



# Diocese of Arlington

## 2007-8 Vocation Lesson Plan One

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### Vocation Lesson Objective:

Students will identify gifts and talents in others and in themselves.

Students will apply their gifts and talents to be followers of Jesus by generating a plan that uses their gifts and talents as tools of service to others.

### Materials:

Holy cards of saints or pictures of famous people  
Copies of Gift Worksheet

### Procedure:

1. This lesson may be introduced by presenting students with pictures of saints or famous people with whom they might be familiar. Ask them to name talents and gifts which they see and respect in others. As students name gifts and talents, list them on the board.
2. After a considerable list has been made, ask the students to take a few moments to consider which talents they see in themselves.
3. Ask the students to complete the first three boxes in the Gift Worksheet. (“Some of my gifts are...,” “The gift I like best is...,” “One gift I want to develop is...”)
4. After the worksheet has been completed, discuss the following concepts with the students:
  - We are all uniquely different from each other. God has given us different gifts and talents. Many of us may have the same talents, but because of other talents and the combination of these, we are different.
  - Through our Baptism, we are given the gift of being a child of God and called to be a disciple of Jesus. Each of us is also called to follow Him in a special way through our personal vocation. Our gifts and talents will be used by the Lord as we live out that vocation. By using our talents we come to know and love Jesus more and more and we also make the world we live in a better place.
5. Ask the students to reflect on the Gift Worksheet and on what has been presented. Invite them to consider how God might use each gift they listed in the possible vocation He may call them to. Add these to Box 4 of the Gift Worksheet.