



Theme: Gifts & Talents

Book: Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?

Craft ideas:

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Just as your talents will develop as you get older see how the picture develops in this paper towel craft.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX19xFfaRo8>

? I wonder what will happen when you put the paper towel in the water.

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

Romans 12:6

'...We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us.'

1 Corinthians 12:4

"There are different kinds of gifts." The Bible tells us these gifts are given, so that we can serve God and our communities in many ways.

• SNACK TIME

Fox's sports biscuits

• SONGS

Use musical instruments

Hokey Cokey

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube
https://youtu.be/4UNRduYI_04

Theme Introduction:

Each child has a unique character, strengths and abilities that allow them to express their individuality in a social environment. It is what makes them special to us and to God. Parents begin to notice differences in their children when they are quite young. The Bible says that God created everyone and that we are all unique. It is important for children to know that they were made unique and that they don't have to be the same as everyone else.

Albert Einstein said "...if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." This is really important for our families to know especially as children begin to go to school.

Theme exploration:

As you know, giraffes have rather long legs, which can be a bit difficult to control! Gerald was teased for being clumsy and not being able to dance like the other animals. At the jungle parties Gerald would slink away feeling really sad; that is until he has a chat with a friendly cricket.

It says in the Bible that God made us all unique and that we all have different gifts and talents. These gifts and talents are things that we should share with others. Our talents and gifts can help someone else; they may make them smile, make them feel better or help them to understand something.

Free play suggestion:

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- Have some clothes or accessories children can use to dress up in.

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- Have some music playing quietly in the corner of your room with a space for children to dance in.



I wonder what you would like to be when you are older.
I wonder what you like about that hat, bag etc.
I wonder what you are good at.
I wonder what you would do better.



Prayer time

Dear God, thank you that you love variety. You made us all different and gave us different talents and creative abilities. Help us to appreciate our different gifts and talents. Amen.

Faith in action:

Discuss with someone what you think your talents are, what they think they are? How can you make someone smile?