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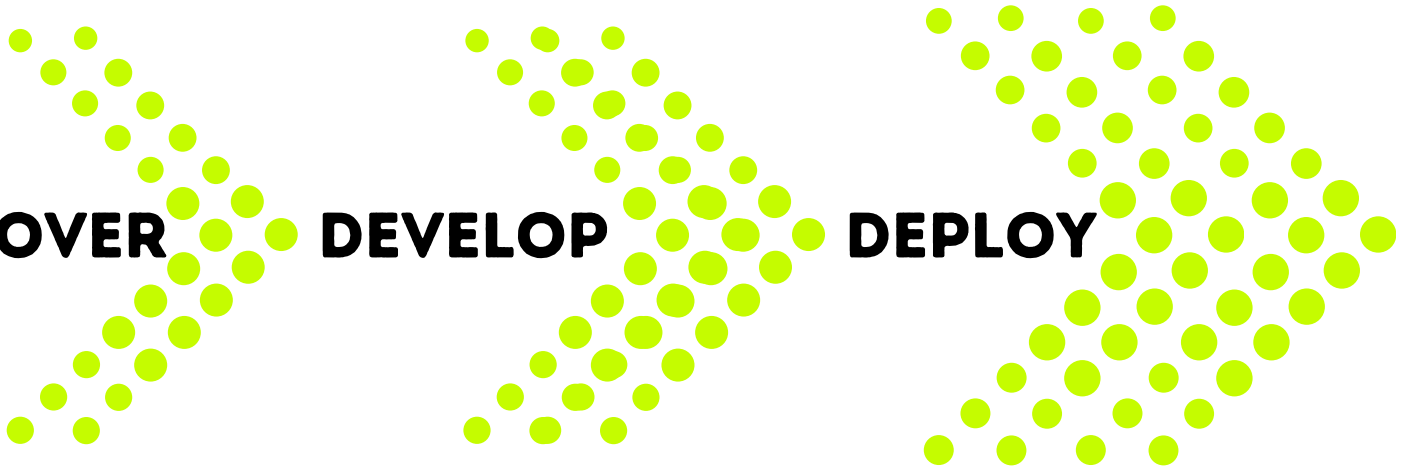
FINE ARTS

devotional

DISCOVER

DEVELOP

DEPLOY



DEFINE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

DISCOVER

Fine Arts is a Discipleship tool for Students to try new categories and **DISCOVER** the gifts and talents that have been given to them by God. It is also an opportunity for students to **DISCOVER** God as they create and draw closer to God.

DEVELOP

Through practice, refining a skill and feedback, students can **DEVELOP** their gifts and talents to become prepared to use them for God and with God. It is most important to **DEVELOP** a relationship with God by seeking and following His lead.

DEPLOY

In discovering and developing their gifts and talents, the goal is for students to **DEPLOY** them in their schools, churches and communities. In discovering and developing a relationship with God, students come to learn that they do not **DEPLOY** on their own. That they have God to help them as they minister to others.

As students DISCOVER, DEVELOP and DEPLOY, it is all to bring God glory in every step of the way!



What is in each devotional?

Discover

An explanation or break down in the discovery of scripture and how it relates to a student's life while participating in Fine Arts. The purpose of these devotionals is to define and create a culture that becomes rooted in the lives of our students participating in Fine Arts to glorify God and become ministers of the Gospel.

Develop

These are activities and/or discussion questions to develop students to walk with God personally and with endurance.

Individual

↳ Activities or questions to be done individually by yourself only.

Group

↳ Activities or questions to be done as a group only.

Individual or Group

↳ Activities or questions to be done individually by yourself or with a group.

Deploy

This is a time of prayer and seeking God. We can not deploy in our ministry without first having a relationship with God. It is with God's help that you will Deploy and bring glory to His name!

DISCOVER

DEVELOP

DEPLOY



Seek the Giver Not the Gift

Discover

If you were told to go to Alaska right now without seeking any directions, it would likely take you a very long time. Unless, you already live in Alaska of course! Do you think you could make it to Alaska on your own without directions? Would you give up? Seeking directions is a great start to any journey. Directions can be helpful, but only if we put those directions into action and follow them!

