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Answers will vary.

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: In the Church, no one gift is more important than another. We depend on one another just as the parts of a human body depend on the other parts to function. The Holy Spirit has given us different talents so that we can share them for the benefit of the entire Church. Discuss the gift your young person has identified and help him or her identify ways to use it.