

Activity 1 - Superlatives

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Who at your table is the oldest?

Who at your table is the youngest?

Who at your table has the best smile?

Who at your table is the funniest?

Who at your table knows the most about the Bible?

Who at your table loves coming to church the most?

Who at your table is the first to notice someone in need?

Who at your table has the biggest heart?

Who at your table is the bravest?

Who at your table is the loudest?

Who at your table is the most creative?

Who at your table is the most joyful?

Who at your table is the most energetic?

Who at your table is the most responsible?

Who at your table gives the best hugs?

Who at your table is the most encouraging?

Who at your table is the biggest protector?

Who at your table is the most athletic?

Who at your table is the most detail-oriented?

Devotion

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God made each and every one of us unique, and part of that uniqueness is our character traits and our skills. Some of us are athletic. Some of us easily get good grades. Some of us can cook really well. I could go on and on listing the wide range of skills that God has equipped us with: singing, dancing, driving, running, reading, and on and on. When God created us, he didn't say that one specific skill was more important than another. Instead, he gave people a wide range of skills, and when we bring the things we're good at, all of a sudden, we can do things as a group that we couldn't do alone.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Matthew 10:29-31 says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

When you struggle to see yourself as special, or when your unique characteristics make you feel like an outcast, remember that God created you with a purpose. In fact, Jeremiah 29:11 says,

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

You have never been and never will be an accident. You are here right now because God made the active choice to create you.

Parents, guardians, and mentors: Please close out this activity by going around the table one at a time and having each adult call out their favorite character trait for each child and teen at the table. If children and teenagers want to participate, let them, but don't force them. Then close in prayer thanking God for his endless creativity and His love for us.