



The 9 Manifestation Gifts Teacher's Manual

Appropriate for All ages (children, teen, adult)

Children's Church Home School



Supplements the "Who Is God" Little Books

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1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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The 9 (Manifestation) Gifts of the Spirit

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This lesson series will teach children of all ages (children 8 years and up, adult, teen) how to move within the 9 Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit as taught to us in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Repetition is imperative to reinforce learning and experiencing the 9 Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit.

These lessons should be taught as a 4 to 6 week series. The first lesson is a drama where you choose children (or teens/adults) to act out the parts as you, or a narrator read the drama while the children act out each scene. The drama introduces who God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and Satan are and includes the full Gospel Message. Actors get better in the drama each time it is presented. After the initial teaching, you could review the entire lesson once a month or every 6 weeks.

Once the concepts are realized, and the teaching lesson practiced by each student, encourage the class to use the knowledge of the 9 Manifestation Gifts to pray for each other.

Watch as the Lord brings out each of the gifts as the class prays for one another. Reinforce the teaching by reminding the class how the gifts were used in their prayers for each other.

The Workshops on Hearing the Voice of God and Meditation to see in visions and receive words from the Lord, will take the class deeper into the spiritual realm where God, Himself, does the teaching. You, then will serve as a moderator on how the Lord is moving within each person and as a group as well.

Please note that the 3 small take-home books "Who Is God" (offered separately) will reinforce the lessons taught in this series.

God bless you as you teach about the Spiritual Realm and deepen your walk with the Lord as you share these lessons with others.

Drama: 3 in 1 God

Actors:

On Earth:

Satan (best played by a teacher)

Adam

Eve

In Heaven:

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Angels

SCENE 1 - HEAVEN

Narrator: God is our 3-in-1 God who makes Himself known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Place a sign on each of three actors 1) Father, 2) Son, 3) Holy Spirit). Sometime during creation, we don't know exactly when, God created the angels. (Enter Actor's playing the part of angels gliding and flapping their arms as if flying gracefully across the stage.)

Narrator: Satan, himself was an angel (Actor playing Satan struts around heaven as narrator reads). Satan was an Arch Angel Cherub that was in charge of worship and music in heaven. Many of the angels admired his beauty. Satan thought to himself that he was so beautiful and so talented that he should take over heaven and be in charge. Satan, wanted to take the place of God. Can anyone ever take the place of God? (Wait for children to respond.)

Narrator: No! God created the angles, the earth, the water, the air we breathe, the beautiful angles, and after God created all of that, He created man. (Narrator: gesture toward actors playing Adam and Eve.) God created man in his own image by breathing his very own spirit into man. He created a Garden for man to live in and He gave man authority to rule over the earth. God loved man, his creation. And God loved the angels, also his creation. Man was King of the earth. (Narrator: place crowns on the heads of Adam and Eve.) Adam and Eve had all authority over the earth. God came and walked with Adam and Eve in the evening. God talked and walked with them.

Narrator: Well, sometime during creation, we don't know exactly when, Satan began a rebellion in Heaven. (Satan struts around and gestures for the angles to follow him). Some of the angels followed him – about 1/3 of all the angels followed Satan and said, "We want Satan to be our God." All the other angels said, "No!" (Angels gesture that they either want to stay in heaven or go with Satan.)

Note to teacher: Please prearrange before the drama, which angels will fall down to the earth and which ones will stay in heaven.)

Narrator: God, who is creator of the angels kicked Satan and 1/3 of the angels out of Heaven and they fell all the way down to earth. (Actors playing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit gesture kicking Satan and Satan angels fall to earth.) They were kicked out of heaven to earth because Satan had said to himself that he wanted to be like the most high God.

SCENE 2 - EARTH

Narrator: Once down on earth, Satan went to the Garden and waited to talk to Eve. Satan tricked Eve and he caused Adam and Eve to disobey God – he caused them to sin – that is what sin is – it is disobedience to what God tells us to do. (Actor playing Satan gestures giving Eve a piece of fruit and Eve gestures handing the fruit to Adam.) Because of sin, God had to take his presence away from Adam and Eve – His spirit within them died. (Actors playing the 3 in 1 God turn faces forward wall; Adam and Eve look down as if sad and then run and hide because they realize they are naked!)

Narrator: (Narrator take the crowns off Adam and Eve’s head and place upon the head of the Actor playing Satan.) God still loved Adam and Eve, even though they had disobeyed. Before God commanded Adam and Eve to leave their Garden Home, he gave them a promise. God promised Adam and Eve that He would send someone who would defeat Satan and take back the authority lost in the Garden.

