



Special Gifts

Each of you children has special gifts and talents. Maybe you have the gift of encouragement and cheering others up, and you know just what to say to make someone feel better. Or maybe you have a gift of caring for babies and understanding their needs. Or maybe you have a gift of organizing things, or you have a vivid imagination and can picture things a lot more clearly than some other people can. Some of you have skills in the area of performing, or communicating, or creativity, or excelling in a certain subject in school.

I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS!
I'M PRAYING FOR YOU.



THANKS!

THERE! THAT LOOKS BETTER!



LET'S SEE. ...
THE SQUARE ROOT
OF PI IS...



HMMM, I THINK SHE NEEDS A NAPPY CHANGE.



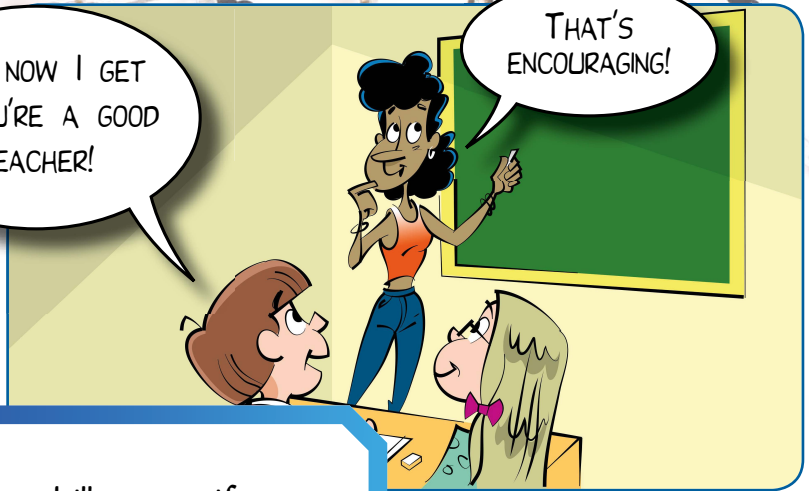
I CAN SEE IT!





I'M IMPRESSED!
YOUR ART HAS IMPROVED
SO MUCH I'D LIKE YOUR
HELP IN PREPARING THIS
BROCHURE.

AH, NOW I GET
IT! YOU'RE A GOOD
TEACHER!



THAT'S
ENCOURAGING!

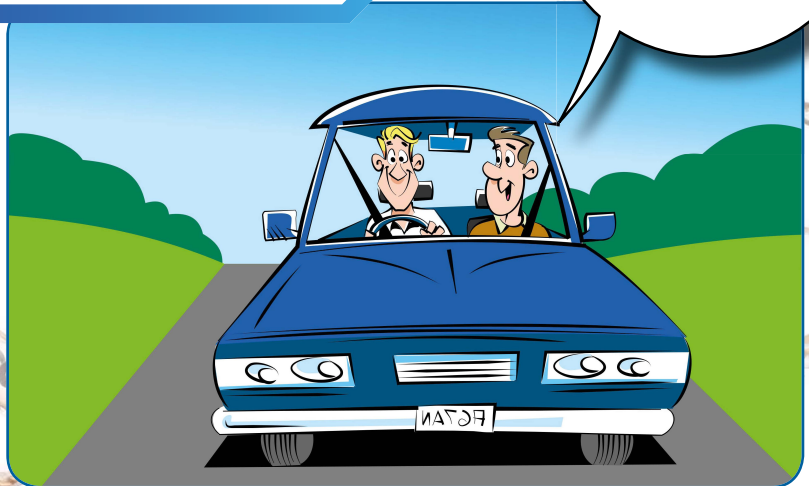
You have more than one special gift or skill, even if you might not have discovered all of them yet. Sometimes you won't notice that you have a gift for something until you're older. Sometimes you don't notice it until you're in a situation where that's just what's needed, and you realize you have a gift or inclination in that area.

