

**IMPACT
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Impact Kids Spring 2026 Older Kids Leader Guide March 4, 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 4- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 We need each other. **Theme Night**

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4-5



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Spiritual Gifts-
Leader Devos**

Memory Verse Mania

We'll focus on one key Bible verse connected to what we're learning in Impact Kids. Kids will have a chance to memorize it, live, and share it.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:105, 1 Corinthians 12:4-5,

John 15:5, Ephesians 6:13

Bonus: Eph 6:10, Psalm 23:1, Matt 6:9-13, Psalm 100:2, Favorite Verse and extra bonus

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM

K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM

K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM

4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bible
- large gift box from Feb 11
- paper
- scissors
- tape
- pens

Easy Prep

- Wrap the large box in such a way that you can still open the top. You will add to the gift box weekly for the next 4 weeks.

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we're going to start learning about spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are special skills God gives everyone who loves Jesus. And because we all have different spiritual gifts, we need each other! Let's create a reminder of how we work together.

- Distribute a piece of paper and a pair of scissors to each child.
- Have each child cut out a gingerbread-man-style outline and then write his or her name on the figure.
- Have kids tape the hands of all their figures together and put the chain of figures in the gift box.
- This is the last week you'll use the gift box, so you can remove it after class.

Share

- Tell kids whether you'd rather have an extra eye or an extra arm and why.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share which they'd choose and why.
- After partners have shared, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group.

Summarize

Open a Bible to 1 Corinthians 12, and say: Unfortunately, we won't be giving out extra eyes or arms today. But when we work together, we form one awesome, super-functioning body—the body of Christ. And we can learn together from the Bible! The Bible is a really special book, unlike any other book. God is here right now, ready to talk with us! Let's praise him.

Pray, thanking Jesus for the church.

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
- shirts with buttons (1 for every 10 kids)
- paper
- pens
- tape
- water bottles (1 for every 10 kids)

Easy Prep

- Make the following signs to hang around the room: “what you say,” “the way you live,” “your love,” “your faith,” and “your purity.”

Set It Up

Say: We’re learning that everyone who believes in Jesus is part of the body of Christ, the church. And we need each other!

Ask: • What do you know about what the adults in our church are doing right now?

Say: We say that we need each other, but right now you’re here, not with most of the adults. Are we really part of the same body? What role do kids really play in the church? Let’s dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Read 1 Timothy 4:12.

Say: This verse lists five ways someone who's young—like you—could set an example for older Christians.

Ask: • What's a way you could set an example in what you say?

- How could you set an example by the way you live?
- What would it look like to set an example in your faith?

Say: Those are all great ways kids can set an example for older Christians. In fact, there were some kids in the Bible who did that very kind of thing. In the first story we'll look at, there was an army commander from a country where they didn't worship the one true God. And this commander had a bad skin disease called leprosy. But he had a servant who did know and love God. She was a little girl! Listen to what happened.

Read 2 Kings 5:3.

Say: And you know what? Naaman went! He found the prophet Elisha and was healed!

Ask: • How would you describe the kind of example this girl set? Kids can go to the signs that indicate their answers and then explain.

Say: Thank you for sharing those ideas! I think she set an example in her faith in God—and it led to Naaman getting to see God at work! So cool! Let's find out what a young boy did when there was a hungry crowd of thousands of people.

Read John 6:9-11.

Ask: • Why do you think the boy shared his lunch?

- What kind of example do you think he set by sharing?

Say: Because that boy shared his lunch—which definitely wasn't enough to feed such a big crowd—the crowd got to see Jesus do something amazing! Plus everyone got a delicious lunch. That boy set an example in the way he lived—sharing what he had. Both of these kids did things that seemed small but had a big impact. And you can do the same thing! We may have our own Sunday school time just for kids, but we're all a part of the same body as the teenagers and adults. You may be younger and smaller, but you're an important part of the body! Let me show you what I mean.

Don't Use Thumbs

Ask kids to give you two thumbs up.

Say: The thumb...not a very big part of your body, is it? Not nearly as big as your head or your leg. It's just one little part on your hand, just a couple of inches long. And yet it's pretty important! Let's see what the thumb helps us do.

Distribute paper and pens. Have kids try writing while holding their thumbs out in the air, not using them to touch the paper or pen. As kids practice, go around with the shirts and water bottles, and challenge kids to button and unbutton the shirt or to pick up the water bottle with one hand without using their thumbs. Kids can also try to turn the pages in their Bibles without thumbs.

Kids who have shoelaces can attempt to tie their shoes without thumbs. And kids who have phones can try to send a text message. Let kids experiment with other basic tasks they think of to see how not having thumbs impacts those tasks.

Ask: • How often do you think about using your thumb?

- Now that you've tried to do basic things without your thumb, how important do you think it is?
- How are kids like the thumbs of the church?
- Why are kids important to the church? Why are teenagers? Why are adults?

Say: You may be small, but you're important! Like the servant girl and the boy who shared his lunch, you can do big things in this body you're a part of. We need each other, and that includes kids!

Memory Verse Mania:

Supplies:

- Leader Tracking Sheets (1 set per group in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Mania Instruction Page (1 per leader in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Posters (1 copy for each kid)
- paper
- crayons (including yellow, brown, blue, green, and purple)

Tip

- If you have more than five kids, divide into smaller mixed-age groups. You can adjust the picture prompts and colors provided to suit how many kids are in your group or smaller groups.

Explain Memory Verse Mania

Say: This Spring Impact Kids groups will be taking a Memory Verse Challenge called Memory Verse Mania. In this challenge, each week we will practice the verse. If you think you have it memorized before we practice, leaders will take time during Family Table to listen to you and mark on their Leader Tracking Sheets. Then on Feb 4, Mar 4, Mar 11, and April 29 you will get the chance to win a prize in our drawing. On May 6, we will celebrate everyone who memorized all the verses. If you can do it, we will share other verses from our lessons in the Fall to add to your memory banks. Storing God's Word in our hearts, helps us in the future. Are you ready to take the challenge? Here is your chance to practice the verse for this week. *(Send Posters home with kids- if kids already have a poster, there is no need to send more home.)*

“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

Memory Verse Mania cont.

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 Point

Supplies Needed:

- Activity Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out activity pages and supplies.

SAY: When it comes to gifts from the Holy Spirit, we need each other! We work together like your body parts work together to help you move and do things. Let's work together to solve a puzzle.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. You'll give kids different pages of the puzzle, one page per child. They'll need to form trios with people who have the two pages they're missing, then work together to solve the code.

Ask: • What would have happened if you tried to solve that code all by yourself, without the missing pages?

• What does that show you about why people in the church need each other?

Say: We need each other! God made us to work together. None of us has everything we need to do God's work. But when we work together, we can do what he calls us to do.

ANSWER KEY: THE HUMAN BODY HAS MANY PARTS, BUT THE MANY PARTS MAKE UP ONE WHOLE BODY. WITH YOUR PARTNERS... LINK ARMS AND SHOUT, "WE NEED EACH OTHER!" REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ALL A PART OF CHRIST'S BODY.