

Gifts of the Spirit

Kids Church - Lesson 2

Date:

Lesson 2: How does the Holy Spirit give out His gifts?

Learning Objective/s:

Children will learn that:

1. The Holy Spirit gives out different gifts
2. Every gift is important
3. The Holy Spirit's gifts help us to help others

Equipment:

- Weekly overview board and lesson timetable board (see *series overview for more info*)
- Speaker and device to play the song.
- A range of different shaped objects, wrapped up in wrapping paper
- A toolbox with a range of different tools inside (these can be tools from all over the house: hammer, wooden spoon, pen, etc...)
- String, pegs and memory verse words
- Holy Spirit Toolbox print out, scissors and felt tips
- x7 foam mats and prayer printouts
- Parent cards

Parent Card:

At the end of the lesson, hand out the **parent cards** to the children so that they can continue reflecting on this week's lesson at home.

Welcome Time:

Before starting the lesson, sit the children down and ask each one about their week, not forgetting to share about yours too. This is a great chance to build relationship with each other and to teach the children important skills like communication and listening.

Ice Breaker: Guess the Present

Wrap up a range of different shaped objects. Pass the objects one at a time to the children and ask them to guess what the object is. After they have guessed, ask one of the children to unwrap the present to see if they are correct.

Learning point: Tell the children that today they are learning about how the Holy Spirit gives out special gifts.

Ice Breaker: Guess the Present continued...

Learning point question: What can we learn about the Holy Spirit's gifts from unwrapping these objects?

Listen to the children's answers, then explain that like the objects we have unwrapped, the Holy Spirit's gifts are all different.

Song: *Gifts of the Spirit, whispering Hope*

This week, after reminding the children how the chorus goes, teach them the actions to the first verse of the song. Then play the whole song so they can practice, encouraging them to join in with the first verse and the chorus.

Object Lesson: God's Toolbox

Show the children the toolbox (don't open it yet), ask them what they think the box is and what they think is inside.

Open the toolbox and bring out the tools one at a time. For each tool ask the children what it is and how it is used.

Tell the children each tool has a special job. Then mix up the purposes of each tool by asking the children questions like, "But could this hammer be used to mix up a cake?" or "Could this wooden spoon be used to screw in a nail?" Ask the children why this isn't possible for each question you ask. Tell the children each tool is important because... then give examples of the tools you've shown them like, "...because only a hammer can hit a nail into the wall," or "...because only a whisk can beat up some eggs." Explain that each tool is needed if we are to complete all the tasks we have to do in our home.

Remind the children that last week we talked about the Holy Spirit being like a sponge, filling us up so we can help others. Tell them that this is how the Holy Spirit helps us to help others, it fills us up with tools (or gifts) for us to use. We need to remember that each gift is different, like the tools in a toolbox, but that each gift is important and needed.

[Original idea from Creative Bible Study: God's Toolbox](#)

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:7

'Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, to help everyone.'
(ICB) 1 Corinthians 12:7

Game: This is the washing line game. On a piece of string or wool, peg up the words from the memory verse, getting two helpers to hold each end of the string. Get the children to read out the memory verse, then unpeg a couple of the words and get the children to read it out with the missing words. Repeat this until there are no words left on the string.

Remembering: Remind the children the Makaton sign for SOMETHING (which they learned last week), then teach the children the Makaton signs for FROM THE SPIRIT. Get the children to say the memory verse out loud, doing the action for both SOMETHING and FROM THE SPIRIT each time they say the words. Repeat this several times before asking if any of the children can remember the memory verse.

Craft: Holy Spirit Toolbox

The children will be given a set of tools and a toolbox to colour and cut out (pre-cut these for the younger children).



Then, help the children to glue the toolbox panel onto the toolbox cover, creating a pocket to insert the tools once finished.

Whilst the children are colouring and cutting out, ask the older children if they've heard about any of the gifts of the spirit by reading out the words on the different tools, see what they know and if they can give any definitions/explanations (don't teach them anything at this point, but just begin to see what prior knowledge they have).

Tell the children they will be looking at each of these tools in detail over the next few weeks... mention that they might have heard some of these tools being sung about in the song they've been learning.