We have the choice to seek God, the creator of the universe for direction or not. When we are only seeking our gifts and talents, we are missing out on the blessing of seeking God. God is the giver of our gifts and talents. When we seek God with all of our heart, we gain God's perspective and have His help. As you **DISCOVER** your gifts and talents, there is a much higher reward in **DISCOVERING** God. **SEEK GOD, THE GIVER OF YOUR GIFTS** and not only your gifts. In seeking, you will find God, who is the greatest gift of all!

Develop

Individual or Group

1. How often do you ask/seek God for His direction in your life?
2. What can you seek God's direction for?
3. Why is it important to seek God's direction in your life?
4. Can you trust God's direction?
5. What are some ways you can seek God's direction?
(Examples: Prayer, God's Word, wise counsel)

Deploy

Pray that you will be reminded to seek God and not the gifts of God. Ask God to help you trust Him and His direction for your life because his plan is always best!

DISCOVER





Uncover to Discover

Discover

Detectives uncover crimes and mysteries to find clues, but also to discover the motive behind a crime. Why? Why did this person commit this particular crime? Of course, we are not committing crimes in Fine Arts, but we are committing to using the gifts and talents that God has given to us to glorify God! **UNCOVERING** the **WHY** we are doing Fine Arts is most important as we **DISCOVER** the gifts that God has placed in our care.

There are over 80 Fine Arts categories to choose from and all exist for 1 reason-to worship the Lord in ministering to others! Our talents can be clues to pointing us in the direction of how God wants us to go to serve Him and others. **UNCOVER** your purpose while doing Fine Arts as you **DISCOVER** your gifts and talents.

Develop

Individual or Group

1. According to the verses above, what is the purpose of our gifts and talents?

Individual

2. Go to the next page and circle 3 talents that you feel God has given to you. (Even if you aren't doing them this year.)

Individual or Group

3. Why do you think God gave you these talents or desires?

Deploy

Ask God to point you in the right direction in what categories you choose and the reason why you chose them!

DISCOVER





Uncover to Discover Student Worksheet

ART DIVISION

- Graphic Design
- Photography, Digital
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Photography, Film
- Photography, Mobile
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- T-shirt Design
- Visual Art, Three-Dimensional
- Visual Art, Two Dimensional, Alternative Media
- Visual Art, Two Dimensional, Painting & Drawing
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)

DRAMA DIVISION

- Drama Ensemble, Large
- Drama Ensemble, Small
- Drama Solo
- Dramatized Quoting, Ensemble
- Dramatizing Quoting, Solo
- Human Video Ensemble, Large
- Human Video Ensemble, Small
- Human Video Ensemble, Spanish
- Human Video Solo
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Readers Theater
- Stand-Up Comedy

WRITING DIVISION

- Book Chapter
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Children's Literature
- First Person Essay
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Flash Fiction
- Mini Saga
- Poetry
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)

EXHIBITION DIVISION

- Fiber Arts

VOCAL DIVISION

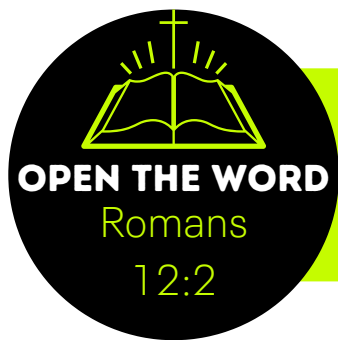
- Choir
- Christian Band
- Rap Group
- Rap Solo
- Songwriting
- Vocal Ensemble, Large
- Vocal Ensemble, Small
- Vocal Ensemble, Spanish
- Vocal Solo, Classical
 - Senior (grades 9-12) only
- Vocal Solo, Female
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Vocal Solo, Male
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Vocal Solo, Spanish Female
- Vocal Solo, Spanish Male
- Worship Leading Solo
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Worship Team, Large
- Worship Team, Small

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION [See PDMN](#)

