

# GIVING & SERVING

## Assessing Your Child's Spiritual Gifts

You can help your child identify, develop, and use the gifts God has given them from an early age.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)*

You may choose to complete this assessment with your child or answer the questions knowing what is true about them. You can also invite other family members to assess the child since various people may perceive different gifts in action.

### TO GET STARTED

**Pray:** Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance before you take the assessment.

**Reassure:** Tell your child this is just a tool, not a test. There is no right or wrong answers.

**Observe:** This assessment can help you begin the process of discovering gifts and guiding your child. You may find new gifts as your child matures and encounters new experiences and opportunities to serve others.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

For each of the groups, mark one statement with a 1, another with a 2, and another with a 3 as follows:

1 = Describes me/my child LEAST

2 = Describes me/my child SOMEWHAT

3 = Describes me/my child MOST



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### GROUP ONE

- \_\_\_ 1a. I like to be organized.
- \_\_\_ 1b. I enjoy sharing with others.
- \_\_\_ 1c. It makes me sad when others are sad or having a hard time.

### GROUP TWO

- \_\_\_ 2a. I can tell the best choice when I have options.
- \_\_\_ 2b. I like to help new people feel welcome.
- \_\_\_ 2c. I am a good listener and enjoy helping others when they have a need.

### GROUP THREE

- \_\_\_ 3a. I like to encourage others.
- \_\_\_ 3b. I enjoy learning new things.
- \_\_\_ 3c. Others want to talk to me about their problems or struggles.

### GROUP FOUR

- \_\_\_ 4a. When I need to make a decision, I ask for opinions of others and look at what God's Word says about it.
- \_\_\_ 4b. Others seem to follow my lead and my ideas.
- \_\_\_ 4c. I enjoy communication with others verbally and in writing.

### GROUP FIVE

- \_\_\_ 5a. I am confident that God hears and answers our prayers.
- \_\_\_ 5b. I enjoy seeing how God can use the money I give to help others.
- \_\_\_ 5c. People ask me for advice or what I think about certain things.



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### GROUP SIX

\_\_\_ 6a. I am good at getting homework and other tasks done.

\_\_\_ 6b. I enjoy making new friends.

\_\_\_ 6c. I am good at talking in front of a group of people.

### GROUP SEVEN

\_\_\_ 7a. I clearly know if something is right or wrong.

\_\_\_ 7b. I understand spiritual truths and can share those with others.

\_\_\_ 7c. I enjoy helping others.

### GROUP EIGHT

\_\_\_ 8a. I like to help others when they are sad or having a hard time.

\_\_\_ 8b. Others seem to follow my lead and my ideas.

\_\_\_ 8c. I enjoy helping others feel accepted.

### GROUP NINE

\_\_\_ 9a. I enjoy inviting others to church to hear about Jesus.

\_\_\_ 9b. I am confident that God's Word is truth.

\_\_\_ 9c. I like to help others make good decisions.

### GROUP TEN

\_\_\_ 10a. I trust God's promises even when it seems like things aren't going my way.

\_\_\_ 10b. I enjoy getting everyone to follow me or my ideas.

\_\_\_ 10c. I am good at talking in front of a group of people.



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### GROUP ELEVEN

\_\_\_ 11a. I like details.

\_\_\_ 11b. I like to learn from my parents, teachers, and pastors.

\_\_\_ 11c. I make wise decisions.

### GROUP TWELVE

\_\_\_ 12a. I am a good judge of a person's character.

\_\_\_ 12b. Others look to me when they don't know what to do.

\_\_\_ 12c. I stick up for people when I see others not being nice.

### GROUP THIRTEEN

\_\_\_ 13a. I like to encourage others.

\_\_\_ 13b. It makes me sad when others are sad or are having a hard time.

\_\_\_ 13c. I enjoy communicating with others verbally and in writing.

### GROUP FOURTEEN

\_\_\_ 14a. I am a good listener and enjoy helping others when they have a need.

\_\_\_ 14b. I like to be organized.

\_\_\_ 14c. I am good at talking in front of a group of people.

### GROUP FIFTEEN

\_\_\_ 15a. I enjoy sharing with others.

\_\_\_ 15b. I clearly know if something is right or wrong.

\_\_\_ 15c. I enjoy telling others about Jesus.



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### GROUP SIXTEEN

- \_\_\_ 16a. I like to help new people feel welcome.
- \_\_\_ 16b. I enjoy learning new things.
- \_\_\_ 16c. Others look to me when they don't know what to do.

