OPENING PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank You for all the blessing in our life. Help us as we go through life to remember the love and care that You put into creating us. Help us to remember that we are not an accident, but You made us exactly the way You wanted us to be. In Your name, Amen.

TEACHING

Watch Lesson 4: David.

Themes: Talents, Service, and Identity.



SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:1-12, 32-51. ILSB pp. 461-4641

QUESTION TIME **Explain a situation where you envied someone's talents and abilities.**

What did you do when you felt that way?

What are some of the unique ways that God has gifted you?

How can you use those gifts to honor God?

Read <u>Isaiah 64:8</u>. **ILSB p. 11951**

What does the Bible mean when it describes us as clay and God as the Potter?

Have you ever tried making something from clay?

Were you pleased with the finished product?

Read Ephesians 2:10. ILSB p. 20191

What does this text mean when it says, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works"?

How has God gifted you to serve others in His name?

Your identity in Baptism shapes who you are and how you are called to serve God.

Read a brief excerpt from the Large Catechism (LC), "Baptism and the Christian Life" by Gene Edward Veith Jr.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. ILSB pp. 1966-19671

Why is it important that not everybody have the same talents and abilities?

How has God gifted you to server others in His church?

CLOSING PRAYER Dear God, Thank You for the gifts and abilities that You have given me. Help me to be thankful for those gifts You have blessed me with and not worry about whether or not I am as talented as somebody else. Teach me who You want me to be and how I can serve You with my time, talents, and treasures. In Jesus' name, Amen.



LESSON 04 - DAVID