



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 5: Church

Middle School

Theme Verse

“Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10).

Objective

The Church is not a place or building but consists of the people who belong to the family of God.

Teach

Let's take a minute and read 1 Peter 4:10 together: *“Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.”*

Everyone has a skill or talent God wants us to use for His Kingdom. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul tells us the Lord has assigned each believer a unique set of spiritual gifts. Whether it's easy for you to send someone an encouraging note, serve your neighbor with a joyful heart, or explain things in a simple way, we can all use those skills to reflect the light of the Lord.

Although each person has a gift to share the love of God, some people have been specifically gifted by God to work in the church to teach and help others. The pastors and leaders at church have been trained to help others find and know their gifts, so they can best serve inside and outside of the church. They teach God's Word, so others can fully understand what it means and how to apply it to their daily lives. They help gather others with the gift of service to meet the needs of the people in the community—like at Bellevue Loves Memphis. Some have the gift of hospitality and can intentionally welcome and show love to others in practical ways! Each week, we can see many in our church who use their

gifts to help grow and reach our Mission of Loving God, Loving People, Sharing Jesus, and Making Disciples with the Gospel.

Discussion Questions

1. What spiritual gifts you have seen in people at church? (Answers may vary.)
2. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? (Read 1 Corinthians 12.)
3. How can you use your gifts to Serve In and Serve Out with Bellevue? (Answers may vary.)

Play

Grab a few pieces of paper and ask everyone to draw a stickman of their body. Ask them to label a few of the main parts of the body. Ask your student why the body needs different parts with different skills? Compare this to the Body of Christ—the Church. We need different leaders with different gifts to help the many people in the church.

Sing

[“House of the Lord”](#)

Live it Out

The Church is really about working together as one body. Ultimately, we gather as a church to first glorify God with our Worship, and then to use our gifts to encourage one another in our walk with God. It's never too early to start thinking about how to use your God-given talents for Kingdom service. How can you use your gifts to serve your family or friends this week?

Closing Prayer

Dear Father, thank You for creating the Church to serve You and serve others for Your Kingdom. We ask for You to open our eyes to see the gifts You have given each of us and help us use them for Your glory! Amen.