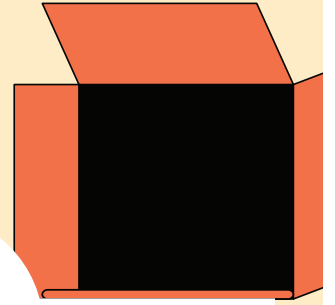


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DAY 1

Read James 1:17a

Take a look around you. Name some good things you see. If you're outside, you might see a big, beautiful sky or trees bursting with colorful fall leaves. If you're inside, you might see your fluffy, cuddly cat or your silly baby brother. If we stop and take a look, we can find good things all around us.

Every single good thing we see is a gift from who? God! God is the maker of all things. Instead of holding onto all those good things, God chooses to share them with us. Talk about generosity! Generosity is making someone's day by giving something away. Because God is generous and gives us good things, with God's help, we can be generous and choose to share with others.

This week, when you have a chance to be generous, don't hold back! Remember all the good things around you and choose to make someone's day by giving something away.

DAY 2

Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Want to know how to be rich? The first step is to understand God's definition of richness. Being rich isn't about getting. It's about giving. It's about understanding that EVERYTHING you have comes from God and that God gives us good things!

A truly rich person understands that God doesn't give us things to just keep to ourselves all the time. God loves when we are generous and share what we have with others. Because of God's generosity towards us, we can be generous towards others.

Memory Challenge

Write each word of 1 Timothy 6:18 on an index card. Lay the cards out on the ground to create a path in verse order. Repeat the words of the verse as you hop from one card to the other. OR shuffle the cards and work to put them in verse order as quickly as you can, reciting the verse until you can say it from memory.





DAY 3

Read 1 Chronicles 29:14

God made you and everything around you. Everything you have comes from God, including the world, life, guidance, wisdom, and most importantly, Jesus!

When you choose to be generous, you are really showing how much you trust God. Giving things away is one way to show that you trust God to provide for you both now and in the future. Instead of focusing on keeping or holding on to all the things that were once given to you, you can spend some time thinking about all the ways that God provides for you.

Good Things

Grab a piece of paper and write this phrase on the center of the page: "God gives us good things." Around those words, draw pictures of some of the things God has given you. Then spend some time thanking God for giving you all these good things to enjoy.



DAY 4

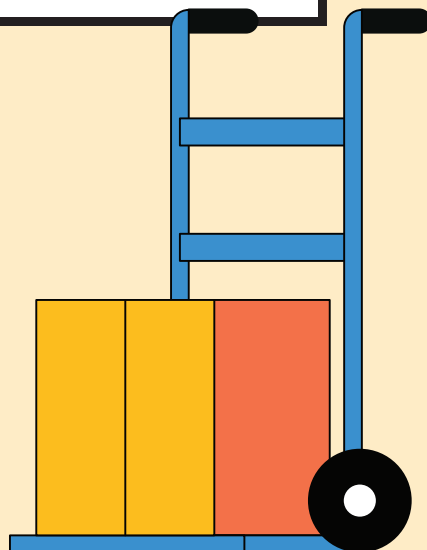
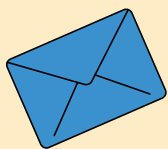
Read Romans 11:35–36

God created us, sent Jesus to save us, and loves us unconditionally with a love that never changes! Our most generous gift could never come close to what God has done for us. And it's not like we can walk right up and repay God for all of it anyway!

Does that mean we get a pass? (*No!*) Should we even bother giving back to God? Absolutely. But how do we do that?

We can give in many different ways — through our time, talent, and "treasure". Whether we're taking the time to help someone who needs it, or using our talents and gifts to serve someone else, or even giving our money to missions or someone in need, God has given each of us good things that we can share with others. And when we give to others, we give to God. (*see Matthew 25:34-40*)

We give because God first gave to us. Pray about what you might give and talk to your parents too.



