

Transforming Lives; Transforming Communities

Year of the Child 2009

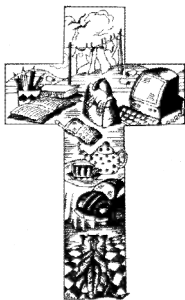
Celebrate

Review

Challenge



What you said about
"Gifts"



Children on "Gifts"

The best present you ever received?

A Doll's House

A Dog

A Tortoise called fluffy

A Necklace

My family

Love

Life

Diamond Earrings

What gift would you have given Jesus if you were in the stable that first Christmas?

Nappies

Comfort cross

Romper Suit

Prayer

My love

Love

Cot

Teddy Bear

Crown

Pillow

Myrrh

Hope



What gifts of talents has God given you?

Skipping

Sewing

Talking

Confidence

Stamina

Acting

Running

Singing

Sense of humour

Lying on my back and kicking in the air!

What makes you, you?



Being so pretty

I share things with others

I'm always hungry

My name

Genetics

The way I look

Reviewing "Gifts"

In what way are you a gift:

To other people:

I am helpful
I am loving
I am optimistic
I am caring
I am good at listening
I give love to my family
I am friendly



To communities you are part of:

I help people by carrying their shopping
Helping when someone falls over
I pick up litter
I turn the other cheek
Turn lights of to save energy
I'm on the school council
Helping

To the Church:

By being a new member
By playing music
By sitting quietly
Nothing
By reading
By praying
Giving money



Challenging the Church

Are there more ways you could use your gifts or talents in Church?

I could play my guitar

I could dance

Play instruments

Be happy

Pray

Explaining

Help serve teas and coffee



What would you like to tell other people about God's gifts

There are lots of wonderful things

God's made me cuddly

He is brilliant

Use the gifts that God has given you

The feedback from this topic show the energy and enthusiasm of the children and young people!

They rejoice in the gifts they have been given and show a natural generosity to use and to share the gifts they have. The results showed children who were looking to the needs of others while using and celebrating their own gifts.

The gifts they use in church already ranged widely, from nothing, or sitting still, through to taking part in the services and giving money. The desire to do more was clear and loud, perhaps the opportunity should be taken up!

And how would the adults react if asked the same questions. What gifts do they have, what more would they like to do?