

God-given Gifts

Triple-G Photo Frame

Children will need a head and shoulders photo of themselves.

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Reading: 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

Solomon asked for wisdom to do the job God had in store for him. Each one of us has talents, individual characteristics and interests that God can use to do the work of God's Kingdom here on earth.

In making this photo frame children can reflect on the God-given talents, characteristics and interests that they themselves have, that can be used for God's work in the communities in which they live.

Materials:

- ♦ A5 black cardboard
- ♦ gold or silver cardboard a little larger than the photo
- ♦ scraps of craft foam (assorted colours)
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ glue (you may prefer to use acid-free glue for the photos)
- ♦ stickers or pictures from magazines, catalogues, clip art etc.
- ♦ *Optional:* silver or gold pen

What to do:

- ♦ Glue the photo in the middle of the gold or silver card.
- ♦ Glue the mounted photo in the middle of the A5 cardboard.
- ♦ Children look for pictures of items that reflect their talents, interests, characteristics from the stickers, magazines etc. e.g. football, books, pets, smiling face, acts of kindness. They need to be small enough to decorate the outer edge of the photo frame. Clip art from computer software programs is an excellent source of this sort of picture and there are many sticker sets that can be useful too.

Talk with the children how their talents, hobbies, sports etc can be used by God: e.g.

- ♦ a good footballer can set an example of how God would like kids to behave on the footy field;
- ♦ someone who likes making things can bake cakes for a lonely neighbour, make cards for sick or das people, make crafts to sell to raise money for a good cause...
- ♦ A good reader can help a younger sibling practice their reading...
- ♦ Someone who's good at particular types of school work might grow up to be a teacher, doctor, nurse, scientist ...
- ♦ We all can use our brains to understand God, ourselves, God's message and the world better.
- ♦ Characteristics like kindness, friendliness, a happy nature, a desire for justice and bravery can all be used by God – ask children to think about how they already use them for God.



- ♦ Stick or glue the chosen pictures onto foam, then cut around the foam shape.
- ♦ Glue the foam-backed pictures onto the photo frame to decorate the edges.
- ♦ *Optional:* Use the silver or gold pen to write **My Triple-G Photo** on the top of the frame.

Children can show the group their frames and share their ideas on how their talents and interests might help them do God's work.

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