

Generosity

*Making someone's day
by giving something away*

WEEK 5
K - 5TH GRADE

READ MATTHEW 25:23

DAY 1

Do you think you have as much money in your piggy bank as your parents have in their bank account? Probably not. But your little bit (the amount in your piggy bank) is still important! Because when you can be trusted with a little, you prove that you can be trusted with a lot later on.

Read the scenarios below. Circle the ones that show generosity and draw a line through the ones that don't.

1. Evan noticed a boy sitting all alone at recess. He went over and asked him if he wanted to play.
2. Harry noticed that his friend Ben didn't have much to eat in his lunch box. Harry thought about offering part of his lunch but then decided not to.
3. Josie's little brother was getting in the way while their mom was cooking dinner. Josie played with her brother so that her mom could finish.
4. Sam decided to bring some of the money from his piggy bank to church for the offering. But when it was time to place it in the offering bucket, he left it in his pocket.
5. Charlie saw that Michael was out of Nerf bullets in their Nerf War. He wanted to keep them all for himself, but decided to share instead.

THANK God for the opportunity to be generous with what you have.

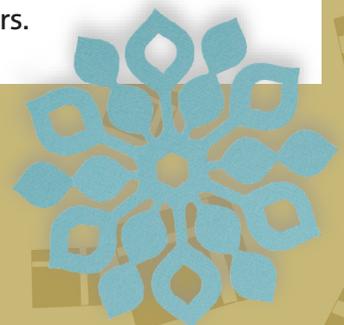
READ JOHN 15:5

DAY 2

Head outside and look at a tree. If it's too cold, look at one outside your window. What is the BIG part in the middle? The trunk. And what are those things sticking out from the trunk that hold the leaves? Yes! Branches. If you cut off those branches, will the leaves keep growing? Nope! They have to be connected to the trunk to receive all the nutrients and water from the roots and soil that come up through the tree.

The same is true for you when it comes to generosity. You need help from God! You have to be connected to him like those branches are connected to the trunk. When you trust Jesus as your Savior and believe in Him, you have a relationship with Him forever. You can pray. You can read God's word, like you've done today, and see how He wants you to live. God doesn't expect you to show generosity on your own apart from Him. Because you can't do anything without Him!

ASK God to help you stay connected to Him so you can show generosity to others.



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READ 1 JOHN 3:16-18

DAY 3

Have you ever noticed a homeless man on a street corner? Or a mom struggling to keep her kids happy in a long line at the grocery store? Or a friend at school who never has a snack?

To be generous, you have to SEE the need first. But that's not all. Once you see the need, God wants you to DO something about it. Generosity isn't just noticing and thinking, "Oh man, I feel sorry for that guy." Generosity requires you to get busy helping.

Remember, you don't have to give money. You could simply smile at the homeless man and offer to pray for him. You could play "I Spy" with that family of kids while they wait in line. You could share part of your snack with that friend or pack an extra one every once in awhile.

Remember, God has given you EVERYTHING you have. So when you give, you should give like you're giving to God. He sees it when you are generous. And He loves it when you choose to help and DO something about the needs around you. Grab the last two strips of paper from week one and **LOOK** for an opportunity to be generous to them by tomorrow.

READ ROMANS 11:35-36

DAY 4

Do you have a pair of sunglasses handy? If so, put them on. What do you see right in front you? A table? Your bed? The kitchen counter? Hold up your hands and take a look at your fingers. Now look at your arms and legs, and tummy and toes. Everything you see right now came from ONE source. Who? God!

God made you. God made the trees that were cut down to create that table or kitchen counter or bed frame. If you think about it, every single thing you're looking at through those tinted shades points back to God. He's given it all to us to take care of!

When you think that something is yours, when you refuse to share or when you shake you head and say, "no" when someone asks you for something, guess what? It's like you're saying "no" to God. Because everything comes from Him. He gave it to you.

The next time you put on a pair of sunglasses, remember that God has given you everything you see and He's counting on you to be generous too.

KNOW that God loves it when we're generous with the things He's given us.

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