SO FAR WHAT'S IN
THE CART COMES TO
NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS
AND FIFTY-FOUR
CENTS.



YOU ADDED
THAT UP IN
YOUR HEAD?
IMPRESSIVE!

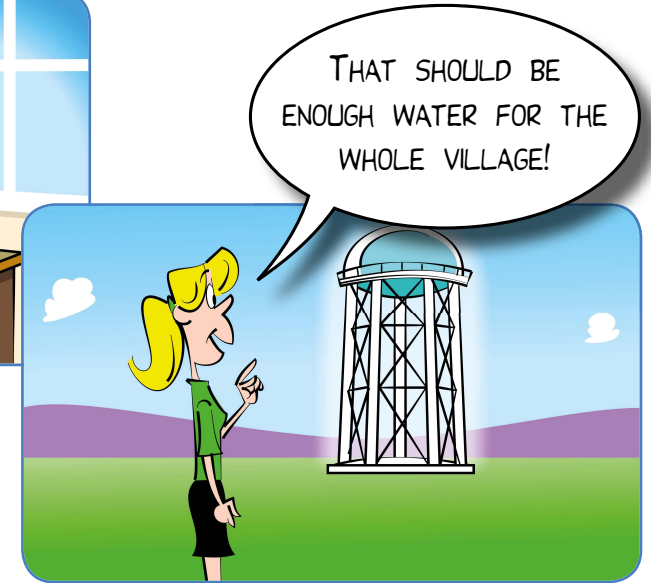
YOU'RE GETTING
THE HANG OF
THIS. YOU'LL BE A
GREAT DRIVER.



Build on your gifts, use them, be thankful for them, and don't be shy about them. If you're willing to use your strengths and skills—even if you feel you're not perfect in a certain area and you're just learning—you'll give yourself a chance to grow and to become very good at something. Even if your gift doesn't seem very useful now—maybe you have a gift for building paper models or for guessing quantities, for example—you might be surprised how you wind up using that skill or talent in the future.



LET'S SEE, IF I
TRIPLE THE RECIPE,
I'LL NEED ANOTHER
LITER OF WATER.



THAT SHOULD BE
ENOUGH WATER FOR THE
WHOLE VILLAGE!

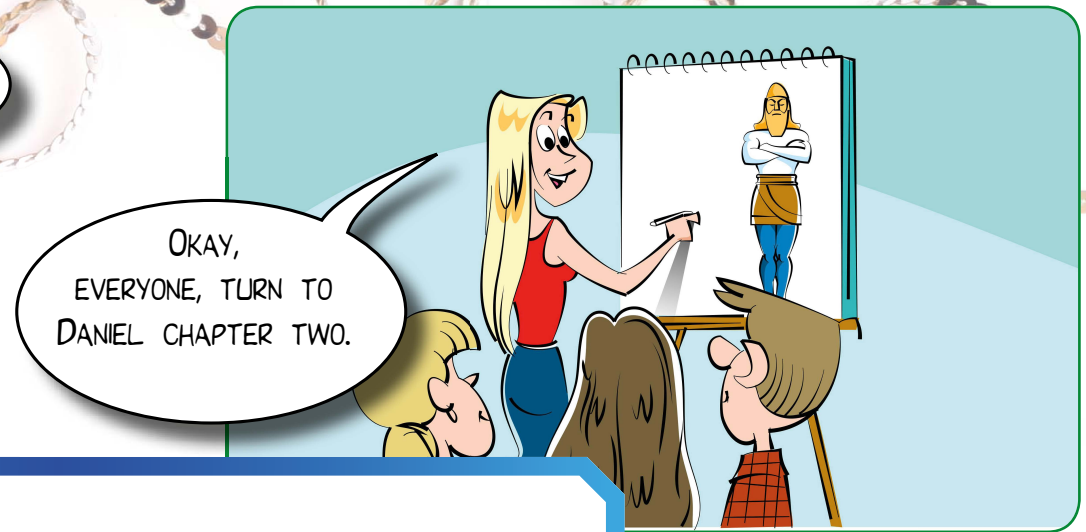


YOU MADE ALL
THIS?