- Bas
- Brass Solo
- Guitar Solo
- Instrumental Ensemble, Contemporary
- Instrumental Ensemble, Traditional
- Instrumental Solo, Folk
- Percussion Ensemble, Traditional
- Percussion Solo, Traditional
 - Junior (grades 6-8)
 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Percussion, Unconventional
- Piano Solo
- Piano Solo, Classical
- String Solo
- Woodwind Solo

DISCOVER





Confirm, Don't Conform

Discover

Lights! Camera! Action! Most of us love to be entertained. Some of us love to **BE** the entertainment and be the center of attention. Whether you live to be seen or like to be kept behind stage, people see you. Most of all, God sees you!

Just as the entertainment industry holds to a standard, so does the world and our culture. We can find it difficult to live up to other people's expectations and their views of what gives value to a person.

Let's take a look at some definitions.

Confirm: To establish God's truth in our lives and correct beliefs that don't line up with God's truth. **DISCOVER** God's truth!

Conform: To behave according to socially acceptable conventions or standards.

God says to not conform to the standards of the world, but rather be confirmed in who God is and His plan and desires for you. Don't get distracted by this world by conforming to it but rather renew and **CONFIRM** your life in God's Word!

Develop

Individual or Group

1. In what ways can people conform to the world while doing Fine Arts?
2. In what ways can people confirm God's purpose while doing Fine Arts?
3. Why does the way you live your life matter?

Deploy

Surrender your lives to God and ask God to renew your mind with God's truth and do His will for your life.

DISCOVER





*Google It, Find It,
Write It*

Discover

As you **DISCOVER** who God is while you develop your gifts and talents, find some verses that will remind you of why you are doing Fine Arts or help you to renew your mind. Use your phone or device and use Google to its advantage!

FIND IT:

Google, "Verses about _____" and see what comes up. You can do multiple searches!

EXAMPLES:

"Verses about fear," if you struggle with feeling fear.

"Verses about worshiping God," if you want to be mindful in worshiping God with your talent.

WRITE IT:

On the next page, write down the verses that you can hold onto while you are doing Fine Arts!





Find It, Write It *Student Worksheet*

Develop

Individual

1. Write verses here:

2. Write why you chose these verses:

Group

3. If in a group, share one of your verses and why you chose that verse.

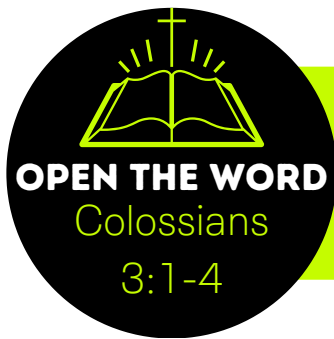
Deploy

Individual

Take a moment and write a prayer here to God. You can use these verses in your prayer! We can read God's Word, but we can also use it in our prayers!

DISCOVER





Hide and Go-d Seek

Discover

Seeking God and not earthly awards and recognition takes movement on our part. It is action steps to setting our hearts and minds on Christ. As we seek God, we find God. **AS WE FIND GOD, WE BECOME HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD.**

When we become hidden in Christ, we are no longer seen, but the glory of Christ is seen in us!

Being hidden in Christ is a safe and trusted place to be. We become alive when our lives become hidden in Christ! As you **DISCOVER** your gifts and talents, how can you seek God, find God and be hidden in God? So hidden, that all that others see in your talent and gift is God Himself!

It is great to **DISCOVER** our gifts and talents, but it is even greater to **DISCOVER** how to seek God by setting our hearts and minds on God as we hide in His goodness and faithfulness.

Develop

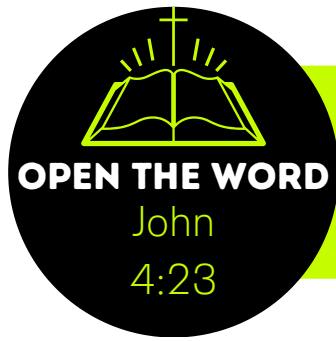
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1. What are some ways you can seek God with your heart and your mind?
2. How often do you seek God?
3. How can seeking God transform your life?
4. Why is it greater to discover God more than discovering your gifts and talents?

