UNIT GOAL: GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

# Generosity

*TRUTH:* You reap what you sow.

SLOGAN: GIVE SPARINGLY! REAP SPARINGLY! GIVE GENEROUSLY! REAP GENEROUSLY! **BIBLE VERSE:** "COMMAND THEN TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS, AND TO BE GENEROUS AND WILLING TO SHARE." (I TIMOTHY 6:18)



# LESSON 1: GENEROSITY UNDERSTANDING GENEROSITY

## Lesson Objective

Understand generosity-'Learning to give as an expression of saying thank you to God for everything He has done for us.

## **Scripture References**

#### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

#### Acts 17:24

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

#### Psalm 24:1

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

#### Matthew 6:26-32

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### 1 Timothy 6:18

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

#### Matthew 10:8b

Freely you have received; freely give.

#### Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

#### Psalm 112:5

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

#### Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

#### 2 Corinthians 8:19

<sup>19</sup>What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

#### **Opening Activity**

Calculated Giving – Each team has \$5.00 in change. Have two kids come at a time and have the leader call out different amounts less than \$2.50. The kids must use the change to come up with that amount as fast as they can and give it to the leader. If this is too easy, you can ask them to make change- "I bought an item for \$1.75, show me how much change I would get from \$5.00.

For early elementary you can show them different groups of change and have them figure out how much you have. Or ask them to add coins, for example-"what is a nickel plus a penny?" They can write it down to give them all a chance to figure out the answer.

## Large Group

Prior to class you can look up and update the statistics: richest person in the world and how much they have, richest in America, and country with the most billionaires.

- 1. To make the proper change (or to figure out how much money we have) takes some thought-you cannot just guess any amount and expect it will be right. There are people who make it their job to figure out how to make a lot of money. Who would you guess has the most money in the world? Who do you think is the richest person in America? What country or city do you think has the most billionaires? (write \$1,000,000,000 on the board)
- 2. There is a magazine (Forbes) that makes a list each year of the richest people in the world. We may think there are a lot of rich people in America but *Moscow, Russia* has the most billionaires in the world, and the richest man in the world (according to 2010 figures) lives in *Mexico City*. The richest man in the world is named *Carlos Helu. (Bill Gates is second, Warren Buffet is third, and Bernard Arnault of France is fourth.)* How much money do you think he has?
- 3. He has approximately 63.3 billion dollars. Someone figured out that Mr. Helu could spend \$1150 every minute for 100 years before he would run out of money.
- 4. What would you do if you had a lot of money?
- 5. In the1900's a woman named Hetty Green was the richest person in America. Even though she had lots of money, she only ate cold oatmeal and crackers each day. She wore the same dress and only washed the bottom hem so she could save on soap. She asked for free bones for her dog and wouldn't go to the doctor for an operation because she didn't want to spend \$150. We call these people "misers". Why do you think someone with that much money would not want to spend any of it?

- 6. This month we are talking about the opposite of being a miser. We want to talk about being generous. Did you know that God wants us to be generous? What do you think it means to be generous? How do we show generosity?
- 7. Listen to this story about the prophet Elisha and a woman from Shunem (adapted from 2 Kings 4-also can be acted out)

In a village called Shunem lived a woman and her husband. The Bible says she was very wealthy, which means she was rich.

Elisha, a prophet of God lived during the time that this Shunammite woman lived. He would travel the dusty roads going from village to village doing the work of God. One day as Elisha passed through the village of Shunem the Shunammite woman had prepared a meal for her and her husband to eat. When she saw Elisha walking through town she greeted him and invited him to her house for dinner. Elisha was a humble servant of God and did not want to be any extra trouble to this woman so he may have said, "That's so very kind of you, but I don't want to be of any trouble to you and your husband." The woman urged Elisha and said, "Please come, we have plenty to eat and we would love to have you in our home to rest from the heat of the day."

Elisha accepted the Shunammite's kind invitation and joined her and her husband for a delicious meal. They probably talked about the different things that God had been doing through Elisha as he travelled from town to town.

Each time Elisha was in Shunem he stopped in and visited the Shunammite woman and her husband and ate dinner with them. Elisha's time spent with this couple grew into a deep friendship with them.

The Shunammite woman loved to have Elisha visit and it must have been sad to see him leave when it was time for him to go. She knew he was a prophet of God and was always traveling. She must have thought about what his life was like, sometimes sleeping on the ground beneath the starry sky when you had no place to stay. The woman had an idea. She decided to make a room in her house for Elisha so that he would have his own place to sleep and rest when he came to visit.

The kindness of the Shunammite woman was such a gift to Elisha. Not everyone Elisha met treated him with such kindness and generosity.

As Elisha traveled he brought along a helper with him. His helper's name was Gehazi. As Elisha travelled from town to town Gehazi went with him to help him with whatever he might need.

As Elisha sat in his room he looked over at Gehazi and said, "I would like to do something to repay this woman for her kindness. Could you go and ask the woman if there is anything she needs or if there is anything we can ask the king to do for her?" Gehazi went to the woman and asked her what Elisha could do for her. She said she didn't need anything. She was content to live with her husband in Shunem.

Gehazi returned to Elisha and said, "The woman is content and asked for nothing." "She has gone through so much trouble for me. There has to be something I can do to reward her for her kindness," Elisha replied.

Gehazi thought out loud, "Well, her husband is quite old and she has no children..."

