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the
**Parent
LINK**

POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To help you recognize and nurture your children's talents and gifts.
2. To assure each of your children that God has made them special.
3. To show all family members how they can best use their gifts to glorify God.



Be Grateful for God-Given Gifts

God has blessed each of us with traits, talents, and spiritual gifts that make us special. Just as we thank God for our material and physical blessings, we should also offer gratitude for our unique gifts and abilities.

As Thanksgiving approaches, take time to consider which spiritual gifts God has given each of your family members. Observe them as they interact with others and perform tasks. What excites and satisfies your kids? What challenges them or makes them proud? Offer choices and don't compare children's strengths or interests to other people's. Finally, provide varied opportunities for kids to use their gifts and to grow passionate about serving. Evaluate what they like best about each experience and why.

For a biblical primer on spiritual gifts, read passages such as Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; and Ephesians 4:11-16. Share some of these verses with your children and get their opinions about which gifts they think they have—or would like to develop.

INSIGHTS

- 68% of Christians say they've heard of spiritual gifts.
 - The most commonly claimed spiritual gifts are teaching (9%), service (8%), and faith (7%). The least commonly claimed spiritual gifts are leadership (2%) and evangelism (1%).
 - Gifts people claim that aren't listed in Bible passages about spiritual gifts include singing, patience, happiness, creativity, and health.
- (Barna Research Group)*

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- Variety Is the Spice of Life**—During family outings at museums, concerts, and sporting events, discuss the wide range of talents that people have. Emphasize that all gifts are special—and that the world would be boring if everyone excelled in the same areas.
- Use 'Em or Lose 'Em**—After you help children identify their talents and spiritual gifts, help them put them into practice. Especially watch for ways kids can apply their gifts at church, such as singing in a children's choir, helping in the nursery, or preparing goodies for homebound members.



- Thank the Giver**—During prayer times, encourage children to thank God not only for their physical blessings but also for their spiritual gifts. Ask God for wisdom to use the gifts in ways that honor him.

Article Submission to Children Corner

Please check on the topic that you are writing

- I want to thank God for ...
 The reason I want to celebrate Christmas is...

name: El Yanna Kwok
 I Thank God for Helping
 Me. I Love You because I
 Like Your Making
 everything You Made
 animals and people you
 Made Sun, Moon and
 Stars. ~~of the world~~

Joshua Ng (G5)

I want to thank God for...

I want to thank God for helping me make friends in my new school in Hong Kong because I have not had many friends in US. Before I moved to Hong Kong I was worried that I would never have friends. I also thank God for my skills that I have because I have improved a lot in sports liked soccer. My Mom signed me up for soccer and the teacher said I've improved a lot. Thank you God!

Caleb Ng (G3)

I want to thank God for...

I want to thank God for making the world a better place to live. Also I thank Him for making us and having food. For me, I thank for helping me on my spelling tests. He also gave me new friends at my new school in Hong Kong, and helped me on my multiplications tests my Mom gave me to do. Also He helped me in VBS to do all the activities. Most of all He helped me to have a good life.

... The reason I want to celebrate Christmas is...

Name: Andrea Yu

Jesus is the reason for the season...Christmas is cool because it's when Jesus was born! Also I think Christmas should be about a month or so, so that we can all get presents every day! I want to celebrate Christmas because on Christmas you get to remember that day Jesus came to the world to save us! Jesus came because God Loved Us! He wanted to save us from the evil Satan.

... The reason I want to celebrate Christmas is...

Name: Praiscia Kwong

I want to celebrate Christmas because I like to hear Christmas carols and open presents. Also I like to hear the story of Jesus, because it tells me about the Savior's birth on earth. I often wish I could see the star that led the shepherds and the wise men to Jesus. That's why I like to celebrate Christmas!

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name: Megan
 I want to thank God for healing my
 grandma. God helped my mom and my aunt to
 have the courage to tell my grandma and
 grandpa about God when my grandma had
 her pancreas surgery. God guided her through
 without a single complication while she was
 sick. We held a praying circle where everybody
 took turns praying for her. We are very
 thankful that she believes in Jesus Christ
 our Saver. We hope that God will be with
 her when she does the chemo starting
 on Oct. 27, 2011. Bye Bye! (D)



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 The reason I want to celebrate Christmas is...

name: Jaden Wu
 I want to thank god for my
 mom and dad give me love and my
 younger sister for helping me and
 because my sister is good and
 I like god because he is so
 powerful and because my mom
 and dad give me toys.







Harvest Festival 2011



November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
		1	2	3	4	5 Regular Fellowships	
G2-3 parents join Kids' Service 	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Regular Fellowships
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26
Thanksgiving Joint SS - CS2 P+K: C8; G1-2: D3; G3-5: C5	27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Regular Garden/BO Outing 

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
 CHEESE! Photo Day - all Classes ES & CS2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Gingerbread House Contest K-G5 
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 Celebration Day: CS2 (P-G5) FGT Service Day 3-5pm 	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Joint Service 10-noon Everyone Merry Christmas 	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 New Year Joint SS - CS2 P+K: C8; G1-2: D3; G3-5: C5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Regular Fellowships