

Game: **Gift Pass**

Discussion: **The Gift of God**

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:8-9**

(This game could also introduce any discussion of gifts—i.e., spiritual gifts or James 1:17—“Every good and perfect gift comes from above...”, etc.)

YOU WILL NEED: *Items that your group can pass around the circle.*

Gift Pass

Choose an item (the “gift”) to pass around the circle.

Time to see how fast your group can pass the gift you’ve chosen around the circle. See how fast they can pass it around two times.

Read Ephesians. 2:8-9

Ask the students: **What is the gift of God?**

Ask the students: **How is a person saved according to this verse?** (For by grace you are saved through faith.)

Ask the students: **What is grace?** (Jesus dying for you when He didn’t have to.)

Your part is faith--not just believing, but trusting Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Game: The Gift Pass, part 2

Time to see how fast your group can pass two gifts around the circle in opposite directions

Gift Illustration

Choose 1 volunteer

Let’s say this “gift” is worth a million dollars and I come to you one day and say, “Johnny, I’d like to give this to you.” Is it yours yet? What would you have to do to get it? *(If they don’t immediately say, “I have to reach out and take it,” guide them toward that answer.)*

Like a gift, you can accept it, or you can say no. A gift can’t be earned, just like heaven—you can’t be good enough to get to heaven—you can’t earn it. There is only one way to heaven and that’s Jesus.

Now with this “gift”, it would be easy for you to take it. All you have to do is reach out and it’s yours. With God’s gift, it’s a little different—You can’t physically reach out and take it, but in the Bible God tells us how we can accept this gift. You see, Jesus paid the price; what we have to do is:

- (1) **A**dmit you have sinned and be willing to turn from your sin to turn to Jesus.
- (2) **B**elieve that Jesus is God’s Son who died and was raised from the dead.
- (3) **C**all on the Lord, **c**onfess your sins, and **c**ommit your life to Him.