[Original idea from Made in a Day: Dads Tool Box Card Paper Craft](#)

Prayer: Prayer Hopscotch

Fasten each part of the prayer to interlocking foam mats. Then assemble them to look like a hopscotch grid. Line the children up to take it in turns to hop and jump down the hopscotch grid speaking out the prayer as they go along. When each child reaches the end everyone shouts AMEN.

Prayer: Prayer Hopscotch continued...

(For the younger children, get them to jump down the hopscotch mat with a helper/older child who will read the prayer and tell them what to say).

Dear God (hop)

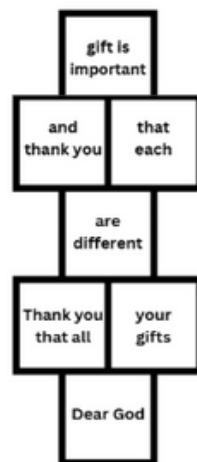
Thank you that all / your gifts (jump)

Are different (hop)

And thank you / that each (jump)

gift is important (hop)

Amen (Everyone shout at the end)



If you don't have any foam mats available, just print off the words on A4 pieces of paper and arrange them like a hopscotch grid.

[Original idea from Kimberleyrec.weebly: Hopscotch Fun](http://Kimberleyrec.weebly.com/Hopscotch%20Fun.html)

Thinking Time:

Get the children to sit down. Tell them this is a time for them to think about what they have been taught today.

Question: How is the Holy Spirit's gifts like a toolbox? (Give the children 30 seconds to think before asking for their answers)

Tell the children that earlier on they were taught that the Holy Spirit's gifts are like tools in a toolbox, they are all different but they are all important because each one helps us to help others.

Next week: Explain to the children that they will be discovering about the gift of prophecy next week and learning how God uses this gift to help us help others.

Optional Game: What's the Time Mr Wolf

Line the children up at one end of the room. Choose one of the children to be "Mr Wolf" and send them to the other end of the room.

The remaining children then shout out, "What's the time, Mr Wolf?" Mr Wolf will then respond by shouting out the time, "one o'clock," or "four o'clock", etc. Once Mr Wolf has shouted out the time, the children will then take that many steps forward.

This is repeated until Mr Wolf decides to shout out, "dinnertime!" He will then chase after the children, trying to catch someone to be the new Mr Wolf. If a child is tagged they become the new Mr Wolf, but if nobody is tagged, then the player being Mr Wolf must remain as the wolf and try again.