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DAY 1

Read Acts 20:33-34

Did you know that generosity doesn't have to be about money or stuff? Generosity can also be about TIME. You can be generous by giving some of your time away rather than using it all for what you want to do!

There are only so many hours in your day. By the time you take out all the things you *have* to do, there isn't always a lot of time left. By choosing to use some of that precious leftover time to help someone else, you are choosing to be generous.

Time-givers

Make a list of five ways you could generously give your time this week. Then, think about the best day and time to perform those generous acts and write it next to each item. Draw a line through each task you complete. Check your work at the end of the week to see if you've followed through.

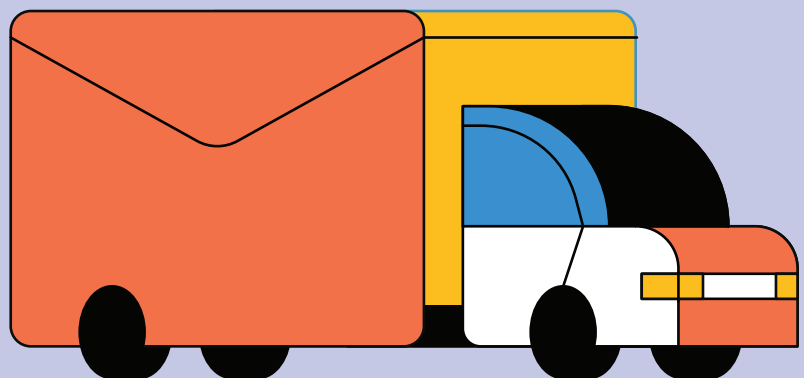
DAY 2

Read Luke 6:38

Ever feel like you don't have that much to give? Or like what you have to offer won't make a difference? The problem isn't about what you do or don't have to give. The problem might be with your thinking, because generosity doesn't have anything to do with amounts. God cares more about the attitude we have when we give than about how much we give. God promises that our gifts will be multiplied when we choose to give with a cheerful heart.

Pressed-down Baking

Do you like to bake? Ask an adult to help you bake something to share with your friends and family. As you measure out the dry ingredients, like flour and sugar, make sure to press it down into the measuring cup to fill it all the way up. Read today's verse together and then pray that God will help you give generously knowing that you always have something to give!



DAY 3

Read Acts 2:45

The early church didn't have much. Most of its members were poor. In these verses, what did they do to come up with some extra cash?

They sold some stuff! Then they gave to those in need. They saw a need, they got creative, and they figured out a way to help. They didn't let their lack of money slow them down. They didn't wait for someone else to help. And they didn't hold onto their stuff because they were worried about not having enough. They knew that God would provide for them because of their willingness to give.

Time-givers, Part Two

How's your "TIME--GIVERS" challenge from earlier this week going? Have you crossed any generosity tasks off your list by giving your time this week? If so, great! Keep up the good work. If not, take a look at the list and make time to show generosity this week!

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 11:24-25

Have you read the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie?" The writer warns you NOT to give a mouse a cookie because it will lead to a whole lot of other things with you getting nothing in return!

As fun and silly as that book is, the Bible shows us that those who give actually become richer. Why? Because when you choose generosity, you're showing others how important they are by putting them first and giving up what you have.

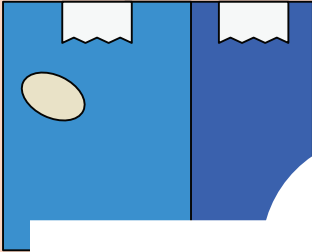
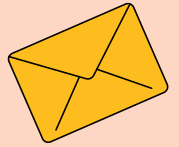
Unscramble the words from the verse below.

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u s c e c e d
others will be"
n e e w r e d

Proverbs 11:24-25

You always have something to give.

