

35. Gifts

Background information for teachers

Christians believe that God gives different spiritual gifts to be used for the common good. In this reflection pupils are invited to consider what gifts they possess, recognising that while we have different gifts and talents, we all have something that we can share for the good of others.

Resources

- Beautifully wrapped parcels, each containing something that can be shared with everyone, e.g., resources for classroom use, food, etc.
- Materials for wrapping 'presents' – shiny paper, wrapping paper, gift boxes, ribbons, sticky tape, scissors, bows
- Card, pens and pencils
- Instructions: *Think for a moment of something that you are good at that makes life more enjoyable for those in your class. Write your idea down with a picture of yourself on a piece of card and carefully wrap this as a present to place on the table.*

Introduce to the pupils by . . .

- Unwrapping one of the parcels to demonstrate how the gifts inside are for everyone to share.
- Talking about the gifts and talents of pupils in the class, making sure that all are mentioned. Reflecting on how some pupils may keep their gifts hidden, while others may not yet have discovered their particular talents.
- Exploring the Christian belief that God gives us all special gifts that he wants us to use to help and support others.

What will the pupils do?

Draw a picture of themselves on a piece of card and write on this some special gift that they have or would like to have, wrapping it as carefully and attractively as they can.



Summarise

- Unwrap the rest of the gifts on display and share the contents.
- Ask permission to unwrap some of the pupils' gifts, acknowledging and valuing them.
- Discuss how gifts are used for the good of everyone in the class.
- Express thanks for the pupils' unique gifts in a prayer, e.g., *Dear God, we thank you for Tom's special gift of gentleness to the children in Class 1.*
- Create a class book with the title – *The Gifts We Share.*

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