### GROUP SEVENTEEN

- \_\_\_ 17a. I want to do something when I see that someone has a need.
- \_\_\_ 17b. Others want to talk to me about their problems or struggles.
- \_\_\_ 17c. I forgive others easily.

### GROUP EIGHTEEN

- \_\_\_ 18a. I can tell the best choice when I have options.
- \_\_\_ 18b. I am confident that God's Word is truth.
- \_\_\_ 18c. I enjoy seeing how God can use the money I give to help others.

### GROUP NINETEEN

- \_\_\_ 19a. I am good at explaining things to others.
- \_\_\_ 19b. I like to learn from my parents, teachers, and pastors.
- \_\_\_ 19c. I like to find the good in others and cheer them on.

### GROUP TWENTY

- \_\_\_ 20a. I am good at getting homework and other tasks done.
- \_\_\_ 20b. I like to help others make good decisions.
- \_\_\_ 20c. I enjoy getting everyone to follow me or my ideas.



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### GROUP TWENTY-ONE

- \_\_\_21a. When I need to make a decision, I ask for opinions of others and look at what God's Word says about it.
- \_\_\_21b. I like to help others make good decisions.
- \_\_\_21c. It makes me sad when others are sad or are having a hard time.

### GROUP TWENTY-TWO

- \_\_\_22a. People ask me for advice or what I think about certain things.
- \_\_\_22b. I enjoy learning new things.
- \_\_\_22c. I enjoy inviting others to church to hear about Jesus.

### GROUP TWENTY-THREE

- \_\_\_23a. I enjoy helping others feel accepted.
- \_\_\_23b. I am confident that God hears and answers our prayers.
- \_\_\_23c. I enjoy helping others.

### GROUP TWENTY-FOUR

- \_\_\_24a. I know that God has blessed me and I want to bless others.
- \_\_\_24b. I clearly know if something is right or wrong.
- \_\_\_24c. Others seem to follow my lead and my ideas.

### GROUP TWENTY-FIVE

- \_\_\_25a. I like details.
- \_\_\_25b. I like to help others when they are sad or having a hard time.
- \_\_\_25c. I know that God has blessed me and I want to bless others.



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### GROUP TWENTY-SIX

- \_\_\_26a. I enjoy telling others about Jesus.
- \_\_\_26b. I make wise decisions.
- \_\_\_26c. I like to help new people feel welcome.

### GROUP TWENTY-SEVEN

- \_\_\_27a. I am a good listener and enjoy helping others when they have a need.
- \_\_\_27b. I like to find the good in others and cheer them on.
- \_\_\_27c. I know that God has blessed me and I want to give to others to bless them.

### GROUP TWENTY-EIGHT

- \_\_\_28a. I want to do something when I see that someone has a need.
- \_\_\_28b. I enjoy seeing how God can use the money I give to help others.
- \_\_\_28c. I enjoy making new friends.

### GROUP TWENTY-NINE

- \_\_\_29a. I enjoy telling others how they can become a Christian.
- \_\_\_29b. Others look to me when they don't know what to do.
- \_\_\_29c. I like to help others even when I don't get any credit for it.

### GROUP THIRTY

- \_\_\_30a. I understand spiritual truths and can share those with others.
- \_\_\_30b. I enjoy sharing with others.
- \_\_\_30c. I trust God's promises even when it seems like things aren't going my way.



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### GROUP THIRTY-ONE

\_\_\_31a. I enjoy telling others how they can become a Christian.

\_\_\_31b. I forgive others easily.

\_\_\_31c. I like to learn from my parents, teachers, and pastors.

### GROUP THIRTY-TWO

\_\_\_32a. I am good at getting homework and other tasks done.

\_\_\_32b. I want to do something when I see that someone has a need.

\_\_\_32c. I am a good judge of character.

### GROUP THIRTY-THREE

\_\_\_33a. I enjoy telling others about Jesus.

\_\_\_33b. I like to be organized.

\_\_\_33c. I stick up for people when I see others not being nice.

### GROUP THIRTY-FOUR

\_\_\_34a. I like details.

\_\_\_34b. I trust God's promises even when it seems like things aren't going my way.

\_\_\_34c. I forgive others easily.

### GROUP THIRTY-FIVE

\_\_\_35a. I enjoy helping others.

\_\_\_35b. I enjoy getting everyone to follow me or my ideas.

\_\_\_35c. I like to encourage others.





