



GENEROSITY | WEEK 2 | NOVEMBER 10, 2024

## Elementary Lesson

# Give a Little Bit

**Monthly Virtue: Generosity**—Making someone’s day by giving something away

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## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

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**Key Question: What do you have to give?** Sometimes we may not think we have much to give. But have you heard the phrase “a little goes a long way”? Whether we have an abundance of something or only a little, we all have something we can give: time, gifts, or even knowledge. We hope this question helps preteens to discover unique ways they can help others with what they have.

In week 2, we read about a miracle found in 1 Kings 17:7- 16. During a time of drought, the prophet Elijah visited a widow in Zarephath. This woman barely had anything left for her family, let alone for him. Yet, she trusted God and gave everything she had to Elijah . . . and God provided for them above and beyond what they expected.

**Pre-Service Check List**

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

**Morning Flow**

- Doors Open 9:15/11:00
- Large Group Starts 9:35/11:20
- Small Group Starts 10:05/11:50

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

**(SLIDE: BAPTISM)** *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

**(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)** “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

### LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

#### LINE UP

(No Supplies)

All this month we are talking about generosity. We define it as this...

**(SLIDE: VIRTUE)** Generosity—Making someone’s day by giving something away

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**(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE)** Every good and perfect gift is from God. *James 1:17a (NIV)*

*Take a minute to explain that ‘James’ is a book in the New Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NIV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.*

More on that later, but for now, let’s play a game!

**(SLIDE: GAME SLIDE)**

**(SLIDE: FUN MUSIC)**

Ok, let's split the room into 2 groups...

- HOW TO PLAY:
  - **SPLIT THE ROOM.** Depending on the size of your group, you can split into 2-5 even-ish groups. Have groups stand in a line and wait.
  - **CALL OUT CATEGORIES.** When you call out a category, teams will need to line up in that order. For example, if you call out 'shortest to tallest' - then they need to arrange themselves in a straight line from shortest to tallest. First team to do so will need to raise their hands and get a point.
  - **SUGGESTED CATEGORIES:** (choose 3-4 depending on time)
    - Shortest to tallest
    - With shirts (or dresses) in rainbow order (Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)
    - Birth month (or with K-5<sup>th</sup> groups, from youngest to oldest)
    - Alphabetical order by first name
    - Shoe size
    - Number of pets you currently have

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

## **WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)**

**(VIDEO: BURN, EVERY BEAT)**

## **BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)**

**(No Supplies)**

You might remember that this month we're talking about what it means to show generosity because of how generous God was with us. Jesus was like God's Special Delivery, and as a response to that, we can share God's love with others through how we are generous with them.

"But maybe you've wondered something like I have. Have you ever felt like you don't have anything to give or don't know how to be generous? Me too. It can be tricky when you're either not sure what to give someone you love, or you actually might not have much to give. How can we trust God in these moments and consider how we might be generous with others?"

"These really are some great questions that we should be asking when it comes to the idea of generosity. Thankfully, throughout the whole Bible we see people back then talk about generosity and what it could look like for us . . . even now. Let's check out one of those moments now.

**(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 5 MIN)**

When it comes to giving, it can be easy to compare yourself to other people and feel like you



don't have much. Think about that widow in our story. . . she only had a little flour and oil, yet she still was able to be generous with it.

“Even if you don't have a lot of ‘stuff,’ you can still be generous, too. No matter who you are or what you have, God has given you things you can share with others. Maybe it's something as basic as food or water. Maybe it's a kind smile or a listening ear. Maybe you can give your time or energy to help others. You can always lend an encouraging word or a good attitude.

“And we don't have to do this on our own. Our model for all of this was Jesus, who showed us so many amazing ways to give. And the Holy Spirit will be with us when we choose generosity. No matter who you are . . . what is going on . . . or what you have, God has given you something that you can share with others!

Check this out:

**(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH)** I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

Showing generosity with what you DO have is a BIG deal. It shows people around you how much God loves them. It also helps your heart grow into someone who cares well for others.

Ok, let's turn to the person next to us and answer our Key Question for today.

**(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION)** ‘What do you have to give?’

*Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.*

“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1...

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let's pray.

Dear God, thank you for sending us your son, Jesus. He really is the best gift. Thank you for giving us good gifts. I pray that we worship you with our lives and have eyes to see what you've given us, and faith to wait when we don't yet see how things are going to turn out for our good and your glory. Amen.

## **DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS**



## SMALL GROUP

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### TALK ABOUT IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.*

Key Question: What do you have to give?

*(Answers will vary: my time, my treasures, my talent, etc.)*

### LOOK IT UP (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.*

Look Up: **1 Kings 17:7-16**

Say: “The book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings is in the Old Testament. It is one of the History books that talks about the nation of Israel. It’s full of stories of Israelite kings who did and didn’t follow God. Their choices made a big difference in the kingdom!”

### PRACTICE IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

**(“Generosity Skits” Activity Page Precut – 4 per group, Bibles)**

What You Do:

- Divide kids into 4 groups (or if time allows, two groups who go twice).
- Invite kids to sit with their groups and give each group a Bible and a “Generosity Skit” Activity Page.
- Explain that kids will work together with their groups to use their Bible to look up the verse on their group’s “Generosity Skit” Activity Page.
- Tell the kids to take a few minutes to discuss the verse with their groups.
- Ask each group to create a scenario that illustrates an example of what their verse says.
- Encourage them to use the helpful hints provided.
- After each group has had enough time to practice their skit, give each group a turn to present their skit to the entire group.
  - Ask each group to read their verse first and then act out their skit.
- Explain to kids that generosity is not just something God wants us to read about; God wants us to live it out! When we give, it’s not always something really “big.”
- Explain that a lot of opportunities to give are in the small, ordinary moments of everyday life. (For example: encouraging words, sharing your time, a smile, etc.)
- Remind kids that the Bible can always be a source of wisdom for how we should live.

- *K/1<sup>st</sup> Adaption: Work together to look up the verses and read them out loud. Work on one scenario at a time as a group.*

## **GET STRONGER (K-5<sup>th</sup>)**

**(Supplies Vary)**

### **What You Do:**

- Follow the instructions of the “Books of the Bible” activity that is in your bin.

## **PRAYER**

“God, please help us to be generous with what we DO have because we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. Amen.