

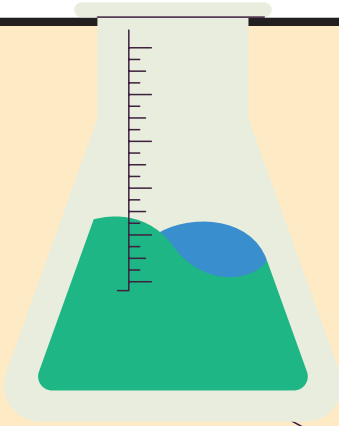
Uniqueness is learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

DAY 1

Read 1 Peter 4:10

God gives us many different gifts. But guess what? Those gifts don't mean anything if you don't choose to use them to serve others. God wants us to use them over and over and over again. You can use your gifts to make a difference, even right now!

Gather your family around the table and take a look at your lists from last week. Maybe your dad is a great cook or your sister loves to help garden and keep a beautiful yard. Look at the lists to see what everyone "brings to the table" in terms of what they're good at. Begin to talk about how you can use those gifts to serve others this week. Maybe you could cook and serve at a soup kitchen. Maybe you could do yardwork for a neighbor who's sick. Make a plan to serve together as a family this week using the gifts God has given you.



DAY 2

Read 1 Timothy 4:12a

Do you ever think you're too young to make a difference? Using your gifts for good isn't a "later" thing. It's a "right now" thing. God's not asking you to serve like an adult or someone older. God is asking you to set an example right now. . . no matter your age, to make a difference in the world around you. Don't use your age as an excuse. Begin now by living in such a way that you show others what you believe. You can make a difference right NOW. Today.

Walk The Verse

Trace your feet on some paper and cut them out. Using these as a pattern, cut out two more of each foot for a total of six separate footprints. Break the verse into six sections, writing a section on each footprint. Lay them out in order and walk along the footprint path as you say the verse. Then, turn one foot over so the blank side is showing. Walk along the path while remembering the words that are missing. Continue to play until all footprints are on the blank side and you can recite the verse from memory.

DAY 3

Read Romans 12:1

Find a dictionary or ask your parent to help you look up the definition of the word “offer.” Write it below.

Offer:

You already know that God made you. You know that God has given you certain gifts and abilities that are different from the gifts and abilities of others. But did you know that these gifts aren't really even about you? After all, you didn't create you.

God made you for a reason. God wants you to use your gifts for OTHERS and for God. When we offer our bodies to God as the verse says, that means we are willing to let God use us and the gifts we've been given to make a difference. You don't have to wait until you're older, or until you feel more confident, or until you one day feel “ready.” Make today count and do something with those God-given gifts to make the world a better place.

DAY 4

Read 1 Corinthians 12:19-21

Do you have a Mr. Potato Head? If you have one, grab all the parts you can find. Take a few minutes to put it together the right way. Now take it apart and put the parts back in the WRONG places. (If you don't have a Mr. Potato Head, draw one on a piece of paper with pencil, then erase some of the parts and put them in different places.) Looks pretty silly, doesn't it?

Now think about your church. Imagine that the individual people, like you, are all part of one bigger body. Imagine each person's gifts, given by God, are like those parts of a Mr. Potato Head toy. All the parts are needed. And all the parts have to work together in the right places to accomplish what they need to accomplish.

God knows that we can do much more together than we can do alone. That's why God has given different gifts to different people. It's not that some are better than others. All are needed. All are important. As you continue to learn about your unique gifts, practice using them to make a difference!



You can make a difference right now.