



My Gift, God's Work

Leader's guide

Aim of the session:

Children identify a gift or passion of their own and imagine how it could help others. They can then begin planning how they might teach or share it.

Time: 15–20 minutes

Materials needed:

- A4 paper or printed “My Gift, God’s Work” worksheets (1 per child)
- Pens or pencils
- Colouring pencils or crayons
- Sticky notes or small slips of paper (1 per child)
- Blu Tack, tape, or pins (to stick notes up)
- Large sheet or display board titled “Mini Vinnies: Leading with Love”

Optional extras:

- Markers for decorating posters
- Picture of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati with the words “To the Heights”
- Large paper mountain poster for displaying children’s ideas

Opening Prayer (1–2 mins)

Jesus, You gave each of us special talents and interests.

Help us to discover how we can use them to help others. Amen.

Story Reflection (3–4 mins)

Tell the story in your own words:

Many SVP members use their jobs, hobbies, and interests to serve others. During a meeting with new adult SVP members, one woman shared that when she couldn't sleep, she sometimes watched YouTube videos of homeless people being offered haircuts and beauty treatments. As a trained hairdresser, she wished she had the confidence to do something similar. Another person said they were an events planner and good at organising ideas. Then a third person mentioned they had a van! With some careful planning, their gifts came together to create a mobile hairdressers for the homeless.

Ask the children:

- What gift did each person bring?
- How did working together make something new and amazing happen?
- Why do you think God gives us different talents?

Explain:

God gives us all special gifts. When we use them to help others, we climb “To the Heights” of love and service, just like Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.



Main Activity – “My Gift, God’s Work” (8–10 mins)

- Give each child a worksheet or piece of paper.
- Ask them to draw or write about one gift, talent, or interest they have (e.g., drawing, baking, football, singing, listening to friends).
- Next, ask them to imagine how that gift could be used to help others (e.g., drawing cards for the sick, baking for a fundraiser, playing football with younger children, singing for a care home, being a good friend to someone lonely).
- Invite them to decorate their page with colours and pictures.

Optional extra:

- Give each child a sticky note to write a single word or symbol of their gift and place it on the large “Mini Vinnies: Leading with Love” board or mountain display.

Sharing & Reflection (3–4 mins)

- Invite volunteers to share their gift and their idea for how it could serve others.
- Gather the group and look at the display together.

Leader says:

Look at all the amazing gifts God has given us! Just like the SVP members in the story, when we share our talents and work together, we can make a real difference.

Closing Prayer (1–2 mins)

Loving God, thank You for the talents and passions You give each of us.

Help us to be brave enough to use them in loving service, so that together we can bring hope to others and climb ‘To the Heights’ of faith, love, and action. Amen.

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Many SVP members use their jobs, hobbies and interests to help serve other people. During a meeting with some new adult SVP members, one member shared that when she struggled to sleep, she found herself watching YouTube videos where homeless people were offered haircuts and beauty treatments. As a trained hairdresser she wished she had the confidence to do something similar. Another person spoke up and shared that they were an events planner and were good at organising other people’s ideas. This led to a third person sharing that they had a van! Together, with some careful planning, this then became the group’s first call to action as they provided an on the move hairdressers for the homeless.

If you or someone you know needs help from the SVP, go to Info@svp.org.uk



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God has given each of us special talents and interests.

1. My Gift or Talent:

Draw or write about something you are good at or enjoy doing.

2. How I Could Use My Gift to Help Others:

Draw or write about how your gift could make a difference.