we give together

Directions:
PART 1
Read the poem at right. Then together, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Use a dictionary, Internet resources, and your own ideas.

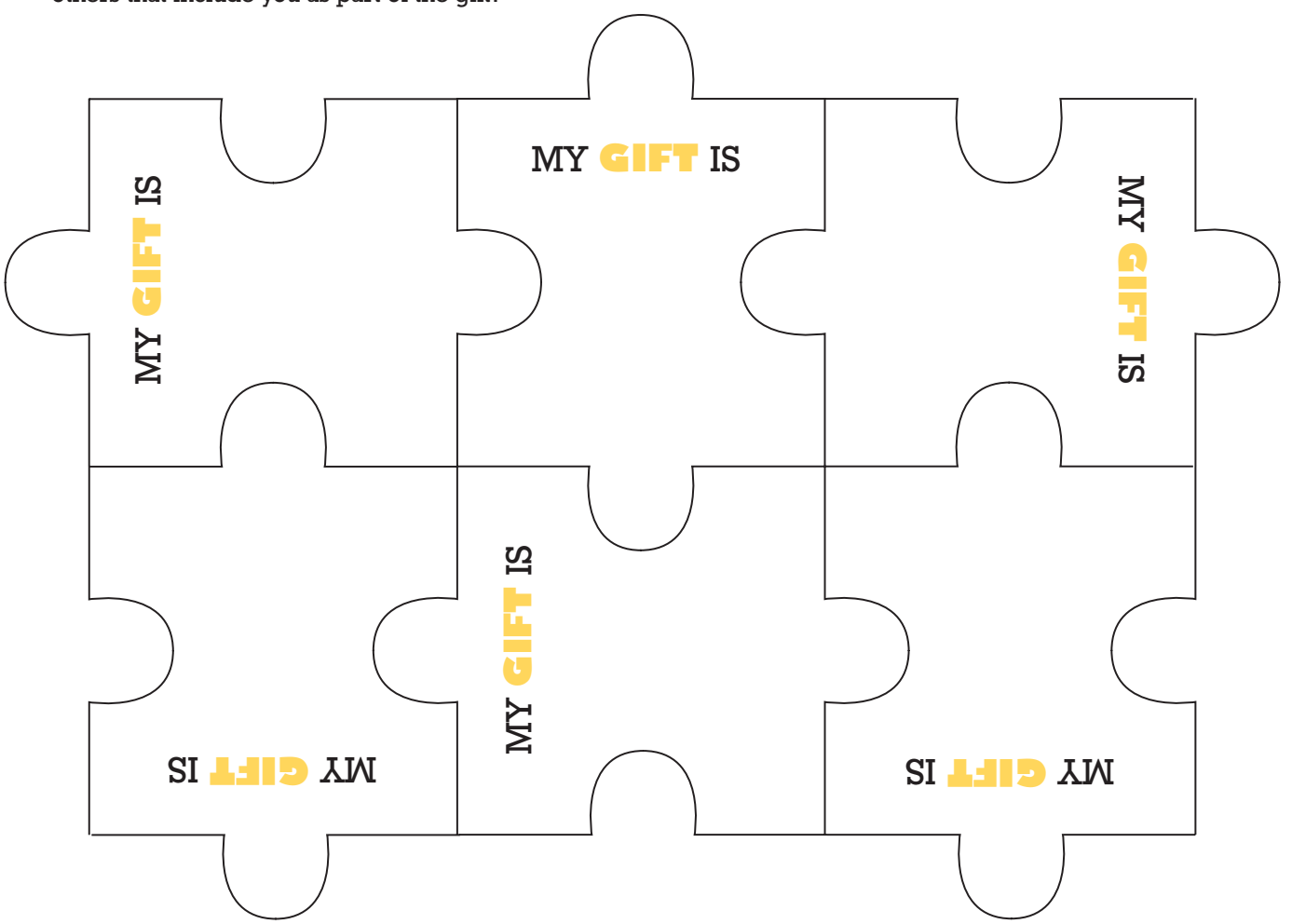
Questions:
1. What are alms?

2. How can there be a gift without a giver ? Explain.

3. What kinds of gifts is the speaker talking about? Are these gifts that you can buy at a store?

4. There is an expression: It is better to give than to receive. Why? What does this mean to you?

5. What gifts do you give your friends, family, and others that include you as part of the gift?

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me.
JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL (1819—1891)

PART 2
Next, choose a problem or cause together. For example: We d like to help kids who don t have any books. What gift can each person give? One person might write, My gift is that I can donate used books to the library. Share the finished puzzle with your teacher.