"That's it Gehazi! She has no children! If anything were to happen to her husband she would be left all alone and have no one to care for her. Call her here quickly!"

Gehazi brought the Shunammite woman to stand before Elisha. Elisha looked at this kind woman. This woman loved God deeply and it was evident by her generous spirit to him. Elisha knew that what he was about to say was from God Himself because as a man Elisha had no power to do such a thing. With the same excitement the woman and her husband must have had showing the room to Elisha, he said, "This time next year you will give birth to a son."

Elisha's words were not made-up man's words, they were God's words and when God promises something it always happens. How happy the Shunammite woman was.

- 8. What gift did the Shunammite woman and her husband give Elisha? (built him a room so he would have a place to stay when he came to visit)
- 9. Was this a good gift? Why? (Prophets like Elisha traveled many places and depended on people sharing their homes to give him food to eat and a place to sleep. If people did not invite him to stay with them, he would have to sleep outside.)
- 10. Why did she do such a nice thing for Elisha? (because she loved God and wanted to do something for Elisha)
- 11. Elisha wanted to do something to thank the Shunammite woman. What did Elisha promise God was going to give her? (a son)
- 12. Did the Shunammite woman want a child? (yes) Did she give Elisha a room so that she would get a baby? (no)
- 13. The Shunammite woman didn't have to use her money to take care of Elisha, nobody was making her. She didn't do it so that she could get something out of it. She did it to help someone else and by doing so showed her love and thankfulness to God.
- 14. The Shunammite woman showed generosity. What do you think it means to be generous?
- 15. Being generous is being willing to give something away to make someone's day out because you are thankful to God.

16. Let's get into our small groups and talk about what it means for you to be generous.

## **Small Group**

- Have you ever given someone a gift? What are some celebrations where you give gifts? (Mother's Day, Father's Day, someone's birthday, Christmas)
- What was the best gift you ever gave? Why did you give that person the gift? How did it make you feel?
- What do you think rich people do with their money? Do you think they buy lots of things or are they misers like Hetty Green and try to keep it all? (some do and some don't)
- What would you do if you had lots of money? If you had as much as Carlos Helu and could spend \$1150 every minute what would you like to buy?
- What is the difference between spending a lot of money and being generous?
- What does the Bible say about having a lot of money? Let's read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and see what it says.
  - What does it mean to be arrogant? (having a lot of pride) Can you be proud about having money? How does someone who is very prideful/arrogant about their money act?

- Some people trust or depend on their money. They expect money to take care of them or they think too much about money. Why should you not "put your hope in wealth"? (it is uncertain, you don't know how long it will last, sometimes you won't know how to get money-what kind of job to have, you can't always control how much money you earn in a job)
- What should you put your hope in? Why? (God-he provides everything we need and everything for us to enjoy.)
- So because you know God will take care of you, what should you do? (v.18-be generous, do good, share with others)
- If you are generous, will that mean that you will have nothing? (no, you will have treasures in heaven)
- How can you be certain that God will take care of you? Read these verses:
  - Acts 17:24 (God made everything)
  - Psalm 24:1 (God owns everything)
  - Mathew 6:26-32. (He takes care of even the birds and the flowers and He thinks you are more valuable than those, he knows what you need and will supply it)
- Misers and people like Hetty Green are afraid that they won't have enough, that others will try to take it away from them, that they need to get and keep lots of money to be okay. They think it all depends on them. But really everything they have and you have comes from God.
- When you don't have to worry about taking care of yourself, it is easier to be generous and share with others. What does the Bible say about being generous?
  - 2 Corinthians 9:7 (Give cheerfully, have a plan-where to give, how much to give, what to give)
  - 1 Timothy 6:18 (be willing to share, do good deeds)
  - Matthew 10:8 (share what you have freely-no strings attached because it has been freely given to you)
  - Hebrews 13:16. (when you are generous, it makes God happy)
  - Psalm 112:5 (good will come to those who are generous)
  - Proverbs 19:17 (God will reward you for being kind/generous to the poor)
  - 2 Corinthians 8:19 (your generosity honors God)
- Everything you have comes from God. He shares these things with you because he loves you so much. When you are generous, it makes God happy. And just like the great feeling you have when you give a gift to someone you love, you can have that great feeling when you are generous with others.

## Application

- Where do you get your money from?
- What do you do with your money?
- Do you share it with others? How do you share your money?
- Is it easy for you to be generous and give your money to others? Why or why not?
- Option: talk about opportunities to be generous like Compassion International-sending money each month to a child you "adopt" so they can have food, medicine, clothing, and schooling. Operation Christmas Child-packing a shoebox of gifts for kids who don't usually receive Christmas gifts. Angel Tree-buying Christmas gifts for kids in our own town who have a parent in jail and so does not have a job to buy gifts for their kids.

## Prayer

Select a child to pray for the group. "Father please help us to understand that you own everything. Help us to remember to share the money you give to us with others. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen."

