



## THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: *Family Ties in the church*

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Key Verse: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

### Questions to go deeper:

- Again this week we are considering a letter written by the Apostle Paul to one of the churches he founded. This ancient church was really struggling with lots of problems. For example, the people in the church were arguing over when to eat the Lord's Supper and what to eat at it and who could participate. They were also arguing about who should make decisions for the group, and who was the most valuable to the group. This text is part of Paul's answer. Read through it carefully, and referring to the Key Verse above, write a one sentence summary of the point Paul is trying to make.
- What do you understand the "common good" to mean? What are some examples of things in our church that we do for the common good? In our community?
- Which gifts of the Spirit do you see in people in our church? Who has them?

### Activity possibilities:

- Color the coloring page on the reverse side.
- Make a poster listing Paul's gifts of the Spirit. Decorate it and then hang up someplace in your house or your room.
- Pick one of the gifts of the Spirit – like wisdom or healing or another one – and create a cartoon strip showing how someone would use that gift for the common good.



Here's a link to a You-tube video where an enthusiastic pastor is talking about spiritual gifts:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEOpGng\\_b5M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEOpGng_b5M)

He raises some excellent points but I also find parts of his presentation problematic. Thinking about how we understand God and the common good in our church, what do you think my issues with this video might be? Come talk with me about this!

Remember, Rev. Ruth (me) is always happy to answer your questions and help you find more information on anything in the Bible or the church that interests you! Catch up with her through the church or come to the Savoy Bookstore and Café any Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm.