

Who's got talent? According to a popular television show, America does! In fact, so many Americans have or admire talent, that the show *America's Got Talent*—which features singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and other performers of all ages—has been on TV since 2006. The show, which began its 13th season in May, offers a million-dollar prize and gives the winner, who is chosen by viewers, the opportunity to star in his or her own show. Simon Cowell, one of the judges and the creator of the Got Talent television brand, has spread the concept to more than 58 countries. Winners have included a Rubik's Cube solver from Romania, a 10-year-old drummer from Denmark, and a 3-year-old DJ from South Africa.

Think About It . . .

- What talents and abilities seem to get noticed a lot?
- What talents and abilities would probably not win in a Got Talent competition?

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Got Talent?

Encourage students to write on a slip of paper one talent or ability they have. Tell them that these will be read aloud and they should not write their names on the papers. Title your whiteboard Got Talent? Then collect the slips of paper. Call out one of the talents written on a slip of paper and write it on the board. Invite preteens to guess who in the class has that talent. Then ask students to think of other people they know who also have that talent. Do the same for all the talents written on the slips of paper. SAY: **Whether or not you have talents and abilities that are noticed much by others, it's true that God gives us different talents and abilities. Let's dig into God's Word to see what it says.**

Will you choose to use your talents and abilities for God?