## **Role Play**

- You are generous, buying lunch for someone who forgot their money. What might happen someday when you forget your lunch money?
- You received \$20 for your birthday. You don't know what to buy so you hold on to your money. But you are afraid you might lose your money or someone might steal it before you get a chance to buy something. How will you act?
- You don't get all the newest toys or clothes but your parents always make sure you have something clean to wear and food to eat at every meal. How does that make you feel when you see someone with the newest gaming system or fancy clothing?
- Your family is rich. More than just rich. You buy anything you want whenever you want. You are always buying things. You are full of pride that you never have to wait for anything. How do you act?
- You received money for Christmas but you also got a lot of other gifts. There really isn't anything you need or want so you decide to use your money for Angel Tree or Operation Christmas Child. What are some things you might buy for someone else?

## **Closing Activity**

#### Generosity Game

Items Needed: Chips or something that represents currency. Items to purchase such as candy or little trinkets.

Give each child one chip. Display an item and let the kids know it is available for purchase. The cost of the first item is two chips. The item can be purchased by anyone or not (they will probably pass because no one can buy it on their own). Bring out the next item. The cost is 3 chips. Each time a new item is introduced, the price goes up a chip. Will others be willing to give up their chip so someone else can "purchase" an item? Will they share? After all the chips have been spent, or when nothing else can be or will be purchased, discuss the behavior. Points of learning should include:

- Our generosity can bless others
- Sometimes what we have doesn't benefit us
- When we are generous to others we can share in the blessings
- When we are not generous, no one benefits

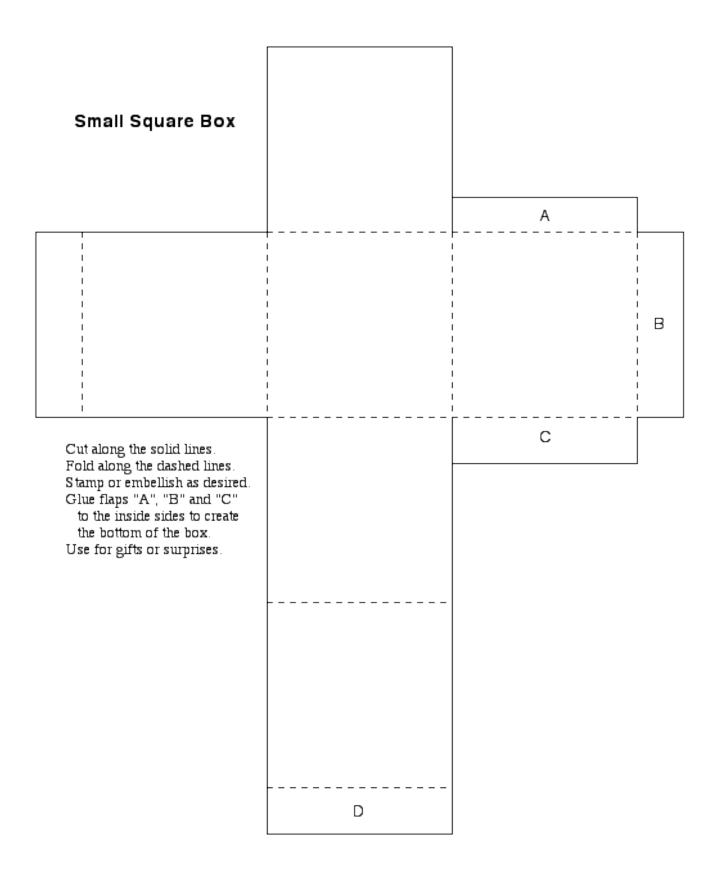
## Craft

#### Offering Box

Use the template below and have the children decorate the box. When finished cut it out and include a slot in the top. Have the children tape/glue the box together as shown. Save your money so you can use it to be generous. What opportunities do you have to be generous?

Tip: Do not glue one side to allow access to the inside of the box.





# LESSON 2: GENEROSITY GIVING MORE THAN MONEY

## **Lesson Objective**

To learn that you can be generous even when you don't have much.

## **Scripture References**

#### Mark 12:41-44

<sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. <sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything all she had to live on."

#### John 6:5-13

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages-to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

<sup>8</sup>Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup>"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup>When they had all had enough to eat, He said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

#### Luke 6:38

give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

#### Proverbs 22:9

<sup>9</sup>The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

#### Luke 3:11

<sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

#### Acts 4:32

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.



#### 1 Peter 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Romans 12:6-8

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:11

<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

## **Opening Activity**

Talent show-As kids come to class, have them share a talent with the class such as: being double jointed, crossing eyes, roll tongue, singing, dancing, balancing, splits, etc.

## Large Group

- 1. We have a talented group of people in our class! There are some of us who have many talents. It doesn't matter your size or age, God has given all of us the ability to do some fun things.
- 2. Who do you think is the tallest and the smallest persons in our class? (guess while everyone is sitting and then find out the answer once everyone has guessed)
- 3. What is the biggest animal you can think of? What is the smallest? (most people would say the blue whale is the largest animal-over 100 ft in length and up to 200 tons. The smallest could be debated, but the fairy fly is .10 mm)
- 4. I don't know much about the fairy fly, but let's compare a whale with an ant. Which one do you think is the stronger of the two?
- 5. Just because something is small, does that mean it isn't powerful or important?
- 6. Last week we started talking about generosity and we looked at the story of the Shunnamite woman who showed her generosity by making a room for Elisha. What does it mean to be generous? (Sharing what you have with others as a way to say thank you to God)

- 7. This woman had money and used it to be generous. But what happens if you don't have much money. Can you still be generous?
- 8. Let's look at two stories. The first one is in Mark 12:41-44.
  - a. What was Jesus doing? (watching people giving their offerings)
  - b. Who were the people giving their money to? (the temple/church, God)
  - c. How much did the rich people give? (large amounts)
  - d. How much did the widow give? (2 small coins)
  - e. Why didn't she give more? (she didn't have more)
  - f. How could Jesus say she was more generous than everyone else? (the rich people gave a lot of money away but still had a lot left. When the poor woman gave her coins she didn't have any more to give.)
  - g. Why did she give all she had to the temple/God? Didn't she need the money?
  - h. Why do we give money to our church and to God? (to say thank you for everything He has done for us)
- 9. Let's look at a second story. Read John 6:5-13.
  - a. Many people were coming to see Jesus and hear him speak. Jesus decided to feed them. How many people were there? (there were over 5000 people)
  - b. What did Jesus and his disciples bring to feed the people? (nothing)
  - c. Why didn't they buy some food for the people? (it would cost more than they hadmore than half a year's wages)
  - d. Were they able to find some food? What did they find? (5 loaves of bread and 2 small fish)
  - e. Who did this food belong to? (a boy)
  - f. How could 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish help feed such a big group? Why did Jesus accept this gift from the boy? (Jesus used it to do a miracle and multiplied the food so that there was more than enough to feed everyone)
  - g. How did the boy show generosity? (by sharing everything he had with Jesus)
  - h. Why do you think he wanted to share his food? Did he know what Jesus was going to do? Didn't he worry that Jesus might eat his food and then there wouldn't be anything left for him? Didn't he need to eat?
- 10. What is the difference between sharing what you have and being generous? Read Luke6:38. What happens when we are generous? (If you share a lot, you will receive a lot.If you are not generous, others will not be generous with you.)
- 11. If you don't have a lot, can you still be generous? Let's talk about that in our small groups.

## **Small Group Discussion**

- Let's look at some verses about generosity and see what they say.
  - Proverbs 22:9 (generous people share their food with the poor)
  - Luke 3:11 (generous people share clothing and food with those who have none)
  - Acts 4:32 (Believers in the early church shared what they had with each other)
  - 1 Peter 4:10 (You should share your gifts/talents to serve others)

- How many of these verses about generosity from the Bible talk about giving money? How many of them talk about giving lots and lots of stuff?
- Do you have to have lots of money or stuff to be able to be generous? Read 1 Peter 4:11 and Romans 12:6-8. What are some things you can use to be generous? (food, clothing, possessions/things that we own, the ability to speak, prophesying, serving others, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy)
- Our church talks about sharing our FIST-Finance (money), Influence (power or leadership), Skills (things we know how to do or are good at, like our talents), and Time.
- Even if you don't have money, there are three other things you can use to be generous. In your small groups, come up with some examples how you can be generous without money and then share them with the big group. (serving dinner to homeless people at Mission of Hope, sharing clothes you can no longer wear but are in good condition at shelters, if you get 2 of the same gift as a present you could give the new toy away-Toys for Tots, winter coat and can food drives, even sharing your lunch with someone who has forgotten theirs, spending time with someone who is lonely, visiting people in retirement centers, reading to little kids, are some examples.)
- So you can be generous without money. But can you be generous if you are young?
- We talked about big and small animals. Which animal is stronger, an ant or a blue whale?
- A whale could probably move something big like a car but an ant is really stronger. Ants can carry 20 times their own body weight. Think about how much you weigh. Now multiply it times 20. Could you carry something that heavy?
- A blue whale weighs about 200 tons. If he was as strong as an ant, he would have to be able to carry something 4000 tons. (To compare, pyramids in Egypt weigh about 15 tons.)
- Who made the ant so strong?
- If God didn't make the ant so strong, it would never be able to dig homes in the dirt or bring food back to its home. Why did he make the ant like that?
- Why did God use a boy's lunch to feed 5000 people? (Why did God use a shepherd boy with 5 stones to defeat a giant? Why did God speak to Samuel, not Eli?) Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-29.
- When God uses the small and the weak and something wonderful happens who do people notice? When you know that the awesome thing that happens occurred because God was involved, the attention and glory are on God. When someone gives a million dollars and something good happens, you might say it was because someone gave a lot of money. But if something good happens because someone gave 2 coins, you KNOW it is because of God.
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:11.
- Everything you do should make people think of God. And when you are generous with what you have big or little, it should lead others to thank God.
- When you are generous, is there something you can be thankful to God about? (thankful that you have enough to be able to share with others!)

## Application

- What does a generous person look like? I'm going to give you some descriptions. Tell me "true" or "false" if this describes someone who is generous.
  - Generous people always give a lot of money. (false)
  - If I only have a little it won't help for me to be generous. (false)
  - Generous people are always adults. (false)
  - Kids can't be generous. (false)
  - I can't be generous if I don't have money. (false)
  - o I can't be generous if I don't have much. (false)
  - God uses our generosity to do great things. (true)
- What do you have to give other than money? How can you be generous without money? Think about some things you can do. (giving away toys you don't need any more, sharing your toys with others, helping your mom make a meal for someone, sharing clothing you don't need, or maybe not buying something new so that you can give that money to others-do you really need the latest fashions, time-spending time with someone or giving your time to help someone, praising others and showing appreciation, helping your family even when you don't have to, go the "extra mile", hospitality, offering your time to volunteer, sharing your treats, giving up your seat to someone who is older than you)
- There is one more thing you can share that doesn't cost any money. You can share about the Good News of Jesus. That is something that everyone needs!
- Is it hard for you to give your stuff to others, especially to those who are in your family?
- Think about why it is hard to be generous to these people.

