

Gifts and talents 1

We all have gifts and talents

We all have different strengths and weaknesses.
The things we are good at are gifts from God.
We are good at some things but not so good at other things.
We have different likes and dislikes.
That's how God made us.

Some people are better at understanding some things than others.

Some of us find it easy to understand how a flower grows, but find it difficult to learn how to play a musical instrument. For others, music might be easy, but playing football is difficult.

Here is a list of things that people can be good at:
Sport, maths, reading and writing, making friends with people, being organized, music, art, knowing about animals and nature

1. Write a list of the things you are good at.
2. Write the names of your family members. Now write what they are good at. Which gifts are the same as yours?
3. Write a list of the things your best friend is good at.
4. Read 1 Peter 4:10. How does God want us to use our gifts and talents?



Gifts and talents 2

Body-Smart

You may be body-smart. You will enjoy sports and are good at swimming, athletics, football, gymnastics and other sports.

You enjoy learning through 'doing something'.

1. How do you learn best?
 - Listening
 - Reading
 - Watching
 - Doing the thing you are trying to learn
2. Who do you know that is body-smart? What are they good at?
3. If you were in a team and someone was not good at the sport, how should you treat them? Should you shout at them for missing the ball? How would this make them feel?



Gifts and talents 3

Number-Smart

You may be number-smart.

You will be good at mathematics and other number activities.

You will also be good at solving problems.

1. Who do you know that is number-smart?
2. If you are not number-smart, what should you do?
 - Get worried when you find maths difficult
 - Ask the teacher for help
 - Try your best because maths is useful
3. What can maths be used for in every-day life?
4. Give an example of a problem that can be solved by using maths.



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Word-Smart

You may be word-smart.

You will enjoy reading, writing and talking about things.

You will find learning new languages easy.

You will be good at spelling, reading and writing.

You will be good at word games like Scrabble and crossword puzzles.

1. Who do you know that is word-smart?
2. If you are not word-smart, what should you do?
 - Get worried when you find reading, spelling and writing difficult
 - Ask the teacher for help
 - Try your best because reading, spelling and writing are useful
3. Why is reading useful in every-day life?
4. Why is spelling useful in every-day life?
5. Why is writing useful in every-day life?
6. Who do you know that speaks two languages well?



Gifts and talents 5 People-Smart

You may be people-smart.

You will like to mix with other people.

You like parties.

They are good at talking to people.

You like to belong to lots of clubs.

You like team games and are good at sharing your ideas.

1. Who do you know that is people-smart?
2. How can a people-smart person use their gift to share the Gospel?
3. Why are people-smart people lots of fun?
4. If you meet someone who is very quiet and not good at talking, should you:
 - Ignore them and go and talk to someone who is good at talking?
 - Ask them questions and help them make a conversation?
 - Try and get to know them because they might have something they can share with you?



Gifts and talents 6 Myself-Smart

You may be myself-smart.

You will know about yourself, and your strengths and weaknesses.

You will probably keep a diary.

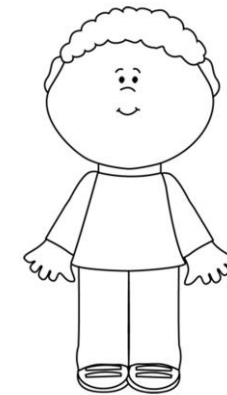
You will be good at setting goals for yourself.

You will be good at keeping your homework and your personal things organized.

You will be able to work well alone and not be distracted by other people.

You will think deeply about ideas.

1. Who do you know that is Myself-smart?
2. How can a Myself-smart person use this gift to help others?
3. What are the good points about a Myself-smart person?



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Music-Smart

You may be music-smart.

You will enjoy music and can recognise sounds

You will have a good sense of beat and rhythm.

You might be good at singing or playing a musical instrument.

1. Who do you know that is Music-smart?
2. How can a music-smart person use their gift to spread the Gospel?
3. If you are not music-smart, can you still enjoy music?
4. If you are not music-smart can you still worship God through music?



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Picture-Smart

You may be picture smart.

You will be good at art and also at other activities where you look at pictures, like map reading, finding your way out of mazes and graphs.

You could be good at photography.

You find it easy to think in pictures.

1. Who do you know that is picture-smart?
2. How can a picture-smart person use their gift to serve God?
3. How can a picture-smart person help you if you get lost?
4. How can a picture-smart person explain to someone something that is difficult?
5. If you are not good at art or drawing, what should you do?
 - Feel sad that you are not as good as others?
 - Try to improve your drawing skills?
 - Encourage and appreciate others who are good at art?



Gifts and talents 9 Nature-Smart

You may be nature-smart.

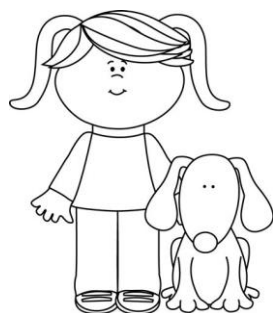
You like the world of plants and animals, and like learning about them.

You would like to have a pet.

You enjoy being outdoors in nature.

You care about animals and hate animal cruelty.

1. Who do you know that is nature-smart?
2. Why is it easy for a nature-smart person to praise God?
3. How can a nature-smart person serve God?
4. Even if you don't think you are nature-smart, we can still appreciate God's wonderful creation. What can we do to stop:
 - animals from suffering
 - rainforests being destroyed



Gifts and talents 10 God knows us

God knows us better than anyone because He made us.

He knows how many hairs are in our head.

He knows what we are good at, and what we are not good at.

Read and write out Luke 12:6-7.

We don't have to be good at everything

God loves us for who we are.

God can help us get better at the things we are not good at.

Maybe there are some things we will never be good at.

That's OK. Trying your best is all that matters.

Think about the things you *are* good at. These are your special gifts from God.

Work on your gifts so that you can serve God in a really special way.

God made you to be the person you are.

He did not make a mistake when He made you.

You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb...When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there – you saw me before I was born. (Psalm 139)

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart. (Jeremiah 1:5)