Narrator: (Actors play 3 in 1 God remain in Heaven). Many years passed by and people thought that God had forgotten his promise to Adam and Eve. Many generations of people lived and died. The entire Old Testament in the Bible had been written and still no one had come to defeat Satan. When the time was just right, God sent his very own Son, Jesus, down from heaven to earth. (Actor playing Jesus leave heaven and go to earth). Jesus was born a baby, we celebrate his birthday at Christmas time. But, Jesus, didn’t stay a baby. Just like you, Jesus grew up. He was your age once that is why He understands boys and girls so much. When Jesus became a man, wicked men did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and they put him to death on the cross. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead and is alive forever more. He arose and went back up to heaven and is sitting at the right side of God the Father. (Actor playing Jesus, act out His death and resurrection on earth. Take the crown from Satan’s head and then go and sit on the right hand of actor playing God the Father and begin praying to the Father.)

Narrator: Jesus prayed the Father would send His Holy Spirit down to live in the people on the earth. To all those who would receive him as their Savior from sin, Jesus’ Holy Spirit would come and live inside of them.

END OF DRAMA:

(Narrator, thank the Actors and ask them to take their seats.)

GAME: 9 Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit

Teacher: When we receive Jesus' Holy Spirit into our lives, we become a new creation in Him. Jesus, Himself, comes to live inside our spirits – making our spirits alive again. When this happens, we may begin to ask and expect to receive gifts from the Father. The first gift we ask for is the Gift of Salvation. When we ask the Father to forgive our sins and receive Jesus' spirit in us. The gifts that we pray for will give us power when we pray. The gifts are given to us freely as we ask, we receive.

The Bible teaches that there are different types of gifts. Today we are going to learn about the 9 Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are listed in the Bible in I Corinthians 12:7-11. Manifestation is a big word that means how God shows or reveals His power through us. (Repeat definition.)

(Teacher, before you read I Corinthians 12:7-11, instruct the children to listen carefully to these verses to see if they can hear all 9 of the gifts revealed in the verses. Repeat the verse until the children have recalled all 9 of the gifts.)

I Corinthians 12:7-11 ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another (gJjh by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of ~ and to still another the interpretation of tongues!~¹ "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Game to Learn the 9 Manifestation Gifts: (Tape chart paper at a child's eye level on wall. Or, if you have a white board or a black board, draw the table on the board.)

Speaking Gifts	Revelation Gifts	Power Gifts
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.

As the gifts are named, write them on a chart or white board.

Speaking Gifts	Revelation Gifts	Power Gifts
1. Prophecy	1. Wisdom	1. Faith
2. Speaking in Tongues	2. Knowledge	2. Healing
3. Interpretation of Tongues	3. Distinguishing Between Spirits	3. Miracles

Ask the children to look closely at the chart and see if they can remember the gifts and the order that you have placed them on the chart. Then, replace the chart with a new one, or erase the words within the columns on the board.

Game Instructions: Ask the children to line up in front of the blank Chart with the 3-columns. Instruct them that they each will take a turn writing one of the gifts in the correct column. Use only one marker and hand it to the first child in line. Most children will be able to remember one of the 9 gifts to write on the Chart. If one or two children cannot remember, tell them, it is ok and move on to the next child in line. If you have a large group, ask for 4 or 5 volunteers to form a line if they think they can remember some of the gifts to write down. The rest of the class can watch and learn from the participation of a few volunteers. Or, use two charts and form two teams and see which team finishes first. Each child can only place one gift on the board then move to the back of the line and move up to take a second turn.

Erase the words again (or use a another copy of the chart paper), and repeat the game as many times as you feel is needed until the children have learned the 9 gifts.

TEACHING LESSON

Teacher: We can all have 1, 2, 3 or more of these gifts any one of them can be ours. Each of these gifts are given to us as we are ready to receive them. You do not have to be an adult or a grandma or grandpa to receive these gifts. The Holy Spirit is living in you as soon as you receive Jesus as your Savior. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' Spirit living in you. And because he lives in you, you can operate or move in any of these gifts. These gifts are not meant to be kept; these gifts are meant to be given away. With these gifts you have power and authority in the spiritual kingdom. Let's look at the first column – the speaking gifts.

Speaking Gifts:

1. Prophecy: A prophecy is simply God speaking His word to or through someone.
2. Different Tongues – If you ask, God will give you a language you don't understand. There are known languages and there are unknown languages. A known language is like Spanish or French – a tongue spoken by a people group. The unknown tongue is a language given to you by God. It is given to you for power and authority over evil.
3. Interpretation of Tongues: Are almost always given in public (like church), if someone begins to give a message in Different Tongues – God will always provide an interpreter – someone who can say, in a language you understand, the message that God is speaking to the congregation or group of people.

Revelation Gifts

1. Words of Wisdom: – Supernatural words from God that you didn't know before. The words of wisdom are usually meant for someone you are praying for – words that could help them with a situation or problem. When you need words of wisdom, ask God for them and he will give you Words of Wisdom.
2. Words of Knowledge: – Also supernatural words from God that you didn't know before. Sometimes a word of knowledge can come through a vision, a picture God will give to you, and usually comes to you as you are pray for someone – or witness to someone about God. As you pray for someone, ask God for Words of Knowledge.
3. Distinguishing of Spirits: – There are two kinds of spirits in the spiritual world – good spirits and evil spirits – angles or fallen angels. God wants you to become wise and understand the evil and the good that is in the world. He will give you the Distinguishing of Spirits if you ask Him for that gift.

Power Gifts

1. Faith: – Faith is a supernatural knowing that you can trust God – faith in God is trusting Him that He will do what He says He will do.
2. Healing: – God will give you the power to pray for healing. You can pray for someone by just laying your hands on them and asking God to heal them.
3. Miracles: – Supernatural healings or events given by God to prove He is the One True God, the Ruler of the Universe. You can receive Miracles from God or touch someone to receive a Miracle – it is up to God when you can have this gift and all the other gifts. All three of these power gifts, Faith, Healing and Miracles, work together.

WORKSHOP: Practice Moving in the Gifts

Teacher: Over the next couple of weeks during worship, God will allow us to experience some of these 9 Manifestation Gifts. This class is like an adventure in God. Let's see where God wants to take us.

Hearing God's Voice

Teacher/Narrator: God's voice is a small still voice, one that we cannot hear out loud (usually). His voice can be heard like a thought in our head. Only it is stronger than a thought. Listen carefully, and you will be able to hear it. Jesus is your best friend and He wants to talk to you _and he wants you to talk to Him. (Go through the following exercises slowly, waiting for responses.)

The best way to get to know how to hear God's voice is to ask Him questions. So sit real still and real quite _and let's ask Him a question _like we are praying to Him. So repeat after me: "Lord, is there anything you want to tell me? (Wait a few seconds, and then ask, "Did you hear anything?" (Repeat the question.) Most will hear "I love you."

Next question: Lord, how can I get to know you better? (wait a few seconds and listen, then ask the children, "Did you hear anything?" Most will hear, "Read my Word."

Instruct the children to always ask, "Where in your word, do you want me to read?"

Teacher/Narrator: The best way to get to know God is to ask Him questions. (Some children will hear and others will not hear yet. Encourage them to practice at home.)

Visions from God

Teacher/Narrator: Visions are like pictures in your head _not something you see with your eyes, like pictures on TV. Visions are usually seen with your eyes closed. Ask the children to close their eyes. Ask the children to 1) "Picture in your head an ice cream cone." Wait a few seconds and ask everyone to open your eyes and raise your hand if you could picture in your head an ice cream cone. (Wait for a response and ask what kind of a cone did they see?) 2) Now close your eyes again, and this time picture a bird. Everyone open your eyes and raise your hand if you could picture a bird. (Wait for a response and ask what kind of a bird did they see?)

Now close your eyes real tight and see if you can picture Jesus. (Wait a few seconds and ask everyone to open your eyes and raise your hand if God gave you a picture of Jesus (Ask children to share what they saw, the color of his eyes, his hair, and explain that maybe you are remembering a picture of Jesus _or maybe God is revealing to you what Jesus looks like.)

Bible Meditation

Teacher/Narrator: Visions from God can come through listening to His word. The best way to receive a vision from God is to sit real still and ask the Lord to give you a vision from Him. (Read the Memory Verse together 2 times – then ask the children to close their eyes and listen to the words as you repeat them. Ask the children to open their eyes and share with you if they got a picture or a vision from the verse that was just read to them. Another good verse to read, if there is time, is Revelation 3:20 and 21.)

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Hearing God's Voice and Seeing Visions is Practicing Words of Knowledge and Wisdom and Understanding (point to the 9 Manifestation Gifts Table).

WORSHIP TIME *(until end of class)*

Director/Teacher: While you listen to the music, sit real still, close your eyes, and see if God speaks to you through the words of the song, or gives you visions while you experience the worship of God through the music. This is what Adam and Eve had in the Garden –intimacy with God –a close relationship. Jesus loves you. Let Him love you through the notes and the sounds and the words of the worship music.

(Play a song from a CD of worship music you like (a recommended artist: Michael W. Smith). Children will begin to learn the words for the coming weeks in worship to the CD music.

Ask the children to share what God said to them or showed them during worship. This is a precious time. God will show Himself through the notes and music in words and visions. Allow all the children to share. If you have time, write what the Lord gives to them on the board and see if there is a pattern –something the Lord is teaching the children through visions and words from Him.

Please repeat these exercises in the weeks to come. Allow the Lord to manifest Himself through the 9 Manifestation Gifts of the Spirit. As you practice, use the words and visions to minister to children who have prayer requests. You could place the child with a pray request in the center of the group and ask a few children to come and pray for them. God will give them visions and words as they pray.

FATHER

SON

HOLY SPIRIT

Satan

Angels