Deploy

In your prayer time today, put into practice setting your heart and mind on God. Pause and seek God!





Praise Over Performance

Discover

God isn't looking to the earth for performances. God is looking for praises! God is looking for lives that worship Him in Spirit and in truth. God, Our Father, does not look for a performance. No matter what category you are doing in Fine Arts, you could be #1 in all the nation, but lack God's #1 priority - **TRUE WORSHIP! TRUE PRAISE! PRAISE OVER PERFORMANCE!**

PRAISE COMES OUT OF PRACTICE WITH PRIORITY. Practice is stewarding, **DEVELOPING** and getting better at the gift and talents that God has trusted to us. Priority is keeping God the reason for practicing and giving God authority in your life, gifts and talents.

PERFORMANCE COMES OUT OF PRACTICE WITH PRIDE! Practice is a great tool to improve our skills, but when done to only make ourselves look better and to get people to approve and praise us, it becomes pride.

Develop

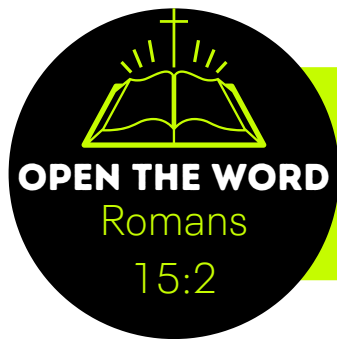
Individual or Group

1. What is the difference between doing Fine Arts as a performance vs. doing Fine Arts as praise?
2. What steps can you take to practice for Fine Arts in a way that praises God rather than performing?

Deploy

Thank God for the gifts and talents that God has given you. Ask God to teach you how to do Fine Arts to praise Him and give Him all your worship.





What are You Building?

Discover

The materials that are used to build a building need to be strong and reliable. We all know what happened to the pigs that built their homes with straw and sticks. The Big Bad Wolf huffed and puffed the houses down. The pig's house made of bricks did not move. It protected the pigs.

What are we building up in others? Our words and attitude can either tear people down or build them up. We can encourage and build others up! **ALWAYS BE BUILDING!**

Compliments can feel great to give and receive, but encouragement reaches a person's heart. Encouragement is life giving by giving support, a boost of confidence in God or a spark of hope in Christ. Compliments show kindness, but encouragement can ignite someone's passion to **DEVELOP** his/her gifts and talents for God.

EXAMPLES:

Compliment-"You did a great job playing the piano"

Encouragement- "I loved seeing you worship God playing the piano. You did great!"

"I felt God's presence." "God spoke to me through your art."

Develop

Individual or Group

1. How can you encourage other students and adults in Fine Arts?

2. Can praying with someone be encouraging? Why or why not?

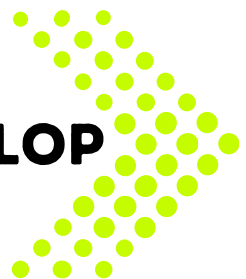
Deploy

Group

Action step! Take a moment and pray for one another right now. **DEVELOP**

Individual

Action step! Next time you see a friend, pray with that friend.





All In - All the Time

Discover

Jesus says that in all we do to be **ALL IN - ALL THE TIME**. God already knows that we won't be perfect, but we should hold God highly in our lives in loving Him and loving others. Love is not a feeling word. Love is a doing word. Love is taking action steps to give God authority in our heart, mind and soul even when we don't feel like it. The Word of God says that those who obey Him, love Him (Read John 14:21).

We can be **ALL IN - ALL THE TIME** while doing Fine Arts. We can seek out opportunities to love God and love others as we **DEVELOP** our gifts and talents. Then when it comes time to present our gifts and talents to others, we will already be in the mindset of loving God and others as a priority! What we **DEVELOP** now, shows up later. How we practice now will determine the outcome later. What you do now is important. Don't miss out on what God is able to do now in your life! Love God and others now and you will see the impact it will make on your life and the lives of others!

