

## Calling all Kids!

Have you ever tried to write a letter with chalk? How about using a crayon on the chalkboard? What about eating soup with a fork? These things do not work very well, do they? We find that a fork is very useful for eating meat, but a spoon does the job with soup. While a crayon does write on a chalkboard, the cleanup job is impossible. Chalk was made for the chalkboard, and while a crayon works when writing a letter, a pen or pencil is even better.

All these tools, the chalk, the crayon, and the fork are useful gifts and work best when used in the right way.



God has given each of us certain gifts too. He asks you to use the gifts he has given you to help others. He does not ask you to do what you are not able to do. He will not ask you to sing a solo if you find it difficult to carry a tune. Another person may have a beautiful voice, and God, who gave that voice to her, asks her to use that voice to sing his praises. Maybe you have great artistic talent. You would be specially equipped to glorify God through your paintings, sculpture, or whatever you choose. God expects that from you.

All of us can do many things, even though we do not have a special gift in that area. Just because you do not want to get up in front of the church and preach a sermon does not mean you should not tell others about Jesus. Just because you do not have an outstanding voice does not mean you cannot sing God's praises along with the congregation on Sunday morning. Just because you do not get a large allowance does not mean you have no money to offer in Sunday School or church.

When you use the gifts God has given you, you will find that you will be helping others and you will feel good about serving them and God.

No one is too young to serve the Lord. To find out about other young people God has given gifts to, ask your parents to read Exodus 2:1-10 and talk about verses 4 and 7.

**You can read about the early life of Samuel in 1 Samuel 2:18-3:10.**

**Prayer:** Dear heavenly Father, thank you for giving me gifts to use to serve others. Help me to be eager to help others and to be happy doing it. **In Jesus' name, amen.**