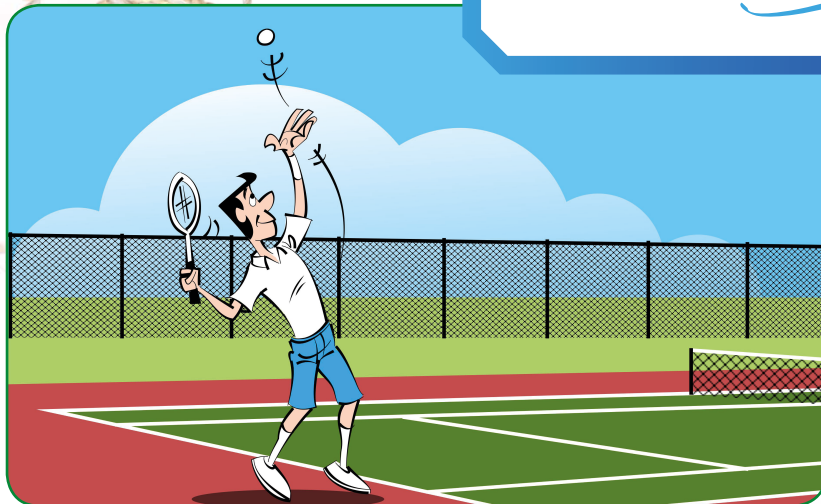
YEAH! IT'S
LOTS OF FUN!



I THINK WE SHOULD
BUILD THE SCHOOL
OVER THERE!



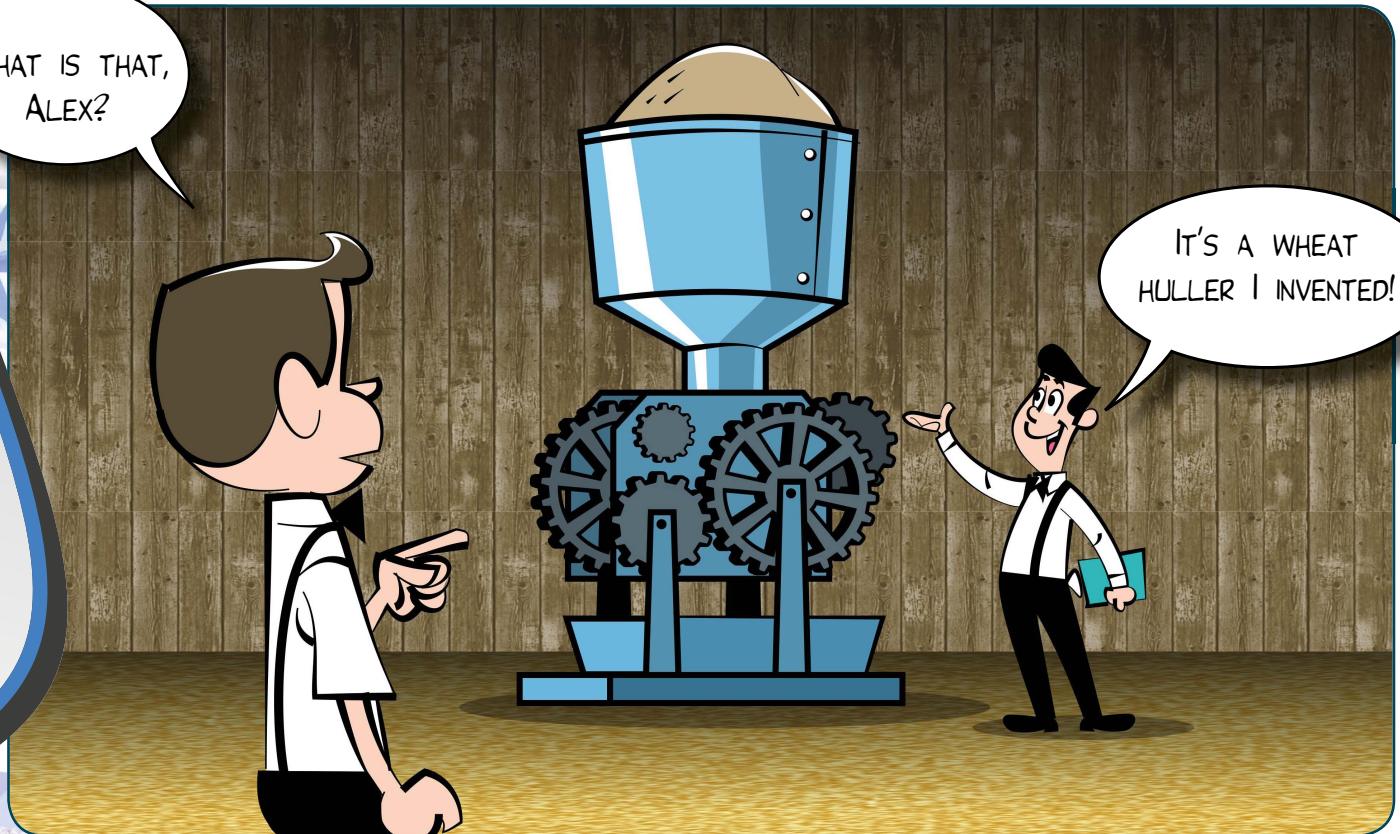
When you are gifted or talented in some area, give that skill time to develop and use it whenever you can. You'll get better at it, and you never know how it will prepare you for things you want to do or things Jesus may call you to do in the future.