Develop

Individual or Group

1. How can you love God while doing Fine Arts?
2. How can you love God when you aren't doing Fine Arts?
3. How can you love others while doing Fine Arts?
4. How can you love others when you aren't doing Fine Arts?

Deploy

Thank God for His love for you! Ask God to show you how you can love God and others even you don't feel like it.





Your Praise is a Sacrifice, Not a Stage

Discover

Everything has a cost. Something may cost us money, time, pride or resources. There are times where the cost is easy and other times it may be very difficult. The things that cost the most, tend to have a higher value to them. Our praise to God has a cost to it. The verse tells us to continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

In discovering, developing and using our gifts and talents for the purpose of worshiping and praising God, it takes sacrifice. It is **DEVELOPING** a lifestyle that is a sacrifice of praise and not a stage to show off.

Fine Arts is a platform or stage to show others your gifts and talents, but how you use that platform or stage is up to you. How you use the platform or stage in your everyday life is a choice that needs to be made daily. Will you live a life for your own glory, plans, dreams, advancement or pride? Or do you choose to live a life and do Fine Arts as a sacrifice of praise for God's glory, plans, advancement and establish His Kingdom?

A performance on a stage or displaying your art is a moment that comes and goes, but our praise to God is eternal. **YOUR SACRIFICE IS WORTH IT ALL!**

Develop

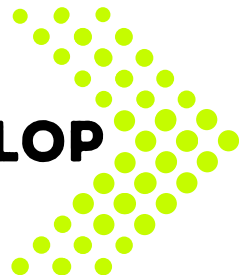
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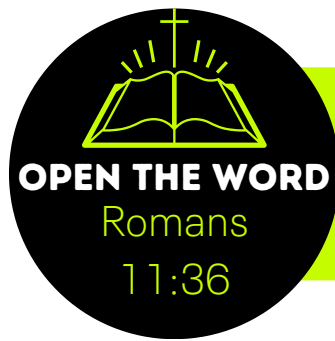
1. How can you develop a lifestyle that is a sacrifice of praise to God?
2. Why is it the best way to live?

Deploy

Thank Jesus for the sacrifice that He made on the cross for you. Tell the Lord your desire to live for Him and praise Him.

DEVELOP





What is Your "Why?"

Discover

Have you ever heard a child ask the question, "Why?" one hundred and fifty three times? Maybe you were that kid? Maybe you are still that kid? Although we don't always get an answer to the question, "Why?" it is a good question. Why is, **"WHY?"** a good question? Because it **DEVELOPS** meaning and substance to what we do.

WHY do you go to church? **WHY** do you pray? **WHY** do you read God's Word? **WHY** do you participate in Fine Arts? We can go through life doing these things, just to do them or we can do them with purpose! What is your purpose? What is your goal?

This verse states that ALL things, including your gifts and talents, are from God, through God and for God. The end of the verse says, "To God be the glory forever! Amen." In other words, to God be the glory in all things including how we use our gifts and talents! Amen.

Develop

Individual

On the next page, write down your, "Why?" for doing Fine Arts. Why are you taking the time to **DISCOVER** and **DEVELOP** your gifts and talents?

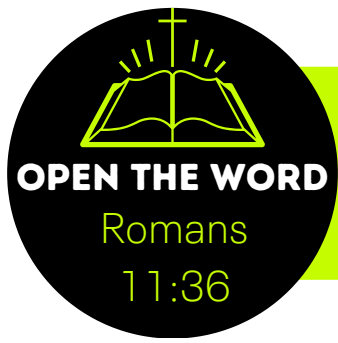
Group

If in a group, share your why.

Deploy

Take a moment and repent if you feel like you have not been doing Fine Arts with the right motives to glorify God. Tell God that you are doing Fine Arts to glorify Him and ask Him to help show you how glorify Him.





What is Your "Why?"

My Why

Write down your why for doing Fine Arts.

What is your purpose?

What is your goal?





Am I Good Enough?

