

For Sunday 6th September 2026

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11



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St Peter's Kids Resources

Welcome to the resources for St Peter's Kids.

Each Sunday, Seekers and Diggers will normally explore the same Bible passage or theme as the rest of the church, in ways that are right for their different ages.

Our hope is to help the children:

- engage seriously with the Bible;
- grasp one clear central truth;
- understand why it matters;
- respond appropriately to God;
- enjoy being together and build good relationships.

How to use these resources

These are resources, not a script. Please use your knowledge of the children and your own strengths as a leader, and feel free to adapt what is here. You certainly do not need to use everything suggested.

A simple, engaging conversation about the Bible can be far more valuable than an elaborate activity. The aim is always to help the children understand, remember and respond to God's word.

Seekers and Diggers

- Seekers – Reception to Year 2: keep things short, concrete and interactive, using repetition, movement, visual material and questions they can genuinely answer.
- Diggers – Years 3 to 6: give children real opportunities to read the Bible, notice things in the text, think, question, discuss and respond. Aim for material that stretches them without feeling childish.

What about craft?

Craft can be a great way to reinforce the Bible teaching or help children respond, but it is entirely optional. If you enjoy using craft and it genuinely helps the session, please do. If it does not, there is absolutely no need to include it.

Summary

- Paul reminds the Corinthians that there are many different gifts, but they come from the same God and are given for the good of others.
- Key verse: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (12.7)
- Aim: To help the children see that God makes his people different on purpose, and that what he gives us is to be used for the good of others rather than to make ourselves look important.

Things to notice in the passage

- Verses 4-6 repeat the pattern: different gifts – same Spirit; different service – same Lord; different activities – same God.
- Paul holds together both difference and unity.
- Verse 7 explains the purpose: gifts are given "for the common good."
- The key question is not simply "What am I good at?" but "How can what God has given me benefit other people?"

Possible approach for Seekers

You might begin with several different objects which are useful for completely different jobs – for example, a spoon, a torch, a paintbrush, a screwdriver and a shoe.

- Start with several objects designed for different jobs.
- Ask what each is useful for. Why would it be silly to complain that a torch cannot do the job of a spoon?
- Connect this with church: God gives different people different abilities and ways of serving.
- Ask who helps at St Peter's and what different things they do.
- Keep returning to: God gives different things to different people so that we can help one another.

Possible approach for Diggers

Give the children the passage and ask them to investigate verses 4-11.

- Read verses 4-11 and ask the children to identify what is different and what stays the same.
- Ask who gives the gifts, who decides which gifts people receive, and what verse 7 says they are for.
- Explore two attitudes: "Their gift is better than mine" and "My gift makes me more important."
- Ask what Paul would say to each.
- Discuss: Why might Christians become jealous or proud about gifts, and how does verse 7 correct that?

Connecting it with St Peter's

- Think of different ways people serve: teaching, welcoming, music, coffee, children's work, cleaning, praying, practical help, generosity and encouragement.
- Ask which kinds of service are highly visible and which are easily overlooked.
- The point is simple: different people serve other people in different ways, and all of it matters.

Possible activities

- Team task: give children different roles in one shared challenge, then ask what would happen if everybody tried to do the same job.
- Gifts for the common good: give examples of different abilities and ask how each could be used to help somebody else.
- Craft: optional, if it reinforces the central point.

Prayer

- Thank God for making people different.
- Thank him for people who serve us.
- Ask God to help us use what he gives us for the good of others.

Further resources

- [BibleProject – 1 Corinthians](#)
- [Mustard Seeds](#)