Just think!

Can you think of a person from history who was very talented in a certain field, but who probably had to start learning and developing his or her talent early in life in order to fulfill the Lord's plan for his or her future?

WHAT IS THAT, ALEX?

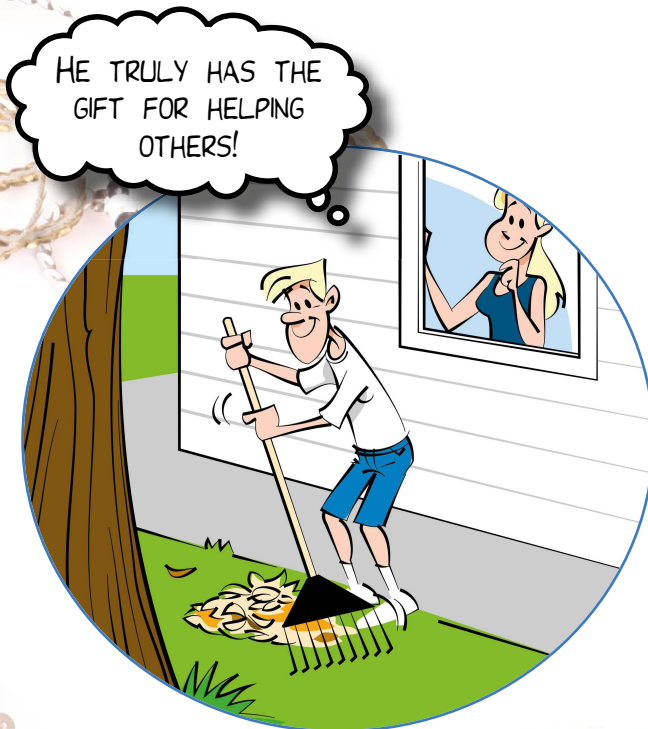


IT'S A WHEAT HULLER I INVENTED!

The great men and women from history probably didn't know of the plan that God had for their future when they were children, but because they were faithful to develop the gifts God gave them, we hear their stories today as a result.

Think of the talents that God has given you: They may not appear to be extraordinary at the moment, but God has a plan, and if you are faithful to develop what He has given you, He will give you more!

(See Matthew 25:14–29 for the story of the faithful steward.)



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