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DAY 1

Read Matthew 6:1 – 4

Do you ever do something nice and expect a pat on the back? Do you sometimes choose to be generous hoping that you'll receive something in return? It's natural to want other people to notice your generosity. But we must be careful not to "toot our own horns" and make recognition the REASON we choose generosity.

God wants us to be generous because God has been generous to us! No one likes a braggy or boastful giver. Generosity is about giving something away to make someone else's day. It should never be about getting something in return.

And guess what? Even if NO one else sees what you do, God always does. God loves it when we choose to be generous and give with the right attitude.

Generosity Ninja

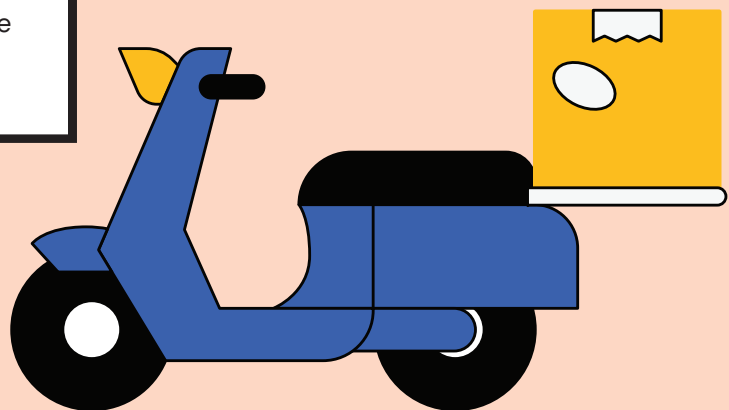
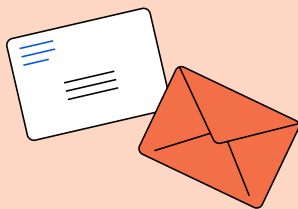
Here's a little challenge for you! This week, choose one act of generosity every day to do in SECRET. Find ways to give generously without the other person knowing it was you!

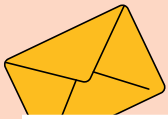
DAY 2

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7

Giving is great. But giving because you have to or because you feel forced to isn't what this verse is talking about. God wants us to give with a cheerful heart. God wants us to take a long hard look at ALL we have and then to give because we recognize just how blessed we really are.

But sometimes, giving feels like a "have to." If we're not careful, giving can become a chore or one more thing we have to do rather than something we want to do. It doesn't really matter to God how much you give, what matters is the attitude you have WHEN you give. Have you been a generosity ninja yet? Have you given generously to someone else without expecting anything in return? Have you given with a cheerful attitude? Stop and ask God to help you have the right attitude as you choose generosity this week.





DAY 3

Read Matthew 6:21

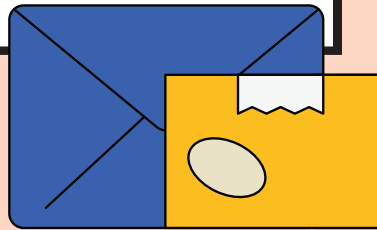
Whenever you go to the doctor, what’s one of the first things they check on? Your heart! It’s important to hear a regular, clear heartbeat. But did you know that your heart could still be in bad shape even if it sounds fine to the doctor?

If you’re focused on yourself all the time – what you want, getting more stuff or holding on to what you already have too tightly, it shows what you value the most. That’s your treasure.

Note that thinking about yourself isn’t bad! But when you only think of yourself and forget about others, then it may be time to recheck what you value the most.

Heart Check

If someone did a heart check on you right now, what would they find? Are you generous and willing to share? If not, why? Write down a time recently when you chose not to be generous. Think about why you weren’t and what might have happened had you chosen to give generously with the right attitude.



Give with a good attitude.

DAY 4

Read Philippians 2:14

Raise your hand if you never argue or complain. Everyone reading this should have their hands DOWN. While it’s hard to do, it’s not completely impossible. As a follower of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit living in you, you have all the help you need!