Discover

Are we good enough? The short answer is - no. David in this verse says to the Lord that apart from God, he has nothing that is good. David, on his own, has no good thing. All that is good comes from God. Without God, we have nothing that is good. This shows our need to **DEVELOP** a reliance on God and not doing life on our own.

There are many actors, artists, performers, singers, writers and producers who can do a good job. In fact, they can do a great job! They can be professionals who people look up to and idolize. Their works may seem good to the standards of the world, but the outcomes are not good and can be sinful.

Sin does not come from God. Sin separates us from God and His goodness. Sin may feel good and seem appealing, but the Word of God says that sin leads to death. This is why we need Jesus as our Savior and remain close to Him. On our own, we are not good enough. We need Jesus!

Our gifts and talents are something good **FROM** God, but how and why we use them is what makes them good enough **FOR** God. With God's help and our focus on Him, we are good enough! God loves you and is so proud of you! Keep on developing your gifts and talents for God's good purpose you will see what God will do in your life and through you for God's Kingdom!

Develop

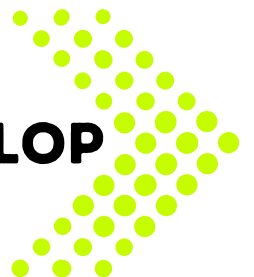
Individual or Group

What are some good things God has given to you?

Deploy

Thank God for all the good things He has given to you.

DEVELOP





What Does Deploy Mean?

Discover

In the handy dandy Dictionary, the word **DEPLOY** means, to move into position to bring effective action.

MOVE INTO POSITION: Move! Go! In the verses you just read, Jesus says **GO!**

EFFECTIVE ACTION: In order to be effective in our activity we first must step out and **GO!** But how can we be effective in our actions? What is the reason we are to go? According to these verses, it is to preach the Gospel to everyone! Your gift and talent can be a ministry!

In discovering and developing, you get the training you need to **GO!** Keep on discovering God in His Word and developing a relationship with God! The more you do, the more you become ready to **DEPLOY** and **GO!**

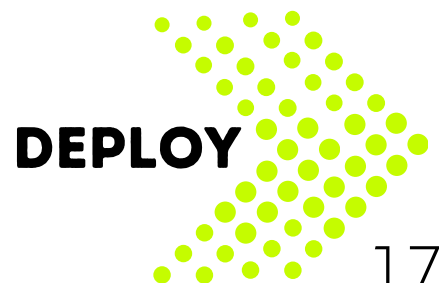
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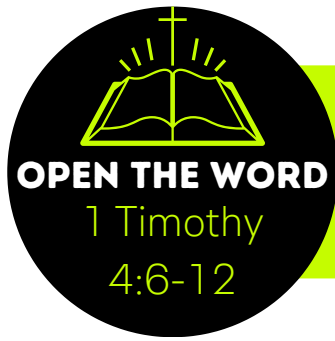
Individual or Group

1. How can you be effective with your gifts and talents to preach the Gospel and point to Jesus?
2. To become effective you will need God's help, guidance and strength. You are not created to **DEPLOY** by yourself! What can you do to remain close with God for Him to be with you as you **GO?!**

Deploy

Take a moment and repent of the ways you have not remained close with God. We all have something in our lives that we need to turn away from and repent for! Thank God for His forgiveness!





You are Youth with Truth

Discover

You are Youth! Do others consider you an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity? You can be! Because you are **YOUTH WITH TRUTH!**

Verse 6 states that you will be good ministers of Christ Jesus by being nourished on the truths of faith and on good teaching. There is a line that divides what is true and what is not true. The Word of God defines what is true for us because God's Word is truth. To be **YOUTH WITH TRUTH**, you must first know the truth. Knowing the truth of God is also living the truth. Live God's truth by being examples of His truth.

To **DEPLOY** your gift by ministering to others, you become a minister for Christ Jesus. We are all called to be ministers of God's truth at every age of our lives. You have a unique calling that only you have! The way that God wants to minister through you is different than how He will minister through others. Don't compare yourself to your peers and measure your gifts and talents to theirs. Look to the one who is the giver of all truth, GOD!

