

## Family discussion 1 Corinthians 12

### Big idea:

Do the things that God has made you good at to help others grow to be more like Jesus.

We've already seen how God gifts us with his Spirit to know we belong to him ... and to help us become more and more like him!

Let's look at how God the Spirit helps us grow by serving each other.

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

*The NIV uses 3 different words to describe what we are given by God the Spirit.*

*What are they?*

(gifts, service, working)

### **How many gifts are there?**

(lots, 'different kinds')

### **So what will it look like to use what God gives us?**

(We get given different things, we use what we're given to serve each other / gifts are given for the benefit of others, our serving will be shown in lots of different ways / 'workings'!)

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:5-6

#### **Why does God give us gifts?**

(to serve the Lord, to serve each other, help each other grow)

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:6-7

#### **God's work is to change us to be more like Jesus. Who does God use to help people grow?**

(God works through us who have his Spirit... when we serve others)

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:11

#### **Who decides who gets what gift?**

(God the Spirit)

### Application:

**What is something you think God has made you good at?**

**How can you find out what God has made you good at?**

(eg. ask family/friends, try things, practice, ask for help ... think maturity ... gifts grow!!)

**Are you using what you're good at to serve others ... to see them become more like Jesus?**

**How could you use what you are good at to serve someone else this week?**

(eg. If a child says they're good at drawing ... affirm them and help them think how they serve in that way - they could do the attached activity and post it to someone at church, or if they're good at sport - they might invite a friend over from church to play together, providing friendship.)

### Pray together

Thank God for - giving us things that we are good at

Ask God to - keep growing the things we are good at

- to help us use them to serve others

- work through us to help other people trust and follow Jesus too

### Activity

Use the following stencil and draw a picture to remember the Little cucumber story.

The little cucumber needed compost, sun, rain and thunder to grow.  
God wants us grow to be more like Jesus. We can help each other to grow  
by doing those things God has made us good at doing. By using our gifts.

*1 Corinthians 12*