



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 5: Church**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### **Theme Verse**

*“Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10).*

##### **Objective**

God calls church leaders to train believers to do God’s work.

##### **Teach**

Each of us has gifts and talents we can use to serve the church. Some of us are compassionate encouragers, while others are strong leaders. Some are gifted to show great hospitality, while others are skilled at teaching. Talents such as music, art, and playing sports can all be used to support the work of the church and to share God’s love with others. While each of us is called to use our gifts to contribute to the Mission of the church, some people that have a special calling from God to lead the ministry of the church and to equip believers to live as godly examples to others.

The pastor and other church leaders are specifically trained to teach and interpret the Bible, to encourage and counsel others, and to lead the church as an organization. As church members, we can trust the leaders of the church are always seeking God’s will through prayer, as they make decisions about the church. We can trust that they are studying the Bible daily, so they can teach and lead us according to God’s Word. We can go to them any time we have a question about the Bible or need advice about a personal situation. We should thank God for calling men and women to serve in these special roles of leadership within the church, and we should pray for them as they follow God’s instructions. We are able to reach more people with the Gospel because of their faithful service to the Lord through the church.

## Discussion Questions

1. What gifts and talents do you have? How can God use those gifts and talents in the church? (Answers may vary.)
2. Why should we not be envious of the gifts and talents that others have? (Answers may vary.)
3. How can we encourage our church leaders as they do the Lord's work? (Praying for them, thanking them, offering to do acts of service for them, etc.)

## Play

Talk about your favorite sport and the different positions on the team. Discuss why the team needs different players with different skills. Compare this to how the church needs all its members, with their various gifts and talents, in order to make a difference in our community and world.

## Sing

["We Are the Church"](#)

## Live it Out

Think of a church leader who has positively impacted your life. What specific gifts and skills does he or she have that have encouraged you? Take a few minutes to thank God for placing this servant of His in your life. Maybe even consider writing him or her a thank you letter!

## Closing Prayer

Dear Father, thank You for creating the Church to serve You and serve others for Your Kingdom. We ask for You to open our eyes to see the gifts You have given each of us and help us use them for Your glory! Amen.