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### GROUP THIRTY-SIX

- \_\_\_ 36a. I am good at explaining things to others.
- \_\_\_ 36b. I stick up for people when I see others not being nice.
- \_\_\_ 36c. I enjoy helping others feel accepted.

### GROUP THIRTY-SEVEN

- \_\_\_ 37a. I can tell the best choice when I have options.
- \_\_\_ 37b. I enjoy inviting others to church to hear about Jesus.
- \_\_\_ 37c. I enjoy communicating with others verbally and in writing.

### GROUP THIRTY-EIGHT

- \_\_\_ 38a. I enjoy telling others how they can become a Christian.
- \_\_\_ 38b. I am confident that God hears and answers our prayers.
- \_\_\_ 38c. I like to help others when they are sad or having a hard time.

### GROUP THIRTY-NINE

- \_\_\_ 39a. I understand spiritual truths and can share those with others.
- \_\_\_ 39b. I like to help others even when I don't get any credit for it.
- \_\_\_ 39c. I enjoy making new friends.

### GROUP FORTY

- \_\_\_ 40a. I like to help others even when I don't get any credit for it.
- \_\_\_ 40b. When I need to make a decision, I ask for opinions of others and look at what God's Word says about it.
- \_\_\_ 40c. I am good at explaining things to others.



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### GROUP FORTY-ONE

\_\_\_ 41a. Others want to talk to me about their problems or struggles.

\_\_\_ 41b. I am confident that God's Word is truth.

\_\_\_ 41c. People ask me for advice or what I think about certain things.

### GROUP FORTY-TWO

\_\_\_ 42a. I am a good judge of character.

\_\_\_ 42b. I make wise decisions.

\_\_\_ 42c. I like to find the good in others and cheer them on.

### SCORING THE ASSESSMENT

Fill in the blanks that correspond to the number in the table on the next page. After you have filled in all the numbers, add up the figures in each row, going across. Put each total in the blank provided. Circle your 4 highest scores. This is not an exhaustive list of all the possible spiritual gifts but it will get you started as you begin the process of identifying and developing some of the gifts God has given.



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TOP FOUR SCORES = You probably have this gift

BOTTOM FOUR SCORES = You probably don't have this gift

MIDDLE SCORES = You might have this gift

									TOTAL
1a	6a	11a	14b	20a	25a	32a	33b	34a	A
2a	7a	12a	15b	18a	24b	32c	37a	42a	B
3a	8a	13a	19c	25b	27b	35c	38c	42c	C
9a	15c	22c	26a	29a	31a	33a	37b	38a	D
5a	9b	10a	18b	23b	30c	34b	38b	41b	E
1b	5b	15a	18c	24a	25c	27c	28b	30b	F
2b	6b	8c	16a	23a	26c	28c	36c	39c	G
3b	7b	11b	16b	19b	22b	30a	31c	39a	H
4b	8b	10b	12b	16c	20c	24c	29b	35b	I
1c	12c	13b	17c	21c	31b	33c	34c	36b	J
2c	3c	9c	14a	17b	20b	21b	27a	41a	K
7c	17a	23c	28a	29c	32b	35a	39b	40a	L
4c	6c	10c	13c	14c	19a	36a	37c	40c	M
4a	5c	11c	21a	22a	26b	40b	41c	42b	N

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**A = Administration**

(organizing people to do things well)

**B = Discernment**

(Sensing good vs. bad influences/attitudes in others)

**C = Encouragement**

(Giving emotional support to others)

**D = Evangelism**

(Telling others the good news of Jesus)

**E = Faith**

(trusting God even in hard times)

**F = Giving**

(Sacrificing to meet needs and support God's work)

**G = Hospitality**

(Making people feel at home)

**H = Knowledge**

(Being aware of God's truth)

**I = Leadership**

(Setting a plan and getting others to follow)

**J = Mercy**

(Caring for hurting/suffering people)

**K = Pastor/Shepherd**

(Caring for another person's spiritual well-being)

**L = Helping**

(Doing what needs to be done behind the scenes)

**M = Teaching**

(Explaining God's truth in a way people can understand)

**N = Wisdom**

(Applying God's principles to real-life situations)

### NOW WHAT?

1. Use the results to help your child find opportunities to honor the Lord by using his/her God-given gifts.
2. Come up with 2-3 ideas of how your child can serve others using his/her top gifts.
3. Pay attention and encourage your child when you see him/her living out specific gifts.
4. Continue to test the results as your child grows and matures in his or her faith adventure.

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