

# Early Signs of God's Design



**A Spiritual Gift Assessment:  
Nurturing Children's Gifts As They Emerge**

# **"That's My Story"**

## Spiritual Gift Scenarios

### **"That's My Story" #1**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Administration)

My name is Timmy and I love to plan and organize things!

After worship, I wait around until the church is empty so I can go through all the pew racks. I love to put all the pencils, cards, Bibles and hymn books back in their places. I also like to write down all the things they out of so I can ask the church secretary to get me more supplies. One day, some kids asked me what I was doing and when I showed them they asked me if they could join in, too. So, I set up a schedule and now we all take turns.

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #2**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Creative Expressions - Artistry)

My name is Sara and I love to or draw and do crafty things."

A while ago, some people decided to decorate the walls at church. They drew some really big Bible characters and other people mixed up the paint. Painting is one of my all time favorite things to do. I have water color paints at home and sometimes I even dip my markers in a little bit of water to get a special effect. I like to help my Grandpa make wooden things, too. I guess I just like to be around people who are doing crafty things. And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #2b**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Writing/Creative Expressions - Writing)

My name is Kayla and I love to write poems, prayers and stories!

On day I decided to write a book. I asked for a few pieces of paper and folded them in half. Then, I drew pictures and wrote a couple things on each page. When I was done, I gave it to my Dad to make copies to share with other people. I made a pictures of Jesus' in the stable on one page and Jesus growing up and his important supper with his friends and the cross and the tomb where he came back to life again and the day he went into heaven and then, I made a big heart on the back page so everyone would know that Jesus loves them. I just want people to know what I know. And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #2C**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Creative Expression – Music)

My name is Missy and I love to dance, sing and play an instruments

I love to make up songs and practice singing them. One day, my Dad walked passed my room and he stopped to listen to me. He asked where I'd learned the song 'cuz he'd never heard it before. I told him it was just one of the Jesus songs I wrote. He looked kind of surprised, so I told him about how much I like to write songs. Whenever I see things God is doing or hear a Bible verse, I just start thinking about it and before long, a song comes along. He asked me to teach him some so he could sing along. And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #2d**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Creative Faith Expression - Drama)

My name is Scott and I love to act out stories.

Sometimes I just dress up and imagine I'm someone - anyone! Other times I get my friends to act out our favorite movies or TV shows. At Sunday school, we do little plays and Bible stories to help us remember what we learned. Christmas programs are cool, but I wish we could do stuff like that everyday!

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #3**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Encouragement)

My name is Jasper and I love to encourage people who are having a hard time!"

One day, everyone else was going in to church, but Ms. Millie. She was just sitting on the bottom church step. I asked her what she was doing and she said that was as far as she thought she could go today.

Ms. Millie wasn't just the oldest person in our church, but she was the oldest person in our town. She said she was just getting too old to do all the things she used to do. And, as she started to tell me all the things she used to do, tears started running down her face. "Its ok, Ms. Millie," I'll help you! We all need a little help, sometimes."

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #4**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Evangelism)

My name is Elsa and I love to tell people about Jesus and invite them to know Him, too.

Whenever we go grocery shopping, I love to ride on the front of the cart, facing my Mom, so we can talk!

One day I told her about my teacher being a Christian. "She is? How do you know?!" she said. I told that I asked her.

"You did?" I think she was surprised! "Yup! I ask everyone, I know!"

"You do?!" She actually stopped the cart when she heard that! "Yup!" I want to know who I'm working with!" "Really?"

"Yup, 'cuz then I know how much more I need to tell them about how much God loves them."

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #5**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Faith)

My name is Nonee and I love to follow Jesus and look for things that God is doing in my life.

We used to live in the county. It was about 15 miles to anywhere and so, my sisters and I tried to find ways to pass the time. One day, I came up with something that turned out to be a pretty big hit!

I had just learned a quick little prayer song in Sunday School - My teacher called them, "Instant prayers!

It's really just a matter of singing "Oh God, Thank you! Amen." Anyway, I just started noticing things that

God had done - like making the sunset - and I sang that little prayer song. Someone asked me what I was doing and before long we were all taking turns shouting out things that God had made or done for us and then we'd sing "Oh God, thank you! Amen," after each one. Now, no matter where I am or what I'm doing, I look for God's fingerprint in it!

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #6**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Giving)

My name is Henry and I love to share what God has given me!

