

ALL-AGES ACTIVITY

INTERGENERATIONAL BINGO

MATERIALS: Intergenerational “Bingo” Card* (You may use the one provided or make your own with squares based on the gifts and knowledge of people in your own congregation.)

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NIV

INSTRUCTIONS

Give each person a bingo card. Have them check off as many squares as possible in a limited time by finding a person who has the knowledge or skill listed in the square. Give a small prize for the person who gets the most squares.

DISCUSSION

In our scripture today the people are angry and divided because they have two leaders, Paul and Apollos. Paul tells them that both he and Apollos are needed because they have different roles. Paul planted, and Apollos watered, and any growth that happens comes from God. Paul says that we are all co-workers with God. The word that Paul uses for co-workers means “synergy,” everyone working together to create something together that is bigger and better than we could do separately. Each person has knowledge, gifts, and skills that contribute to the whole.

One example of synergy is Growing Hope Globally, a Week of Compassion partner. They work with farmers all over the country. The farmers raise crops from the seeds that they plant and water, and then sell at harvest time. The farmers then donate proceeds to Growing Hope Globally, supporting sustainable growing projects all over the world through their partners. These programs help hungry people by providing grants for agricultural development, creating a secure source of food for communities. For this project to work they need people to donate money for seed; farmers to plant and harvest the seed; and people to create and maintain growth of the crops in their own communities around the world.

Our congregations are made up of people who have many gifts, skills, and a diversity of knowledge. Paul tells us that each person has something to contribute, as all work toward the same goal.

Did you discover any surprising gifts, knowledge, or skills in your congregation today? Did you learn something new about someone?

What gifts might diversity in age bring?

How might we better use everyone’s gifts for the good of everyone in our congregation? in our communities? in the world?

PRAYER

Generous God, thank you for the diversity of people and the variety of gifts among us. Help us to recognize and affirm those gifts in one another and use them for our neighbor’s good and your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

For stories about our work with Growing Hope Globally and other partners, visit www.weekofcompassion.org/stories

Week of BINGO

can knit a sweater	has been to Africa	can change the oil in their car	can ride a skateboard	has grown tomato plants from seeds
can milk a cow	can cook a meal	can use a face filter on Snapchat	has lived in another country	has been surfing
has visited New York City	can do a cartwheel		can make pasta from scratch	knows how to bridle and saddle a horse
can create a website	has driven a tractor	has hit a home run	knows a martial art	can speak a second language
can recite a Psalm from memory	knows how to fish	has been to Europe	has run a marathon	has served in a soup kitchen