

Chapter 3

Discover!

Finding Faith in Life

We Share God's Love with Others

Scripture Focus: Romans 12:6–8

Lesson Goals

- to summarize that we all have different gifts
- to indicate that we are called to share our gifts with others
- to identify that we help the Church by sharing our gifts

Parent Preview

- Review the Featured Story on page 1788 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Romans 12:6–8).
- Read the Background Reflection on page 4 of the chapter 3 activity booklet.
- Review this home guide chapter.

Get Ready! (10 minutes)

Pray the prayer on page 1 of the chapter 3 activity booklet.

Invite your child to brainstorm all the things he or she is good at.

Tell your child that today's lesson teaches us that the gifts we have been given are more than just talents (playing football or dancing); they are God-given abilities to serve God and others.

Dive In! (20 minutes)

Read the Featured Story on page 1788 of *The Catholic Children's Bible* (Romans 12:6–8).

Ask your child these questions:

- What does the Scripture story say we should do with the gifts God has given us? (*We should use them.*)
- How should we share with others? (*generously*)
- How should we show kindness to others? (*cheerfully*)

Read the Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections on page 1789 of *The Catholic Children's Bible*.

Invite your child to complete the activity on page 2 of the chapter 3 activity booklet. *Answers will vary.*

Discover! (20 minutes)

Read with your child the article "Sharing the Gifts Inside You" on the second page of this home guide chapter. Review the key words. Use the review questions to check your child's understanding.

Invite your child to complete the activity on page 3 of the chapter 3 activity booklet. *Answer: WE ARE THE CHURCH!*

Go! (10 minutes)

Invite your child to share one thing she or he learned from today's lesson.

Choose one of the Family Activities on page 4 of the chapter 3 activity booklet to complete together during the next week.

Ask your child to find the sticker sheet and the Seek and Find sheet in the folder. Tell your child to place the chapter 3 sticker in the correct location on the Seek and Find sheet.

Conclude by praying the prayer on page 4 of the chapter 3 activity booklet.



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Sharing the Gifts Inside You

When we think about talents, we might only think about singing, drawing, or playing sports. But God gives us other talents. Some people are great at welcoming new people. Some people always know what to say to help someone who feels sad. Maybe your parents are good cooks. Maybe a friend speaks another language well.

When God made you, he gave you **unique** gifts. These are not gifts like toys or things you make to give away. These are **abilities** that you always carry inside you. You can use these gifts throughout your life to help others who might not have the same gifts. And they will be do the same thing—use their gifts so they can share them with you.

Key Words

abilities The talent, power, or knowledge to do certain things.

Church The name we give to the followers of Jesus who worship and serve God together.

unique One of a kind; like nothing else.

We Know and Live Our Faith

The following article in the *We Know and Live Our Faith* resource corresponds to the concepts introduced in this lesson:

- “Jesus Teaches Us to Love,” page 36

If you have additional time, read the selection together, and ask some questions to check your child’s understanding.

God gives us these abilities so we can serve him and others, including others in our **Church**. He wants us to use our talents to serve him and others and to make the Church stronger. When we use our gifts, we help people know and love God, who gave us these gifts. Because each of us has unique gifts, each of us is important to the Church, just as the body needs all its unique parts to work the way it’s supposed to.

What gifts are inside you? As you grow older, you will understand and develop your gifts more and more. You will learn how to use your gifts to serve and love God, and to help people know and love him too!

Review

1. What is another name for the followers of Jesus who worship and serve God together?
2. Why does God give each of us unique gifts?
3. What happens when we use our gifts?

Turn this page upside down to check your answers!

Answers: 1. Church. 2. To serve him and others, especially the Church. 3. We help people know and love God, who gave us these gifts.