“Everything” in today’s verse also includes giving. The next time you have the opportunity to give, ask God to change your attitude so that you give generously without complaint. When you give this way, you’re able to see how your generosity can bless and help someone else. Let’s choose to give—to do everything—with a good attitude.

Generosity Scramble

Grab a parent or a friend and unscramble the words below! Talk about what it means to give generously.

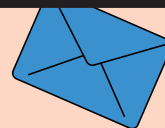
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Answer Key: Give, Generously, Without, Complaint



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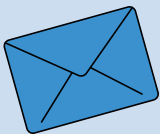
Read John 15:5

Take a look at a tree outside. If you cut off the branches from that tree, would the leaves keep growing? Nope. To receive all the nutrients and water from the roots and soil that come up through the tree, the branches must be connected to the trunk.

Jesus is like the vine, and we are the branches. We cannot “bear fruit” without staying connected to Him. How do we do that? By reading His Word to discover how Jesus treated others! While He was on earth, Jesus never had any wealth, but He still was willing to give everything away, even His life. Jesus showed us how to be generous.

Tree of Generosity

Draw a picture of a big tree with lots of branches and leaves. Underneath the tree, write out the words of today's verse. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus who showed us how to give.



DAY 2

Read 1 John 3:16-18

Jesus didn't just teach about showing love and generosity. He modeled generosity by listening and helping those around Him. And at the end of His time on earth, Jesus gave His life for us. Nobody is more generous than Jesus!

Because Jesus gave His life for us, we know what love looks like. It can look like helping others and choosing to be generous. Love isn't just about seeing a need. It's about doing something to help!

Generosity Matchup

Draw lines to connect the words below that have opposite meanings:

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| A kid in class doesn't have a pencil | You make your friend a card |
| Your school is having a coat drive | You read your brother a book |
| Your little brother is whiny before dinner | You invite a friend to play kickball |
| You see a friend sitting all alone at recess | You give him an extra pencil |
| You notice a friend friend is sad | You bring coats you've outgrown |





DAY 3

Read Hebrews 13:16

What are some things you have to remember? Here are a few suggestions. Write your own answers in the blank.

- Your lunch number in the cafeteria
- Your times tables
- Your home address

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Today's verse gives us another item to add to our "Don't forget" list! Don't forget to do good and share with others! Why? Because God has been generous to us! God gave us Jesus who gave His life so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God forever!



Don't Forget

Today's verse is worth remembering! Sing the words of today's verse to a familiar tune like "Happy Birthday" or "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Sing the tune along with the words of the verse until you can sing it and say it from memory! Then you won't forget to do good and share with others just like Jesus!



DAY 4

Read Acts 20:35

What did Jesus say was better? Circle the answer below:

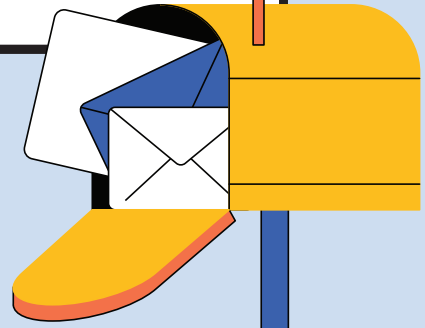
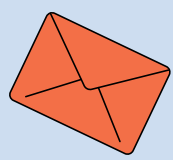
GIVE RECEIVE

Why did Jesus say it's better to give than to receive? Because getting is about you. But when YOU give, that's about others. When we choose to give, we are sharing with others as part of a bigger community.

When we choose to give, we are following Jesus' example. Jesus gave everything He had, even His life, to make a way for you to have a relationship with God forever.

When you choose to be generous—to make someone's day by giving something away—you are copying how Jesus loved. When you give, you look most like Jesus!

So the big question is, what can you give? How can you make someone's day by giving something away? The more you choose to be generous, the easier it will become. The more you choose to be generous, the more you'll look and act like Jesus.



Jesus showed us how to give.