## Prayer

Pair up in groups of two and have each person tell the other who it is hardest for them to give things to. Have each of them pray this pray for the other person. "*Father help \_\_\_\_\_ learn to be generous with \_\_\_\_\_*. *I ask this in Jesus name, Amen.*"

## Craft

#### Coupon Book

Items Needed: Colored construction paper, white paper, scissors, markers or crayons, hole punch, decorative stickers, ribbon.

Instructions: Make a coupon book to give to an elderly neighbor, grandparent or friend. Cut white paper in half lengthwise. Divide and cut each piece of paper into equal thirds. Make a different coupon on each page such as "Free Hugs," "Free Dish Duty" or "Free Raking". Draw a picture on each page that pertains to the activity. Add a cover made out of construction paper. You can punch holes in the book to tie the pages together with ribbon.

## **Closing Activity**

#### Hot Potato

Bring a potato or some other similarly sized item and some music. Sit in a circle. Start the music. When the music plays, pass the potato around the circle. When the music stops, the person holding the potato is out. Start the music again and go around the circle. Who will be the last person left?

# LESSON 3: GENEROSITY WHAT ARE YOU SAVING IT FOR

## Lesson Objective

God does not provide for us so we can be selfish. He blesses us so we can be a blessing to others.

## **Scripture References**

#### Luke 12:16-21

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup>"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

<sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup> This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

#### Acts 17:24

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

#### Psalm 24:1

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

#### Matthew 6:30-32

<sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

#### Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

#### Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

<sup>10</sup>Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. <sup>11</sup>As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

#### Luke 12:15

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

#### Matthew 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for



yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

#### Matthew 19:21

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

#### Matthew 25:34-40

<sup>34</sup>"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup>"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

#### Philippians 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## **Opening Activity**

Cup or Card Towers Use plastic cups or playing cards to build tall towers.

## Large Group

- Give every other student a double wrapped snack cake, twin pop, or some treat that is large enough to share and then begin your lesson. If you like, you can show a clip from "Finding Nemo"-chapter 17 and 24 where the seagulls all say "mine". They want everything but in the end they don't get anything.
- 2. When you were stacking the cups. How high did you want to stack the cups? What was your goal, how high was high enough?
- 3. Think about the things you own or money you have saved. How do you know if you have enough? How much is enough?"
- 4. I have a story about a manger but it isn't a Christmas story. It seems there was a dog who was looking for a place to sleep. He found a manger full of hay. The hay was scratchy but he thought he would try it out. He turned this way and he turned that way but could not get comfortable. Just as he was about to leave to find another place to stay a cow came to feed at the manger. The hay that was uncomfortable for the dog to lay on was a tasty treat to the cow. "May I feed on some of the hay in the manger?" asked the cow. Surprisingly, the dog growled at the cow, "Keep away! This is my manger!"

The cow tried to reason with the dog, "This hay was put here by the farmer for my dinner. I am hungry and wish to eat." But the dog wouldn't listen. The cow continued to try to reason with the dog, "What good is hay to you? You cannot eat it, what do you want with it?"

But the dog would not leave and every time the cow came near, the dog growled menacingly and threatened to bite the cow so the cow sadly went away hungry.

- 5. This story was told by a man who lived a long time ago. His name was Aesop. Aesop wrote stories that had meanings to them. Can you guess what Aesop was trying to tell us? (Sometimes people keep things that they cannot use just because they don't want others to have it.)
- 6. Jesus liked to tell stories that had meanings too. We call them parables. Let's look at a parable found in Luke 12:16-21.
  - a. Jesus said the man was rich. What did he have that made him rich? (lots of grain)
  - b. Where did he keep his treasure? (in barns)
  - c. What did the man want to build? (bigger barns)
  - d. Why build bigger barns? (he had a great harvest and needed more room to store his extra grain)
  - e. What did he plan to do with all the extra grain? (keep it so he could live an easy life)
  - f. Did he get to enjoy his abundance? Why? (no, he died)
  - g. Why did Jesus say he was foolish? (others would get to enjoy what he saved up)
- 7. When I gave out double snacks to some of you, what did you think? Wow, I'm lucky to get something nice? Boy, I'm really going to enjoy this? Why didn't everyone get something? I have more than enough, I should share? (*make sure that those who did not get a snack get one at this time*)
- 8. Why did you respond like you did?
- 9. What is the main idea we are talking about this month? (Generosity)
- 10. What does it mean to be generous? (Being willing to give something away to make someone's day as a way to say thank you to God.)
- 11. How do we know if we have enough so that we can be generous? Let's go to our small groups and talk about that.

## **Small Group Discussion**

- (Find a picture of a Beanie Baby or share one if you have one). Do you know what this is? How much do you think something like this costs? (about \$5-6)
- Can you believe that people once thought that they could make lots of money from them? Beanie Babies were supposed to be toys for kids. Part of the fun was that there were different ones to collect all the time. But then some people started to buy and sell them for more than \$5. Soon some people were spending hundreds of dollars to buy certain Beanie Babies that they wanted. That made other people think that these toys were very valuable and they started trying to buy as many as they could thinking they could sell them later and make a lot of money. People would line up outside stores to buy Beanie Babies. They spent their time trying to find new places that sold these toys. They put them in special boxes to keep them clean. They wouldn't even let kids play with them anymore!

