

GRADE One
CHAPTER Two
God's Gifts

Objectives

- To appreciate all the gifts God has given us
- To understand that everything we have comes from a gift of God
- To realize that God's gifts are a result of God's love

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Find a small box and fill it with pictures of beautiful things, people you love, and any thing that reminds you of God's gifts to the world. When the box is full, wrap it up and put a bow on top. Write a gift tag that says, "Some of God's gifts to me."
- Talk about what you were thinking and feeling while you looked for pictures for your box. Why do you think God gave all these gifts?

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching

- Read Genesis 1: 5-25 on p. 35 of your book.
- Divide a sheet of paper into five sections. Label section one: Touch; section two: Smell; section three: See; section four: Hear; and section five: Taste. Then write down things in each column that your senses show you of God's world.
- Use the activity on p. 37 to learn how God's gifts are very practical and help us each day. Can you name any other gifts that help?
- Look in Words of Faith on p. 35. Why is praise a good way to say Thank you to God?

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the beautiful prayer of praise on p. 38 to give thanks to God.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.