Memory Verse Words

Something

from the

Memory Verse Words

Spirit

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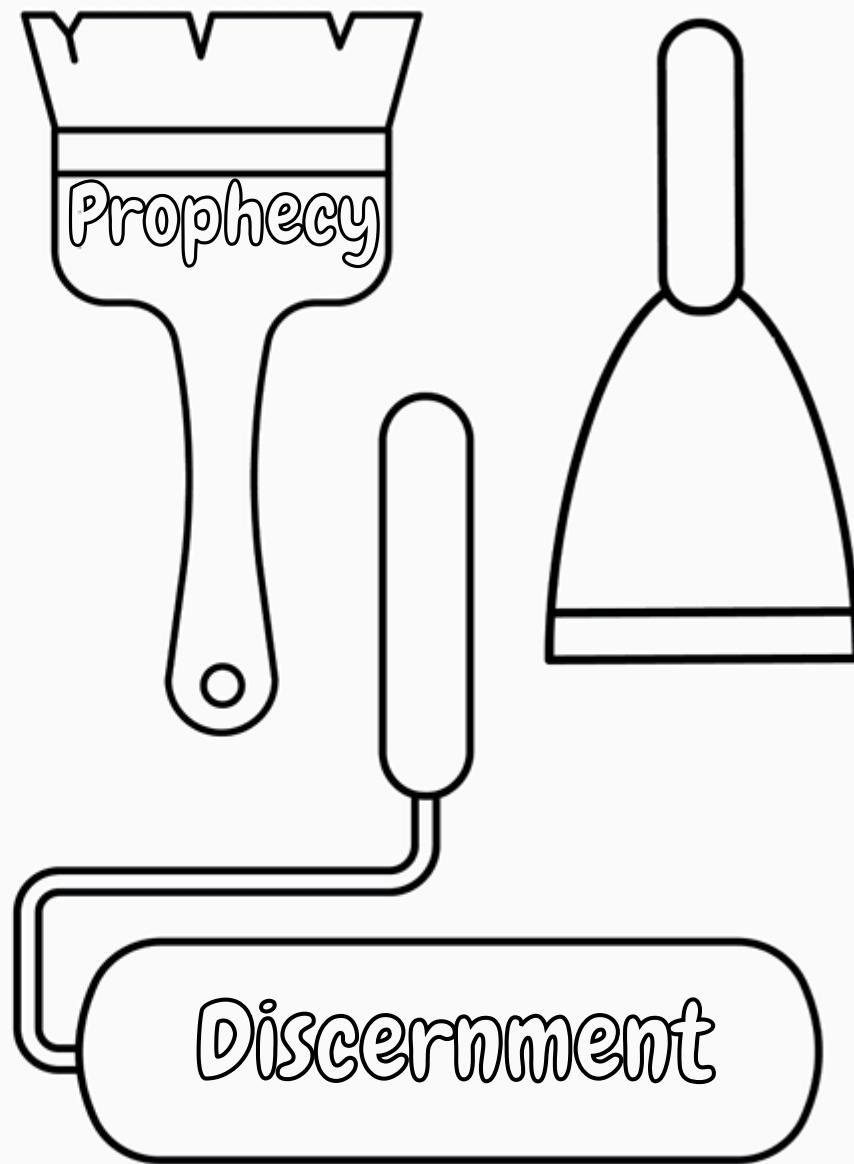
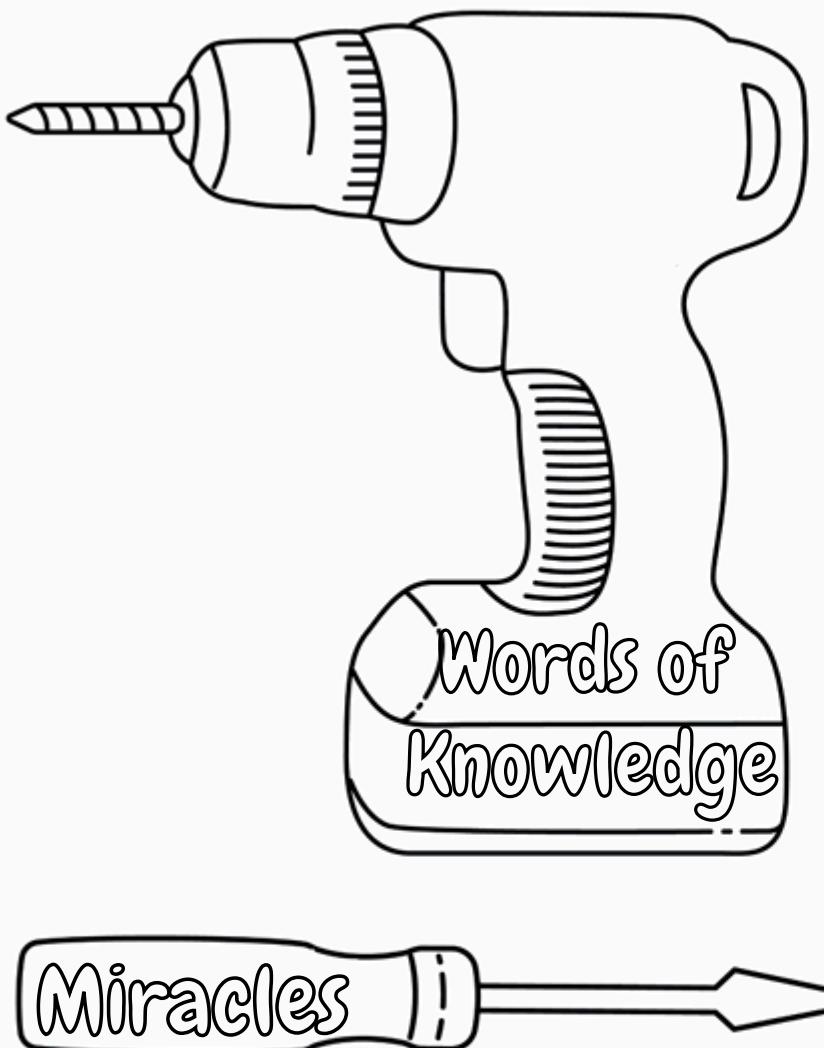
Memory Verse Words