One family, the Robinsons of Los Angeles, spent about \$100,000 on their collection. They spent all their time and energy trying to collect five sets of everything hoping that later they could sell the toys and earn enough money to pay for their five children to go to college.

But then one day they, and the rest of the world, found out that no one wanted to pay them hundreds of dollars for the Beanie Babies they had collected. They couldn't get anyone to pay them \$10, or even \$5. They had spent the money they could have used for college and now all they had were entire rooms filled with Beanie Babies.

- We had three stories about people and their treasure. What did they collect? (Beanie Babies, grain, and hay)
- Who got to enjoy their treasure? Why do you say that? (the man with the extra grain died, the people with the toys found that it wasn't worth what they thought it would be worth, and the dog didn't even like hay!)
- Were any of these people generous? Didn't they have enough to be generous with? What do you think stopped them?
- What are some things that you like to collect? Why do you collect them?
- Do you think it is wrong to have or collect things?
- I have two sayings.
  - The one who dies with the most toys wins.
  - You can't take it with you.
- What do you think they mean?
- It is hard to be generous when you are worried you won't have enough or you don't want someone else to have what you have. What if you didn't have to worry about having enough? Do you worry when snacks are given that there won't be enough for you? Do you think that if you don't get your prize first you might not get one?
- What do these verses tell you? (These were mentioned in lesson 1, you can quickly review them)
  - Acts 17:24 (God made everything)
  - Psalm 24:1 (God owns everything)
  - Mathew 6:30-32. (Don't worry about what you will eat, drink, or wear. God knows what you need)
  - Philippians 4:19 (God will take care of you with the abundance of what He has)
- So you don't need to worry about having enough. God will take care of you.
- Then is the problem that you don't want others to have what you have? How do you stop being selfish so you can start being generous?
  - Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (Realize that you will never have "enough". The more you have, the more you want.)
  - Luke 12:15 (Life is not about having the most-an abundance of possessions. Saying that the one who dies with the most toys wins is impossible. As soon as someone has "the most" someone else will get more! It never ends.)
  - Matthew 6:19 (Know that nothing lasts forever-moths destroy, and things get stolen)
  - Matthew 6:20 (You can't take it with you. How much money will you have when you go to heaven? How many Beanie Babies or Pokemon cards or computer games or cell phones do you think you can take with you? Zero.)
  - 2 Corinthians 9:6 (if you want more, you have to give more)
- Jesus never said you shouldn't have stuff. Everything you have now to enjoy comes from God. But it is more important to save up treasures in heaven instead of here on earth.
- So how can you do that? Read Matthew 19:21 and Matthew 25:34-40.
- You earn treasures in heaven by doing God's work here on earth, by being generous to those who have needs. Whatever you do for them, you do for God.

## Application

- 1. Have you ever felt like you couldn't be generous because you don't have enough? What do you not have enough of?
- 2. How many of you have these things available to you: a home, more than one shirt or pants, three meals to eat each day, a place to learn (school or homeschool), a church to worship God, a car in your home (or money to ride the bus), a bed to sleep in, a TV, a phone, etc....
- 3. Even if you have less than your friends did you know that you are probably still richer than many people in poor countries.
- 4. Read Philippians 4:11-13. You cannot all be billionaires but what would you do with a billion dollars in heaven anyway?
- 5. Are you like the dog in the manger or the man with the abundance of grain? Remember, you can't take it with you so you might as well be generous with it and gain treasures in heaven.
- 6. What do you have that you can be generous with? Who would be blessed if you share what you have with them?

## Prayer

Have each child write one thing down on a piece of paper that they feel they can be more generous with (remind the children it can be things, talents, or their time). Have each child repeat this prayer with the leader or have one of the children lead.

'Father, I know that you have given me a generous heart. Please help me to be generous with my \_\_\_\_\_\_ that you have given me. Thank you in Jesus name, amen.'

## **Closing Activity**

Give it or Keep It

Items Needed: variety of objects so that there is one for each child in the room, CD player with music, bowl, and pieces of paper.

Instructions: Write down each object on a piece of paper and put the papers in the bowl. Stand in a circle and pass out all the objects. Have the leader start and stop the music. When the music plays, everyone will pass the objects around in the circle. But they can choose to keep their object and pass the others. Everyone should always have an object in their hand. When the music stops, select a paper out of the bowl and read the name of the object. Whoever is holding that object is out. Start the music again. Continue playing until there is only one person standing.

OPTIONAL: For younger children you do not need to have anyone sit out.

## Craft

Silos

Items Needed:

- Red or brown construction paper (or another cylindrical box like an oatmeal box)
- 2 sheets of cardstock or construction paper for the roof and bottom
- Pencil or marker
- A compass or a plate or bowl (to help you draw a circle)
- Scissors (to cut the cardstock)
- Glue stick (or tape)
- Ruler
- Small pieces of paper

Instructions: The rich fool planned to build larger barns and silos to hold his bounty. Let's fill our silos with a different kind of bounty, a bounty of generosity.

