



USING GOD'S GIFTS TO ME: SHARING TALENTS

Formed in God's Image, we are called to participate in the work of Creation. We bring our God-given talents to life each time we use them to help others. Creativity is all around us...in the construction of buildings, in gardens filled with plants and flowers, in posters and flyer announcements, in meals prepared for our sustenance and enjoyment, in any form of human enterprise that calls upon our imagination and industry. Our task is to discover and use our gifts for the benefit of others.

"We are the makers, creators, artists, with the potential to make the world a better place, to heal its scars, to sustain and enhance its life." Pope John Paul II

Discuss some of the specific ways to use your God-given gifts and talents to help those with whom you live, work, pray and play.



Service to Neighbors



Collections for the Poor



Creative Projects



Family Traditions

Think It Through:

God has loved us into being and has given us the gifts to help those in our communities and beyond. Name a gift or talent that God has given you. _____

Since 1894, Catholic Social teaching has viewed food, clothing, shelter, health care and education as basic rights of all human beings. What does this mean to us and our call to share our talents?

"Peace... is the work of justice and the effect of charity." (Catechism of the Catholic Church-Article 2304) – How can we be peacemakers in our homes?

Act: As a family, design a "Family Shield." Make a symbol or picture representing each individual's gift or talent. Talk about how and when to use those talents for the good of the community. Display your "Family Shield" in a place of honor in your home. Give of your gifts through several family projects this year.

Scripture: 1Corinthians 12: 4-31 – Many gifts but the same Spirit; 1Corinthians 13: 1-8, 13 – Excellence of the gift of Love.

Resources: www.heifer.org, www.freethechildren.com, www.goodgroundpress.com

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