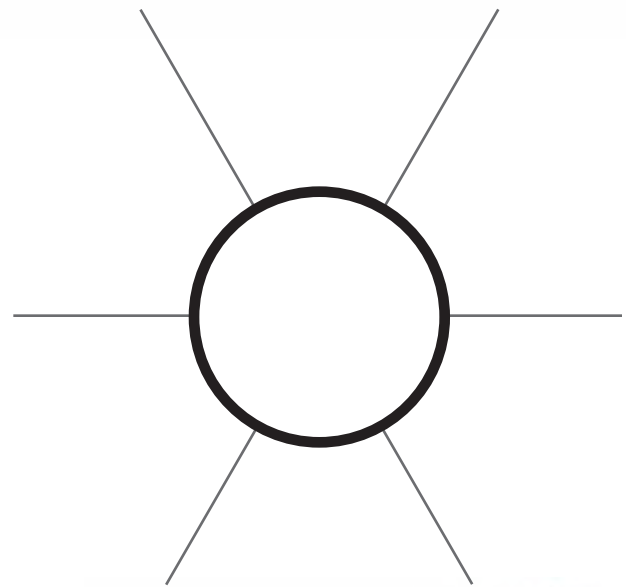
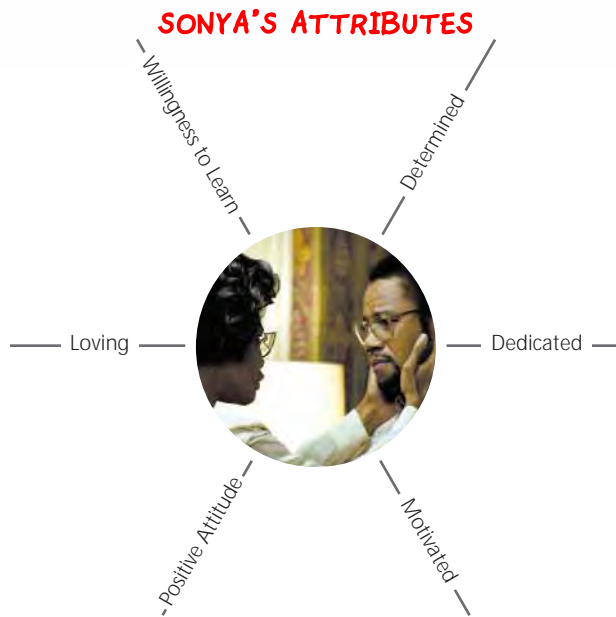


ACTIVITY I: WHO CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

A JOHNSON & JOHNSON SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION®, *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, airing on TNT on February 7, 2009 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central starring Cuba Gooding Jr., is the true story of a family's struggle. Ben's mother, Sonya, pushes him to succeed and won't let him give up. She knows that determination, self-respect, and education are the keys to success. Following her own philosophy, she learned to read later in life while serving as a cleaning lady for a professor.

PART A: Review Sonya's attributes below that helped her succeed. Then, think about someone in your life who has inspired you to succeed. Was it a family member, teacher, coach, or someone in your community? Write that person's name in the circle. Record the attributes that make this person special and a positive influence in your life on the lines around the circle.



PART B: Write your special person a thank-you note describing what they have done to influence you and make a difference in your life!

PARENT CONNECTION: Interview your parents about a special person who made an impact in their lives. Write five questions to ask your parents and record their thoughts and stories about their special individual on the back of the activity sheet. Be sure to bring back your findings to share with the class.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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ACTIVITY 2: GIFTED HANDS

Ben Carson had not only the dedication and intelligence but also two special talents—extraordinary hand-eye coordination and unusual depth perception—that led to his successful career as a neurosurgeon. In *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, you will learn how Ben Carson's special talents helped others and made a difference in people's lives.

PART A: Everyone's talents are different and each one of us has the opportunity to give a valuable gift to people around us. Think about your own talents. What makes you unique? How can your talents be used? Complete the following questions.

1. What do you enjoy doing? _____
2. What are your talents? _____
3. What do you consider your most important talent? _____
4. How could you use your talent to help someone else? _____
5. Why is it important to share your talents with others? _____

PART B: Describe your talents and what makes you special in an Acrostic Poem, using the letters of your first name to start each line of the poem. Add more lines if you need to.

PARENT CONNECTION: After seeing *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* with your family, ask them to describe their talents and how they are putting them to use. Discuss ways you and your family members use their talents to make a difference in your community.



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