

Family Sunday School Lesson 4 - Little Old Me?

Introduction:

Have you heard of the word “vocation?” It is often used to refer to a career. But it can mean all the “work” you do to show God’s love to others. It is really just another word for your “call.” No matter where we live or what our career and hobbies are, we can still show people God’s love. You may never preach to anyone, but kind words and actions can speak love loud and clear.



Start the Fun!

When I Grow Up

Have you dreamed about what you would like to do when you grow up? Maybe you have a particular job in mind, or maybe there are things you like to do or problems that you would like to solve. Just for fun, take this career quiz for kids. You will certainly develop new interests and talents as you grow up, but it is fun to consider, even at this age, what you might become.

<https://kids.lovetoknow.com/child-education/career-quiz-kids>

Is this quiz perfectly accurate? You can decide. It said that Mrs. Amanda would probably become a teacher! It also said that Pastor Dave would probably become a farmer!



Read together

1 Peter 4:10-11 Gifts to Serve

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Discuss

Ask: Verse 10 says, "you should use whatever gift you have received..." What kinds of gifts is this talking about?

Discussion points: Gifts are character traits or talents. Some examples of traits include friendliness, persistence, creativity and patience. Think of activities you enjoy at school or outside of school. How could your interest in math or love of reading become a gift to share with others?

Ask: Why is it important we use our gifts to help others?

Discussion points: God gave us our gifts for free, through grace. Remember, this means we are getting something we didn't earn. It is only fair that we use our gifts to serve others because that is what God wants. We don't all have the same gifts. If we don't share them with others, some people might not receive the blessings God wants to give them through us.

Ask: It might be easy to feel overly proud of ourselves when we speak to people or serve people lovingly. What part of these verses remind us to be humble servants?

Discussion points: Verse 11 says that when we speak we are using words God gave us and when we serve we are using strength God gave us. It also says, "so that in all things God may be praised..." This reminds us that God gets the credit for all the good things we do.

Pray

Martin Luther said everyone has the responsibility of being priests, or pastors, to each other. Ask God to help you be a good pastor by loving others through your words and deeds. Thank God for the gifts you were given to help you..

Participate

Paint Like Marc Chagall

Marc Chagall was a famous artist in the 20th century. He was Jewish and created 103 illustrations of the Bible, stained glass for synagogues and many religious paintings. But he also lovingly painted normal life: marriage and family, his hometown, friends. Chagall once remarked that, "Only love interests me, and I am only in contact with things that revolve around love." Although he lived through some very hard times, like World Wars I and II, he continued to be upbeat and to paint cheerful, colorful paintings. Chagall's paintings remind us that we can show people the greatness of God in ordinary life.

Materials:

- Large sheet of white paper
- black sharpie
- colorful markers
- pencils and/or paints

Directions:

Look at and discuss Chagall's art. <https://www.wikiart.org/en/marc-chagall>

Start with a large square piece of paper.

Draw a grassy line at the bottom of 3 sides like this image. This will help you envision each edge as the ground for the rest of the activity.

Start with one side and draw a house or building of some sort.

Turn the page, and draw an animal, person, tree/plant, or item of your choice. Every time you turn the page, the bottom becomes the new ground.

Repeat with all three sides. Draw big and fill the page with people, animals, and buildings. You can distort and manipulate the images like Chagall did as well making half-people/half-animals. with stretched limbs, etc.

Trace all the pencil lines with black sharpie. You can add some patterns and small details in places if you would like as well.

Color all areas of the picture with bold bright colors. Crayon, colored pencil, and watercolor work well for this step. Make sure the whole page is colored including the sky and ground.

There you have it! A Chagall-inspired drawing with magic, whimsy, and color.

Wrap Up

God loves you and has given you a lot of people in your life with special gifts to help you on your path. When people listen to you, teach you, point out something beautiful to you, make you laugh or serve you in any way, this is God doing these things for you.

Take a Moment to Breathe

I Am Called

Find a comfortable seated position and rest your hands in your lap. Close or relax your eyes. Start to bring awareness to your breath. Breathe slowly -- in through your nose and out through your nose. As you breathe in, say to yourself "I am" and as you breathe out, say to yourself "called." Repeat 4 or 5 times, or as long as you would like.

Whether you feel like you know exactly what you are called to do, or not, know that you are called. You are called to be here in this moment, just as you are. You are called to love, and to know that you are loved.