One day I brought my offering envelope to Sunday School. While my teacher was passing around the two halves of the globe she used for offering plates, she told us that the money we give helps people all over the world to know God's love. I looked around and I wondered how the little bit of money we gave could ever make a difference. Then, just like that, I had an idea! I asked my Mom and my teacher if we could have a toy sale so we could sell the toys and stuffed animals we didn't lay with anymore - Then we'd have more money to put to give people in the world. And, you know what?!! That's just what we did! And, then, we put tags that said, " God loves you and we do too" on all the leftover stuffed animals and we gave them to kids in the hospital and places like that.

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #7**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Hospitality)

My name is Bonzell and I love to welcome everyone!

One Sunday, I was hanging around the church entryway while two men -I think they call them greeters- were talking. They were trying to figure out where Fred was because he was supposed to be helping them. They said they didn't know what they were going to do without someone to stand at that one door over there to say "hi" and handout bulletins.

"Hey Mister, How about me?" I said. "I love to say 'hi' to people, just ask my Mom! I do it all the time, wherever I go! I love making people feel special!"

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #8**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Intercessory Prayer)

My name is Marya and I love to pray for people and their needs.

I talk to God about all kinds of things. Sometimes I fold my hands and close his eyes when we say prayers at mealtime or bedtime. But, most of the time, I just talk to God out loud or in my head anytime!

When I was two years old, my Mom told me to put my jammies on and brush my teeth because it was almost time to pray. I thought about what she said and then I just started to pray, "Lord, do I really have to have my jammies on before I talk to you?" And, ever since, I've been praying whenever I felt like it!

Whenever someone talks about something really happy or sad or someone's sick, I just start talking to God about it.

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #9**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Leadership)

My name is Albert and I love to take the lead."

When I was younger, I couldn't wait until it was my turn to do something! I just love to make sure things get done. I'll try anything - except sing, 'cuz that's just not my thing! And, I love getting other people in on it - 'cuz I can see good things in everyone. A lot of times adults think we're too young to do stuff, but I love showing them that there's a lot of stuff we can do! One day, I even asked if I could go to a meeting about Sunday School - afterall who knows more about kids than someone who is one!

And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #10**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Mercy)

My name is Serina and I love to take care of people in need.

One day my family went into the city to go the aquarium. We had to walk through this really huge park and I saw a man with lots of brown shopping bags sleeping on a park bench. I told my Mom that he must be tired because of all the shopping he'd done, but she said that he probably doesn't do that much shopping at all. In fact, she said that his bags were probably full of everything he owned because he probably didn't have a home to put it in. I told my Mom that we should try to help him, but she said we should leave that job for someone else to do since we were already going to the aquarium. We walked past him, but I couldn't stop thinking about him. When we stopped for lunch, I wondered about getting him a hotdog and later we bought sweatshirts and I wondered about getting one for him. The next Sunday, I heard the pastor say that the church was collecting blankets for people without homes. That's when I tugged my Mom's sleeve and said "I think it's our turn to do this job today." And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" #11**

(Spiritual Gift to Share: Service)

My name is Reynold and I love to help people do things!

One day, I left church a little early with my Dad. He was supposed to get the treats ready for coffee time, but he wasn't sure where everything was since my Mom and I are usually the ones that get it ready. He kept looking around for everything and I tried to tell him where to find it, but he was just too busy to listen to me. He'd say, "Where on earth do they keep those napkins?" and I'd say, "I'll tell you, Dad" but he'd just move right on to say, "What on earth do they expect me to put those donuts on?"

"Hello, down here!" I'd say. Then, wonder of wonder, miracle of miracles, he dropped the paper cups all over the floor and said "I sure wish I had some help today!" That was my time to shine!

"I'm a helper, Dad! Just ask me!" I shouted.

"You are?" Well then, let's get busy!" he said as he gave me a high five! And, that's my story!

### **"That's My Story" 12**

(Spiritual Gifts to Share: Teaching)

My name is Britta and I love to teach!

Whenever I get a chance to play, I like to set up my stuffed animals in front of me. I thank them for coming and then I ask them if they'd like to hear a Bible story or a regular story. Then, I read lots of books to them and I ask them questions about the story and what it means to them. I always hold up the book so everyone can see all the pictures! "I love to show people how to do things and help them learn new things. And, that's my story!"