child. Write their name on their box. Try to vary the shapes and sizes of the boxes. Place a treat or toy in half of the boxes. If there is an only child, put a treat in your box but not theirs.

In an excited tone, gather everyone together and let them know they have gifts waiting for them. Instruct them to find their box and open it. As they open their boxes, talk about their reactions. Those who express excitement and joy, ask them why are they so happy. For those who don't have anything and express disappointment, anger, jealousy etc. ask them why they feel that way. Give those whose box was empty a treat too.

BIBLE TIME: Discuss how God has given every, single one of us a gift. It doesn't matter how old we are, how big or small we are, or how we look on the outside, God has placed in us a special gift. Some of us felt bad and left out when we opened our box to discover it was empty. But God is not like that, He gives us all a special gift. Some of us are gifted with the ability to sing, to write books, to be a doctor, to be a Pastor, etc. Every one of those gifts are valuable.

Today's Bible story shows us a young boy who was brave enough to allow God to use his gifts and help an entire nation.

Use the Bible verses and questions below to discuss this with your children. *For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.*

1. Read 1 Samuel 17. Discuss the army's response to Goliath's teasing.
2. What did David say when he heard Goliath teasing God's army?
3. King Saul gave his armor to David. Why didn't David want to use his armor?
4. What gift did God give David to defeat Goliath?
5. Who was helped from David using his gift?

REAL TIME: Read 1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV). Just like the gifts we opened earlier, God's gifts come in different forms. But God has a gift for everyone. No one is left out. God has given each of us something different to use to help others. We should not compare our gift with anybody else. We should not try to use someone else's gift. Just like David, we must be brave so God can use our gift to help others. People thought David would never win against Goliath but he did. So, it doesn't matter what people think about our gift. We must be brave and let God use it anyway. When we do that, others will benefit and come to know that God is real. If you don't know what gift God has placed inside you, ask Him. When He tells you, own it and be brave so He can use it to help someone else. Let's pray.

PRAYER TIME: "Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me special gifts. Help me to be brave like David and use them to help others know that you are real. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"

“God’s gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV)