



The penknife

AT A GLANCE



Bible

1 Peter 4:10



Topic

Everyone has gifts from God



Takeaway

Using my abilities to help others



5 minutes



Object: a penknife with several tools (pass it round closed only)



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Everyone has gifts from God". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the penknife and open one tool after another. Ask: What do you need all of these for?

2 min

Story

Peter writes: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." God has given every person abilities – nobody has all of them, but everyone has some.

1 min

Thought

A penknife is useful because it has lots of different tools. Our group is like that too: one person is good at making fires, another at comforting people, someone else makes everybody laugh. God made us like this so that we can help each other. And just as with a knife: gifts are used carefully and for good.

1 min

Question for all

What are you good at – and how can you use it to help someone today?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear God, thank you for everything you have given me and for what I am good at. Help me to use my gifts so that others are well. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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