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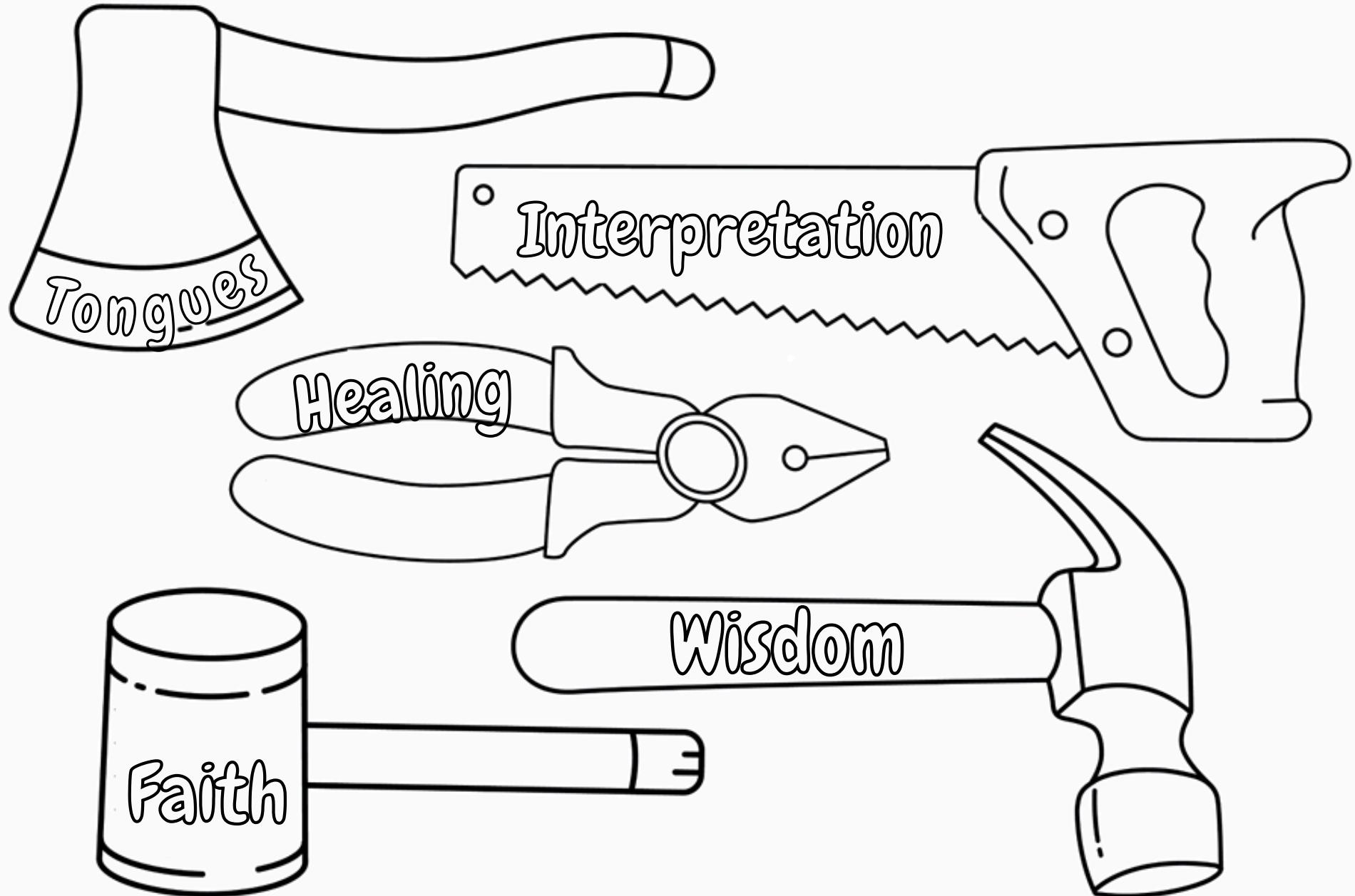
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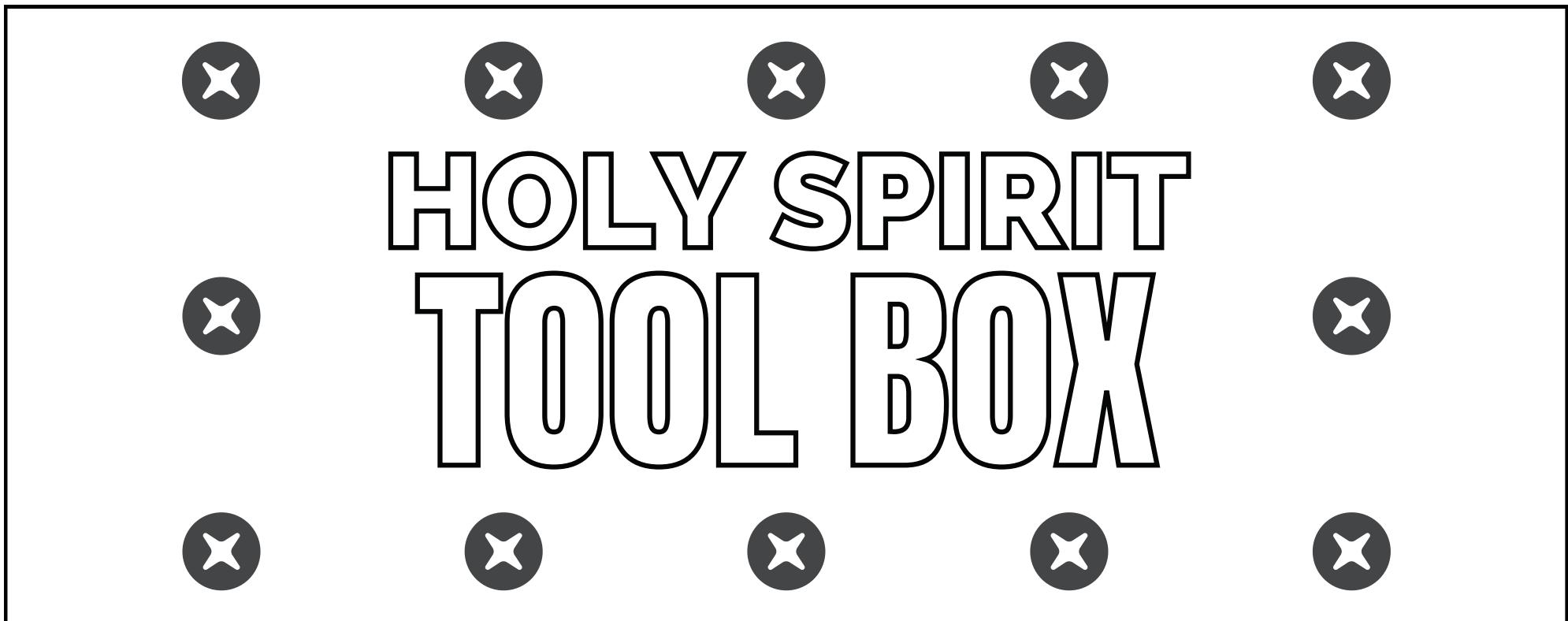
Memory Verse Words

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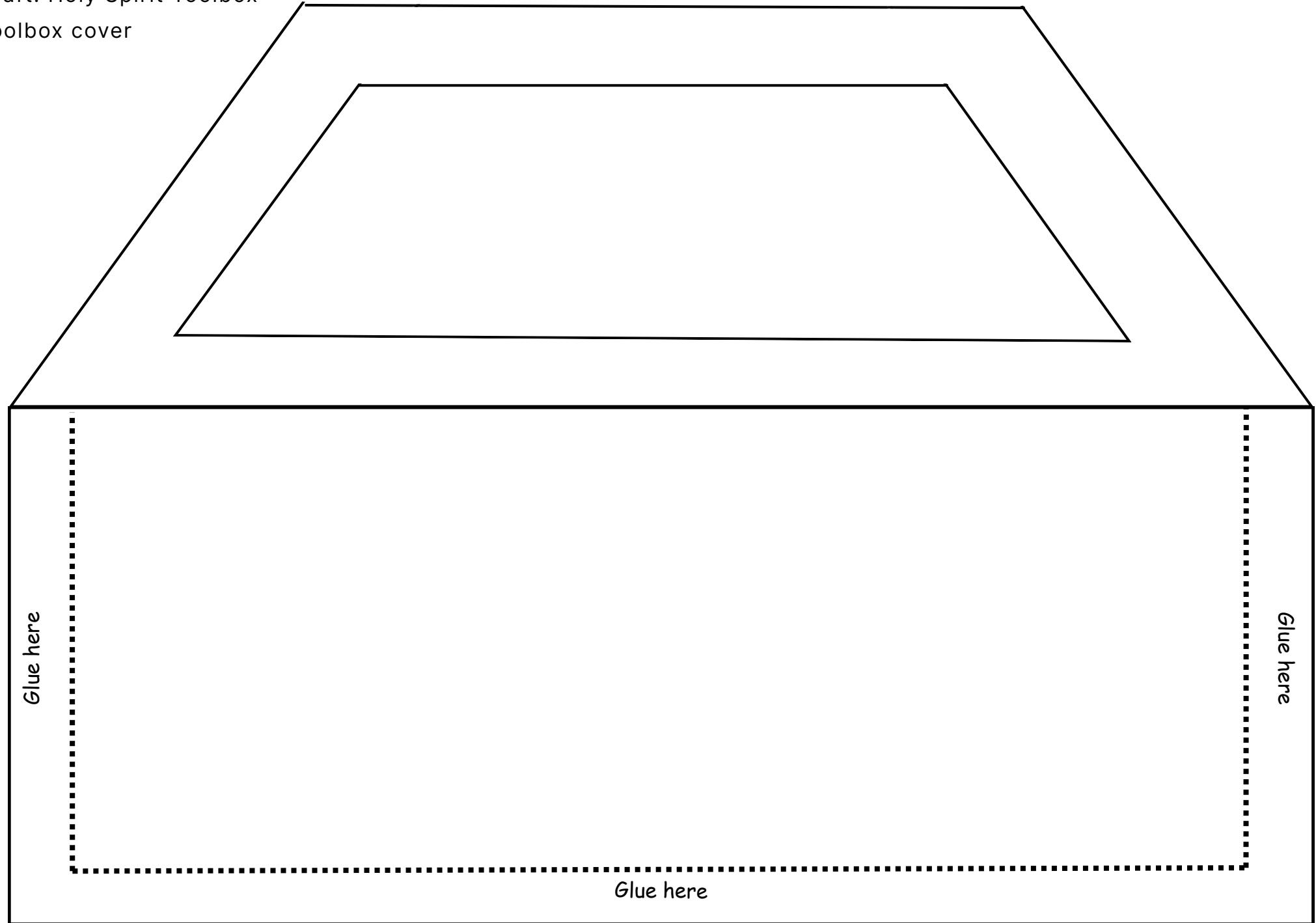
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Toolbox cover



Dear God

Thank you
that all

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and thank
you

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Parent Card

What I've learned in Kids Church today

Date:

Lesson 2: How does the Holy Spirit give out His gifts?

We're so glad your child has joined us today!

During our session we learned that the Holy Spirit's gifts are like a toolbox full of different tools. We looked at how each tool is important and needed if we are to complete all the tasks we have to do in our homes. Therefore, each gift of the Holy Spirit is important and needed so that He can help us help others.

Key phrase for your child to know:

All the Holy Spirit's gifts are important and needed.

The song we are practicing:

Gifts of the Spirit, by whispering Hope

The memory verse we are learning:

'Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, to help everyone.'
(ICB) 1 Corinthians 12:7

Talk together:

Over the next few weeks the children will be learning about the gifts of the spirit.

Can you list any of the Holy Spirit's gifts?

Why not set a family challenge to see who can remember the most?

Pray together:

Dear God,

Thank you that all your gifts are different. And thank you that each gift is important.

Amen

See you next time!