

PICTURE THIS!

WEEK 2

READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:14

Match the athlete's name below with his or her talent.

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| Babe Ruth | Soccer |
| Pelé | Boxing |
| Kristi Yamaguchi | Football |
| Muhammad Ali | Basketball |
| Michael Jordan | Baseball |
| Nadia Comaneci | Tennis |
| Pete Sampras | Soccer |
| Tim Tebow | Ice skating |
| Mia Hamm | Gymnastics |

Did you know that all of the talents you have are a gift from God? That's why we call them gifts, or say someone is "gifted." It's a recognition that the talent was given to that person, not earned. However, what you do with that gift is what really matters! Just like an athlete who doesn't practice isn't very good, if you don't use the gifts God has given you, you're not really living up to your full potential—what you could do and be!

THANK God for the unique way He has gifted you.

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READ 1 PETER 4:10

Notice anything different about these gifts, rather than a gift you might get for your birthday? Instead of being gifts you're given for your own pleasure, these are gifts from God that He wants you to share with others. If God has gifted you to teach, to write, to sing, to encourage others, to lead ... all of those gifts are not meant to be kept to yourself. The reason God gives us gifts like these is to serve others and show them God's love.

ASK God to help you share with others what He has given you, in a way that will encourage them and show them who He is!

Search the puzzle below for the gifts that God might give.

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 Z H C O P V S I Q Q R M E M M
 H H J K D L B X B R Q C P T E
 P I H S R E D A E L I W O Z M
 O Z I Y A J G A N V S I J B R
 H E L P I N G D R K S S W W I
 U G E K A R T E E L V D U E G
 A O F F H Z S N R L Z O U N N
 S B K T F B A H P F W M B T I
 G O N S M O B Q F B T O F S H
 H I F S V F U B U T D L N S C
 E S V O H W Q X X G B H X K A
 Y I U I Y I Q R B D C U I M E
 S G L B N U C Z L Q M J D L T
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READ ROMANS 11:36

Sometimes we might feel like we're bragging or being full of ourselves if we try to use our gift. Maybe your gift is leading, but you don't want to seem bossy when you volunteer to be team captain. Or maybe you are a great actor, but you don't know if it will look like you just like the spotlight. The good news is, since all of our gifts come from God, He can help us use them. If we ask Him for help, He will direct us to use our gifts in a way that shines His light to the world—instead of just our own light.

What gift has God given you? _____

How could you use your gift to bring attention and glory to yourself? _____

How could you use your gift to bring attention and glory to God instead? (If you have trouble with this one, ask a parent to help you brainstorm ideas.) _____

LOOK for ways to use your gifts to draw attention to God, not yourself.

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READ 1 TIMOTHY 4:16-17

Sometimes we are tempted to want gifts that bring us attention.

Think of someone who is incredibly talented, but who uses their talent for others. They may not be someone in the spotlight—they might be behind the scenes—but the important thing is that they're choosing to use their gift for God.

Take the time to write this person a short note and let them know that you noticed how they are choosing to use their gifts, and that it has encouraged you to do the same!

KNOW that the best way you can use your gift is to encourage others with it.

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