- 1. Form the red construction paper into a cylinder and tape or glue into place.
- 2. Measure 2" up from bottom of cylinder and make multiple cuts around the bottom of the cylinder about 2" apart from each other.
- 3. Fold the cuts inward or outward and tape to the bottom sheet of cardstock.
- 4. Measure the diameter of the cylinder. Draw a circle on the top sheet of cardstock that is about 3" greater in diameter that the cylinder. For an exact circle use a plate or bowl that would be about the right size.
- Cut out the circle. Cut one slit in the circle to the center.



Overlap the edges about an inch and glue or tape them together.6. Have the children write on the small pieces of paper ways that they can be generous to others. Write one thing on each piece of paper and place them in the silo. They can write the same thing multiple times. For the younger children you may have to give

them examples: Hugs, clean off table, make bed, pray for you, tell someone they are nice, tell someone that you love them, etc.

- 7. Place the roof on the barn.
- 8. Encourage the kids to take out a slip of paper each day and try to incorporate that act of generosity into their day.

Hug someone.
Pray for a friend.
Pray for a missionary.
Tell someone that you love them.
Tell someone something nice about them.
Ask your teacher or parent what you can do to help them, then do it (without complaining).
Share an encouraging Bible verse or story.
Share a snack with someone.
Do your brother or sister's chore for them as a surprise.
Do an extra chore around the house for your parents
Write an encouraging note to someone.
Make a card for someone but don't sign it (it's a surprise)
Pray for your teachers.



# LESSON 4: BE A GENEROUS GIVER SHOW THANKS BEING GENEROUS

#### Lesson Objective

Being generous is how we thank God.

## **Scripture References**

#### Exodus 25:1-2, 8

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.

<sup>8</sup> "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

#### Exodus 36:2-7

<sup>2</sup> Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. <sup>3</sup> They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. <sup>4</sup> So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing <sup>5</sup> and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."

<sup>6</sup> Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, <sup>7</sup> because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

#### 1 Chronicles 29:13:17

<sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup> We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup> Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:7

<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### Luke 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.<sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."<sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

#### John 1:12

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

#### Deuteronomy 31:6

<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

#### John 5:24

<sup>24</sup> "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

#### **Ephesians 1:13**

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

#### Matthew 11:27

<sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:11

<sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

#### **Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *"Abba,* Father."

#### Matthew 6:21

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:10-13

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your

confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

## **Opening Activity**

Ways to say "Thank You"

- Print out the word find puzzle at the end of the lesson.
- Use the list of Thank You words in other languages to learn to say them. Cut them out and try to guess what language they are.
- Bring a large piece of paper and have everyone draw or write down things they are thankful for.

## Large Group

- 1. When someone does something nice or good to you, what should you say? (Thank you *Ask the children to give you specific instances where they gave thanks.*)
- 2. We have learned that being generous means being willing to give something away to make someone's day as a way to say thank you to God. Can we be generous to
  - God? Let's look at a story in the Bible in Exodus 25:1-2, 8
    - a. What did God want? (an offering)
    - b. Who was supposed to give an offering? (the Israelites, everyone who wanted to give)
    - c. What was the offering going to be used for? (to build a sanctuary, a place for God to "live" among the Israelites)
    - d. Did God force people to give? (no, it said only those who wanted to give should give)
- 3. How did the Israelites respond? Read Exodus 36:2-7. (If you want to discuss what was brought, read Exodus 35:20-29)
  - a. Were the people generous to God? How do you know they were willing to share what they had? (Moses had to tell the people to stop giving because they gave so much)
  - b. What reasons did they have to thank God? What had God done for them? (You can look up these examples)
    - i. Exodus 12:42 (brought them out of Egypt and slavery)
    - ii. Exodus 13:21(guided them with the cloud and fire)
    - iii. Exodus 14:21-22 (parting of the Red Sea to escape the pursuing Egyptians)
    - iv. Exodus 16:13-14, 31 (God gave them quail and manna to eat)
    - v. Exodus 17:6 (God gave them water to drink)
    - vi. Exodus 17:8, 13 (God gave them victory over their attackers)
- 4. God had done so much for His people, the Israelites, they were happy to be able to give back to Him as a way to say "thank you".
- 5. Moses asked the people for an offering to build a tabernacle, a house for God that would go with the people as they traveled to the Promised Land.
- Later in the Bible King David wanted to build a permanent home for God, a temple. He asked the people to help by bringing offerings. Read what King David said in 1 Chronicles 29:13-17.
  - a. King David said they gave generously with thanksgiving. Who were they giving thanks to? (God)
  - b. What were they thanking God for? (all He had given them, for providing for them)
  - c. Where did everything come from that the people could be so generous? (God)

- d. How did the people feel about giving? (joyful, gave willingly)
- How do you think God feels when we give generously to Him? Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. (God loves those who give cheerfully from their hearts)
- 8. When we give generously as a way to thank God, not only is God pleased, but we get to feel good too! Let's look at this more in our small groups.