You don't see the full picture of your life, but God does. Trust God and be **YOUTH WITH TRUTH** with God's help in all that you do, say and think. God loves you!

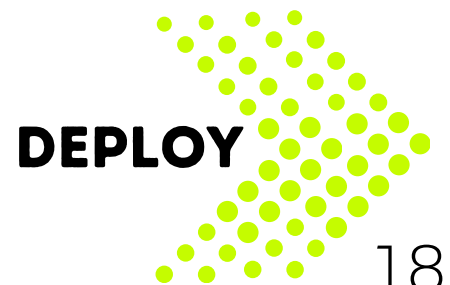
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Individual or Group

1. Do you think you are too young to minister for Christ? Why or why not?
2. How can you become a **YOUTH WITH TRUTH?**

Deploy

Ask God to reveal more of His truth as you seek Him.





The Highest Award Goes to...

Discover

When you get to Heaven, God isn't going to ask you for your Fine Arts score sheets before He allows you to enter the gates. God searches the heart and gives an account for what we have done with what we have been given. Nationals is not the highest award. Having the opportunity to present our gifts and talents for others to see God is the award. The highest award is when God breathes on your gift and talent and someone comes to know Jesus because of your obedience. The highest award is when someone gets a different perspective of who God is because of your art. The highest award is when someone gets a glimpse of God that later brings them to Jesus because you shone God's light through your creativity.

Your creativity comes from God and is for God! You can enjoy your gifts and talents, but ultimately they are to be used to bring joy to God's heart and **DEPLOYED** to bring God honor! **THE HIGHEST AWARD GOES TO GOD!**

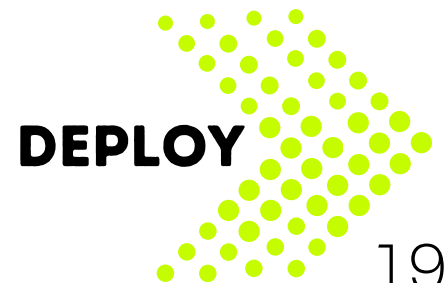
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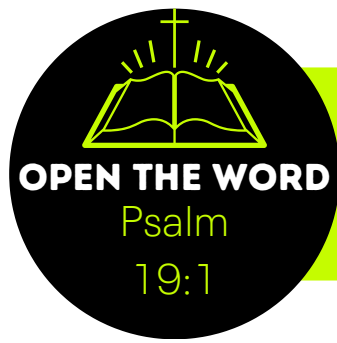
Individual or Group

1. Why does the highest award belong to God?
2. How can you live your life that honors God in your gifts and talents?
3. Why do earthly awards not matter to God?
4. What is most important in life?

Deploy

Tell God why He is the most important person in your life.
Tell him that loving and serving Him is the greatest award!





Stars Were Made to Shine

Discover

Look around and you will see God's creativity. Take a moment and think of how creative nature is. Think of how God created you! God has created so much beauty. Even in the darkness, God's creativity is seen in the stars. The heavens and skies declare the glory of God and proclaim the work of His hands. Stars were made to shine in the night. **YOU ARE CREATED TO SHINE!** Especially in a world that is full of darkness, hurt, brokenness and sin.

Stars don't shine on their own. It is by the work of God's hands and His creativity! You don't shine on your own! It is by God's work and His creativity that you shine! You can try shining on your own with your gifts and talents, but you will shine even brighter when you **DEPLOY** with God's help as you surrender your life to God.

Live your life in a way that God outshines your gifts and talents! So when people see you, they see God's hand at work rather than your own! Then you will truly shine in the darkness and others will see the light of Jesus in your life.

Develop

Individual

On the next 2 pages, come up with some ideas on how you can use your gifts and talents to shine for God. But first! Go to *Deploy* below!

