

Worship Date January 17, 2010
Worship Theme God has called and Gifted Each One
Scripture Reference I Corinthians 12 : 1-11

Materials: Something that has several parts to it that can be taken apart and put back together. (Trumpet, flute, camera and lens, Legos, blender, sandwich, socket set, drill, puzzle)

Ask kids if they have ever put something together. Listen for responses. Ask if they have ever tried to put something together only to find one piece was missing. Pull out object and put it together except for one piece and then try to demonstrate how it works. Once it flops or doesn't work properly, ask the kids, "What's missing?" Pull the missing piece out and complete the assembly. Now work it and show the kids how it's supposed to work.

Ask the kids who is missing from the congregation that day. (If no one is missing, ask them about a time they weren't with their parents.) How does it make them feel to know that person is missing? There's a hole where that person should be isn't there? Explain that's how it is with God when one of His children is missing. He wants all of His children to come to Him and when one doesn't, He's sad because there's a hole where that person should be.

How can we make God happy? By making sure that all of His children know He loves them and wants them to come to Him. How do we do that? Listen for responses. Explain that we are God's and he has given each of us a gift that we can share with others. Some examples would be that some are good cooks so they feed the hungry, some are good story tellers so they share God's message in story, some are good listeners and make people feel better because they listened, some are good prayers so they help others by praying for them. List any other examples you would like to share. Each one is unique and different but all work towards the same goal.

Say a prayer asking God to help each child recognize their gift and use it for God's Glory.