

Lesson 9 / May 10, 2020

Use Your Gifts

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for use as
STEP 1 

Lesson 9**Focus:**

Problems are solved when we all use our abilities.

Lesson 9**Bible Basis:**

Acts 6:1-4;
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Lesson 9**Memory Verse:**

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. —1 Corinthians 12:4, 7

Students will watch a video about inventions that are saving the earth as they consider how problems get solved when we all use the abilities God has given us.

Materials:

- Paper
- Pens/pencils

Welcome your students to class, however you are meeting these days. As everyone gathers, ask your students to brainstorm one thing they wish they could invent to help the world.

Let's watch a video of a groundbreaking invention someone made recently that is helping the world.

Share the following video [1:57]

Revolutionary Invention Saving Our Planet Earth – Sea Bin

https://dcc-web-1.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/RLD+Assets/4+Revolutionary+Inventions+saving+our+Planet+EARTH_1.mp4

- **What are your thoughts on the invention these guys came up with?** (Answers will vary. Some may comment positively, while others may comment on how huge the problem is and how limited the application of their solution is.)
- **What are some of the biggest issues the world has right now that people could help with?** (Answers will vary. A coronavirus vaccine or treatment, pollution, poverty, hunger, etc.)
- **What do you think stops people from helping with these issues?** (Money, politics, they are busy with other things, they don't know about the problem, they don't think they could help, etc.)

Our lesson for today teaches us about the early church not long after Jesus ascended into heaven. The early church needed help. They were growing and changing. Let's dive into some of their challenges and the solutions God led them to.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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STEP 4 **Lesson 9****Focus:**

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- Internet access
- Paper
- Pens/pencils/markers

Ask a student to read the memory verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4,7.

➤ **Why are we supposed to use the gifts God has given us?** (For the common good, for God's glory.)

➤ **What gifts do you have that could be used for the common good (and for God's glory)?** (Answers will vary. Encourage your students to think about all different kinds of gifts such as music, sports, math, kindness, love, listening, including others, etc.)

We're living in such a strange time in history. We never know from one week to the next if we are stuck at home or free to walk the streets again. But God's kingdom is still moving. We still have the responsibility to serve others and serve the church. While there's lots of bad news out there, there are also lots of amazing stories of people going above and beyond to use what they have—their time, money, or gifts—to help people. Here are a few.

Share this video [2:27]:

Tribute to Unsung HEROES of Coronavirus Pandemic: Healthcare Workers Inspirational Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqiKdkhqRIE>

➤ **There were lots of different gifts at work in this video. Were there any you hadn't thought of?** (Maybe sanitation workers or electricians, etc.)

➤ **Are there more you can think of that weren't mentioned?** (Answers will vary. Perhaps IT professionals that keep our computers running so many can work from home, mental health professionals or ministers, parents, or older siblings, etc.)

Ask your students to pray about and consider how they can be a helper and serve their church and community right now. Ask them to choose one concrete idea they can do this

week, then write it on a piece of paper and take a selfie holding it. Ask them to send the selfies to you so you can compile them and send them to the class.

End in prayer, thanking God for the gifts He has given each of you. Ask God to help you see ways you can use your gifts, both within your family and in your larger community, even from a distance.

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