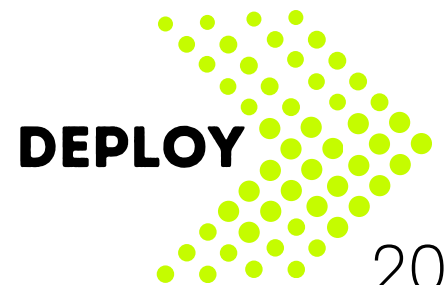
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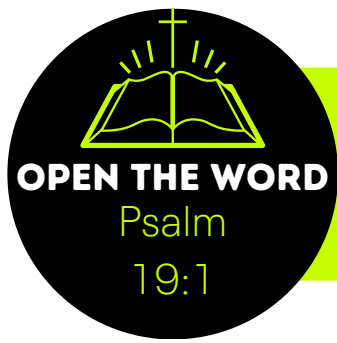
On the next 2 pages, as a group, come up with some ideas on how you can use your gifts and talents to shine for God.

But first! Go to *Deploy* below!

Deploy

Pray and take a moment to listen for God's direction for ideas on how you and/or your group can **DEPLOY** your gifts and talents to shine for God!



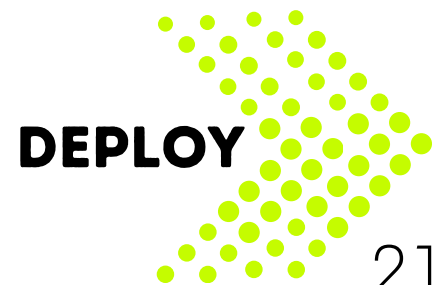


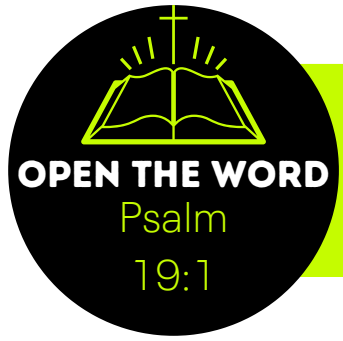
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25 Deploy Ideas

This list is only to spark ideas! You can use these or come up with your own ideas.

1. At after school programs-use your gifts or do a Sidewalk Sunday School
2. Submit short film to local film festival
3. Stage a flash mob and sing at the mall
4. Film a puppet series for kids church
5. Use Worship Dance during Sunday or Youth worship
6. Make presentations during Youth convention
7. Present your gifting at a Youth Alive Club/Bible Club
8. Take photos and gift them to people at church, family and friends
9. Visit a nursing home, homeless shelter or children's hospital and present there
10. Present your gift at a car wash or bake sale fundraiser
11. Ask your drama teacher at school to help you
12. Create a fun face cut out board for people to take pictures with during an event
13. Build a life group around your interest in arts
14. Go Christmas caroling
15. Make your presentation part of a block party for your neighborhood
16. Put your presentation on YouTube or do a tutorial of your gifting
17. Develop a worship team for youth events
18. Do presentations for Children's Church
19. Mentor an elementary student in the arts
20. Submit your writing or photo to a local newspaper
21. Make a sermon podcast
22. Perform during school talent show or sporting event
23. Present at a coffee shop
24. Volunteer to repaint a classroom at a local school
25. Paint kids' faces at an event





*Stars Were
Made to Shine*

Your Ideas



His Name Will Outlast Yours

Discover

1. Count how many times **HIS** is written in this passage of scripture.
2. Who does **HIS** refer to in this scripture?
3. The purpose in presenting your gift and talent is for **HIS** purpose! Your life is for **HIS** purpose. Call on God's name for help! According to this Psalm, you are to make God's name known! Sing to God and for God! Glorify and seek God! Seek God's strength rather than using your own! Seek God's presence to be in your life and for others to see God in you! Remember God and His laws!

We can all feel tempted to live our lives for ourselves and use our gifts and talents to glorify ourselves rather than doing everything to glorify **HIS** name! Always remember that God's eternal and holy name will outlast our names! **DEPLOY** with joy and make God's name famous!

Develop

Individual or Group

1. How can your life give glory to God in your heart, mind and actions?
2. How can you make God's name known rather than your own while doing Fine Arts and in your presentations?

Deploy

Take a moment and praise God in your prayer time. Ask God to make **HIS** name known through you as you surrender your life, gifts and talents to God.

