

Girls Only

Know Your Talents

Additional Project Ideas

Bring in some guests. Choose several women in your church to come and talk to your girls about the different career paths they've chosen. Choose a teacher, businesswoman, stay-at-home mom, doctor, lawyer, or other women who have interesting careers. Encourage the women to talk about how God uses them in their careers to minister to those around them. Talk to your girls about the variety of choices they have for their careers and how they can be used by God in those careers.

Interview some experts. Have each girl choose a field she is interested in going into. Have each girl interview an individual or several individuals who is/are already working in that field. Have the girls summarize their findings to the group.

Research it. Have each girl choose a talent they have and let them brainstorm and research some different ways this talent could be used for the Lord (careers, ministry opportunities, witnessing opportunities, etc.). Encourage the girls to interview someone who has chosen to utilize their talent in a career.

Look up to someone. Have the girls choose a believer who they look up to (a pastor, evangelist, worship leader, Sunday school teacher, etc.). Have the girls interview the person about how they discovered their talents, how God has used their talents in the past, and the way they use their talents today.

Get creative. Let the girls think of their own project. Have them use their talent in any way they want that could be an expression of worship, method to witness, or other way to minister.

Utilize your talents. Let your girls use their talents for a special church service, youth service, or your celebration. Let the girls sing, put together a video presentation, do a dramatic presentation, or speak.

Character study. Help the girls choose a Bible character to study. Have the girls focus on how God used their different talents to accomplish His will through them. Have the girls share their findings with the group.

Take the test. Have the girls take a spiritual gifts test. A great test is available online for free - <http://youth.ag.org/discipleship/> - then click on the "Spiritual Gift Testing" link at the top of the page. Have the girls share their giftings with the club.

Resource Ideas

- *What the Heck am I Going to Do with My Life?* By Margaret Feinberg, Tyndale House, 2006.
- *Serving from the Heart for Youth: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service* by Anne Broyles, Yvonne Gentile, & Carol Cartmill, Abingdon Press, 2007.
- *Parenting in the Home Stretch: 12 Ways to Prepare Your Kids for Life on Their Own* by Connie Neumann Baker, 2005.
- *Leadership 101: An Interactive Guide to Help Students Develop Their Leadership Skills* by Denise Van Eck, Zondervan Youth Specialties, 2005.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- What are some of your talents? What if you don't think you have any talents?
- Can you develop talents or are all talents natural? Why does God give gifts to people? What about people who don't use their talents to glorify God?
- What can we learn from Esther? What are some other talents God could use to fulfill His purposes?

Discovery #2

- What are some of your strengths? What are some of your weaknesses?
- How can God use your strengths? What can you do to develop your strengths?
- How can God use your weaknesses? What are some things you can do to improve your areas of weakness?

Discovery #3

- What can you do to develop your talents? What are some ways you are using your talents right now? What are some ways you'd like to use your talents in the future?
- Why is it important to develop an attitude of servanthood?
- Why is prayer important when it comes to developing your talents?

Discovery #4

- What can you do to glorify God with your talents?
- Why does God choose to use people who don't have very good skills in the New Testament? How does God develop those skills in people?
- What are some of your spiritual gifts? How can you use those in the church? What are some of your motivational gifts? How can you use those?

Discovery #5

- Is it possible to waste your talents? What can you do to prevent yourself from wasting your talents?
- What are some ways to use your talents to glorify God?
- What can we learn from Esther about using our gifts to glorify God? What would have happened if Esther hadn't allowed God to use her gifts?

Discovery #6

- How should you treat people who have different talents from yours?
- Why did God give different talents to different people? How can we learn to work together?
- How can you help people who are weak in some areas? How can you get help from other people who are strong in the areas you're weak?