



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

March 2, 2026

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Gifts- God gives each of us different gifts to use for Him. Even though our gifts are different, we all serve the same God and work together as one team. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Bible- Mar 2- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 We need each other.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Spiritual Gifts-
Leader Devos**

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Snack: 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Outside Play: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
Small Group: 7:20 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bibles
- large gift box from Feb 9
- paper- 1 per kid
- crayons

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out we need each other. Show the gift box. We'll find out each of us is a gift to God's family.

- Give each child a sheet of paper.

Say: We all have special talents and skills we can use to help one another. Draw something special about you. Allow time.

Say: Each of you is unique—that means you're special and different! That's why we need each other. It's a gift to have one another!

- Lead kids to place their pictures in the gift box.

Share

Say: The Bible helps us think about why we need each other by talking about our body parts, like hands, feet, eyes, and mouth. Each body part is important and does something different. Let's think about something silly. I wonder what it would be like to have an extra body part.

Ask: • Would you rather have an extra eye or an extra arm? Share which body part you'd rather have an extra of, where it would be, and why.

- Have kids share whether they'd rather have an extra eye or an extra arm, where it would be, and why.
- After small groups have discussed, have adult or teen helpers share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: It would be pretty silly if we had an extra eye or arm. Every body part is important, just like everyone in our church is important. We need each other. Today we'll learn more about that.

Pray, thanking God for reminding us that we need each other. You can now get rid of the gift box.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Teamwork”

Say: Today we’re learning that we need each other. Being part of the church is kind of like being on a sports team.

Ask: • If you play a sport, talk about it. How do your teammates help you?

Say: If you tried to be a whole soccer team all alone, you’d definitely lose the game! But when you work as a team, you can win! Let’s see how some soccer-playing kids had to work together in a different way.

Watch “Teamwork.”

Ask: • Why did the kids in this video need each other?

• Tell about a time you worked together with other people.

Say: These kids had a hard time tracking down their ball, even though they worked together. The ball kept getting moved to new places! But in the end, putting their heads together helped them solve their problem. When we work together in the church, we can do amazing things for God! But we can’t work alone; we need each other.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- preschool-friendly, interlocking puzzles (1 for every 5 or 6 kids)

Easy Prep

- Remove a central piece from each puzzle, and hide it somewhere in the room.

Put Puzzles Together

Say: God’s family is full of different people. Each of you is an important part of God’s family. We need each other. Without every person, something’s missing. Let’s think about that some more while we work together on these puzzles.

- Place kids in groups of five or six.
- Give each group a puzzle, and encourage kids to work together to assemble it.
- Praise them for working well with their friends.
- As kids discover that a piece of the puzzle is missing, help them imagine what the missing piece might look like.

Deeper Bible: cont

Find the Missing Piece

Say: All our puzzles are missing something. Without the last piece, our puzzles won't be the fun pictures they could be. Without every person, God's family's missing something, too.

Share a time you missed having someone around. Maybe you missed your brother who moved away, a friend who couldn't make it to a birthday party, or a teammate who missed a big game.

Ask: • Tell me about someone you miss when that person isn't there.

Kids may say a special friend at school, Grandma who lives far away, or Dad when he travels for work.

Say: God made his family to fit together, just like pieces of a puzzle.

Listen to this. Read aloud Psalm 133:1.

Say: We need each other. When a puzzle piece is missing, the puzzle won't look like it's supposed to. When a part of God's family isn't there, we miss them, too. Let's go find our missing pieces.

Encourage kids to look for their missing puzzle pieces. Celebrate when the puzzles are complete.

Say: I'm so glad we found all the pieces for the puzzles. Each piece is important. Let's pray and thank God that we're all important parts of his family.

Lead kids to pray and thank God that everyone is important in his family.

Memory Verse:

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Make a Mural

Say: In today's Bible story, we explored how everyone who loves Jesus is connected. We are the “body of Christ,” and we all share the same Spirit—the Holy Spirit. Let's learn a Bible verse that tells us more about what that means.

The Bible has two main sections: the Old Testament, which tells about before Jesus was born, and the New Testament, which tells about after Jesus came. Our Bible verse is in the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, verse 4-5. It says, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.”

Lead kids in repeating the verse after you a few times, phrase by phrase.

- Distribute paper and one crayon to each child—making sure that no two kids have the same color. (If your kids are in smaller groups, each member within a group needs a unique color.)
- Invite kids to work together to draw a picture of a house on a sunny day. Each person has a different color of crayon and will be able to draw certain pieces of the picture.
- Name one color at a time with a suggestion of what the child with that color can draw. Use this list for inspiration.
 - Yellow crayon: Kids can draw the sun or other details kids imagine that could be yellow.
 - Brown crayon: Kids could draw things such as the house, a tree trunk, and a dog.
 - Blue crayon: Kids could fill in the sky, draw a collar on the dog, and so on.
 - Green crayon: Kids could draw grass, stems of flowers, and leaves on the tree.
 - Purple crayon: Kids could draw flower petals, a purple door on the house, a ball for the dog, and so on.

Each time you start a prompt for a new color, guide kids in repeating after you as you read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, one phrase at a time:

Talk About It

- Ask:**
- What did you enjoy about creating the picture together?
 - Tell about anything that was difficult about drawing together in this way.
 - How did this remind you of the way our verse says we all have different kinds of gifts?

Say: Our Bible verse says we all have different gifts, just like you all had different colors of crayons. If you tried to draw everything with just a brown crayon or just a purple crayon, it wouldn't look right! That's like the body of Christ. We need each other! We each contribute our different gifts to show a beautiful picture of what God's love is!

Activity Page with a Purpose

Supplies Needed:

- Activity/Color Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out the coloring pages and supplies.

SAY: Today we're exploring how we need each other. God's family is like a body—we need all the parts. But this body is missing some parts! Let's finish it. Allow time for kids to color, adding hands, feet, and facial features to their person.