## Small Group

- King David reminded the Israelites that everything they have to be generous with comes from God. What things does God give you that helps you to be generous?
  - There is one more thing God gives you. Let's look at Luke 19:1-10.
    - Who wanted to see Jesus? (Zacchaeus)
    - What was the problem? (he was too short, there would be crowds of people)
    - What did he do? (climbed a tree to get a better view)
    - What did Jesus do when he saw Zacchaeus? (invited himself to Zacchaeus' house)
    - How did Zacchaeus feel about that? (very happy, he gladly welcomed Jesus)
    - Others were not so happy. Why? (They thought Zacchaeus was a bad person because he was a tax collector. Tax collectors became rich because they cheated people. They over charged them and then kept the extra money.)
    - What did Zacchaeus decide to do after meeting Jesus? (give half his money to the poor and payback those he cheated)
    - How much did he give to those he cheated? (Four times-if he took \$100, he was going to pay them back \$400)
    - Why did Jesus want to go to Zacchaeus' house? (because Jesus came to save sinners, he loves everyone no matter what, because Zacchaeus wanted to know Jesus)
- Zacchaeus was so happy to have Jesus in his life! Verse 9 says that "salvation has come to this house". On that day, Zacchaeus became a part of God's family.
- Why is that a big deal? What happens when you ask Jesus into your life?
  - John 1:12 (you become a child of God)
  - Deuteronomy 31:6 (God will never leave you)
  - John 5:24 (you have passed from death to life, you have eternal life)
  - Ephesians 1:13 (you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit)
  - Matthew 11:27 (you KNOW God)
  - 1 Corinthians 6:11 (you are made clean before God)
  - Romans 8:15 (God is your father)
- There are so many more promises in the Bible that become yours when you become a Christian. Zacchaeus received these things too! Why didn't he just say "thank you" to Jesus? Why did he have to be generous with his money? Read Matthew 6:21. What does it say?
- Zacchaeus thanked God with the thing that used to be the most important thing in his life. God was now his treasure, not money.
- What else happens when you are generous? Let's look at 2 Corinthians 9:10-13.
  - When we are generous, who are we helping? (people in need)
  - What is the other part of generosity? (giving thanks to God)
  - What do you think happens when you do things in God's name? (people learn about God, more attention is given to God, it shows others that you love and serve God)

- When Zacchaeus decided to give away his money, what do you think other people thought? If you loved money as much as Zacchaeus what would make you decide to give it away?
- Zacchaeus didn't do it because one day he decided he wanted to help poor people. He did it because he was a changed person. His generosity caught people's attention. What do you think happened when people found out it was because of Jesus?
- When you are generous, who are you thinking of?
- Leaders, share an example of a charity you support. Do you support it because you know the people or because you want to thank God for the blessings he has given you?

## Application

- Having your life change because you know Jesus is called salvation. Did you know that salvation, becoming a part of God's family, is a free gift that anyone can have?
- Have you accepted this free gift and all the great things that go with it?
- How does it make you feel, knowing that you will live forever with God?
- How can you be generous and say thank you to God?
- If you have not accepted God's free gift, would you like to? You can talk to your parents, Pastor Mick, or your KBF leader if you want to know more.
- Are there people you know that are not a part of God's family? How can your generosity point others to God? In our church we talk about "prayer, care, and share". We pray for those who do not know God. We care about those people and look for ways we can be generous with them (raking leaves, inviting them to eat/play, being a friend, etc...). And then one day, sharing with them the Good News about Jesus and salvation.

## Prayer

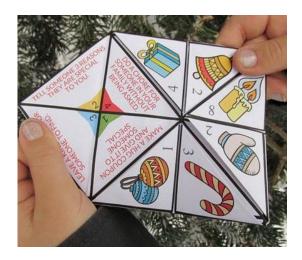
"God, you are an awesome God. You ask us to be generous, and then you give us everything we need to be generous. And so we want to thank you. Thank you for the things we have that we can share with others. Most of all, we want to thank you for your gift of salvation, the free gift that will give us eternal life, a life as part of your family. We want to pray for people in our lives who do not have this gift. Help us to be generous with those people and to share your love with them. Amen.

## Craft

Christmas Cootie Catcher

Find a template for a Cootie Catcher. Decorate with Christmas pictures on the outside. On the second level, you can write the names of people you are praying for. In the inside, write ideas of things you can do for these people to show Jesus' love. Print from <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/084VgKuEzzWmrZGVkSktRb1lhRFU/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/084VgKuEzzWmrZGVkSktRb1lhRFU/view</a> or design your own.





"Thank you"	Language	Pronunciation
dankie	Afrikaans	<u>dahn-kee</u>
<u>shukran</u>	Arabic	shoe- <u>krahn</u>
<u>dekuji</u>	Czech	<u>deh-ku-yih</u>
tak	Danish	tahg
merci	French	mehr-see
danke	German	<u>dahn-kah</u>
<u>efharisto</u>	Greek	ef-har-rih-stowe
<u>toda</u>	Hebrew	toh-dah
<u>sukria</u>	Hindi, Hindustani	shoo- <u>kree</u> -a
grazie	Italian	gra-see
arigato	Japanese	ahree-gah-tow
dziekuje	Polish	dsyen-koo-yeh
obrigado	Portuguese	oh- <u>bree-<i>gah</i>-doh</u>
spasibo	Russian	spah-see-boh
gracias	Spanish	gra-see-us
asante	Swahili	ah- <u>sahn</u> -teh
tack	Swedish	<u>tahkk</u>

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ARIGATO ASANTE DANKE DANKIE DEKUJI DZIEKUJE EFHARISTO GRACIAS GRAZIE MERCI OBRIGADO SHUKRAN SPASIBO SUKRIA TACK TAK THANKS TODA

