



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

April 5-6, 2014

DATE

Beans and Rice

LESSON TITLE

2 Cor. 8:1-9:15 (Pg.1356-1357); Acts 11:30 (Pg.1285); I Cor. 16:1-4 (Pg.1347)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can give cheerfully to others.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Today is the beginning of Beans and Rice Week. During small group, talk to kids about it freely and ask them if they have questions.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, give parents a handout about how to include their kids in Beans and Rice Week.

## large group heads up

This week, we're talking about how it's Beans and Rice Week. We want kids to be able to engage in this city-wide initiative, because we all have something to give, no matter who we are—or how young.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **GUESS WHO**

*\*For younger kids, you may need to do one card altogether instead of in pairs. Use your judgment on how to best structure this for your room.*

- Split kids into pairs
- Give each **pair of kids one index card**
- Have kids write down one person, place or thing that needs help
- Turn the card over
- Write down 3 ways you could help the person, place or thing on the back
- Have pairs switch cards (or switch with another small group if you did one as a group), but **DO NOT LOOK** at the person, place, thing they wrote.
- By examining the 5 ways to help, see if you can guess the person, place or thing
- Turn it over to see if you're right!
- Then ask kids about the best and worst parts of their week

**Then, before you head into Large Group, remind kids about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** To help kids recognize that Jesus wants us to give and equip kids to engage in the city-wide Beans and Rice Week.

**Why?** Kids are a part of the Church, no matter how young! That means they can be a part of serving with the adults.

**Tips:** We want to lay foundations, but parents will be the ones who really make an impact by helping kids give this week. Make sure to give the handout to each parent at check-out!

## small group

### REVIEW

1. What was happening back in the early church, right after Jesus' rescue? (there was a famine)
2. How did God's family help those who were hungry?
3. What 2 good things happened when God's family saved money and gave it away to others? (people had money for food; they thanked God)
4. What are people across our city doing to save money this week?
5. Who are they going to help?
6. What good things will happen if we save money to help those people (or organizations)?

### GIVING GAME

*Part I: What are some ways WE can save money to give?*

- Give each kid a **post-it note**.
- Have them write down ONE food they usually eat—maybe it's a lunch at school, pizza for dinner, or even cereal for breakfast—or a restaurant their family likes
- Share the post-it and then trade it for a bean and two pieces of rice.

*Part II: Remember to save money to give this week*

- Give each kid a **plastic heart necklace**
- Fill the necklace with **rice and beans**; then put the lid on.
- Tell kids this will help them remember to save money to give this week.
- Ask kids where they plan to put it (tie to their backpack, keep in their pocket, wear as a necklace—anywhere!)

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**\*Encourage kids to talk to their families about how to save money to give this week. Pray together, asking God to provide ways for us to give.**

**REMINDER: GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER**

For an extra reminder, **give kids smiley face tattoos** to wear this week. Hopefully, they'll remember to be cheerful givers! Encourage them to thank God for what they do have—and joyfully give others reasons to give thanks. If you have time, apply tattoos during Kids' Club. If not, send each kid home with a tattoo.

*Still have extra time? Play Pictionary using the foods from the post-it notes! (Kids have to draw a note and draw the food they see on the note.)*



## special notes

There are lots of props and audience interaction today. Feel free to add your personal flair to the interactive elements!

## presenter tips

Want to preview the images (1-4) in today's lesson? Check out this blog: <http://abirdandabean.com/2013/03/a-lesson-for-kids-about-saving-and-giving.html>.

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here today. The game you were playing out there looked pretty fun. Let me see if I can do it. Can I have a volunteer? (Call on a kid. If a volunteer points out someone who had a good idea, go with that.) OK, come on up!

Do you remember your person, place or thing that needed help? (Make sure kid remembers.) Great! Now tell me 1 of the ways you wrote down that you could help that person. (Let kid share two examples. Try to guess. You can get more hints if you need them. If you don't guess it correctly, ask them to tell you. Then they can sit.)

Wow, that was a great example of someone who needs help. And you know what? I bet there were LOTS of great examples out there, because there are a lot of people we can help. In fact, sometimes *we* need help, and it feels really good when someone helps us out, doesn't it?

### **FAMINE IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

Well, guess what? There have always been people who need help. In fact, a long time ago, right after Jesus rescued us and went to Heaven, there was a big famine. That means there wasn't enough food. Some people who were part of the first church were really, really hungry. I need three volunteers to be the hungry people (choose three kids. Have them sit to the side and pretend sad and hungry).

So a guy we've talked about before, named Paul, had an idea! He knew there were people in God's family who *weren't* hungry. Maybe they weren't rich, but they had enough money to buy food. Can I have three volunteers to come up here? (Choose 3 kids. Give each of them a handful of **money from the basket**.) You guys have enough money to buy food.



## script continued

So Paul asked the people in God’s family to give a little bit of money every week as a special offering. (Hold out a basket and ask each kid to put some money in it.) Then, somebody took it to the people who needed it. (Carry the basket over and let the “hungry” kids take the money.) Then everybody had enough money to buy food!

Wow, and you know what else? Do you think the people who got the money (point to the “hungry” kids) were thankful to God? (Let kids say: Yes!) Yes! So not only did they get to eat, but they said thank you to God, which means more people worshipped God! (Have all kids put the fake money in the basket; then dismiss kids to be seated. Hold the basket full of money.)

## WE CAN HELP NOW

And guess what? We can do that too! In fact, churches all across the city are starting a week called Beans and Rice Week. It’s all about saving as much money as we can (hold up the **basket**)...so that we can give it away! (Set basket aside.)

The crazy thing is, we can save money by eating beans and rice, which is what a lot of people eat all over the world. When we eat things like cereal and milk or meat and cheese or pizza or ice cream, we spend *more* money than we would if we ate beans and rice. Let’s take a look. We’re going to pretend money is marbles:

***(Click to show image 1: it says “what we spend if we eat at Chipotle”)*** Pretend it costs this many marbles for your family to eat at Chipotle. Do any of you guys like Chipotle? (Let kids respond.) If not, pretend it’s another one of your favorite restaurants.

***(Click to show image 2: it shows how much it costs to eat rice and beans, and how much we can save—and therefore give!—by not eating at Chipotle. Describe that to kids.)*** Wow, so that’s pretty cool right? But it gets better.

***(Click to show image 3 and 4: it shows what happens if lots of families save money)*** What if five families did the exact same thing? Suddenly, we have quite a lot of marbles! We could give those marbles, which we’re pretending are money, to help a lot of people out or build something really special to help our city.

## BEANS AND RICE WEEK

So this week, lots of families—way more than 5—in Crossroads and across our city, are going to eat beans and rice to save money to give away. That could be an awful lot of money. In small groups, we’ll talk about some other ways to save money this week too, since some of you have allergies or maybe can’t eat just beans and rice. It might not be easy. In fact, it might feel like this:

### **Video: Rice and Beans promo**

But even though that looks hard, guess what? It’ll be worth it! Because all that extra money we save is going to help....



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(\*there is a **special paper** in your presenter bin with details on how to set up the promo video or talk about the organizations. At the time this lesson was written, those organizations had not been nailed down. Please refer to the card and share those details with kids.)

### **WE CAN GIVE**

We can all help! And we all have something to give, even if we don't have a lot of money. What if I have one nickel and I drop it into this jar? (Drop one **fake coin** loudly into the **jar**.) That's not a lot of money is it? But what if every person in Kids' Club finds just ONE extra nickel? (Pour the coins into the jar.) Wow, suddenly that's a lot more money!

And just *think* of how thankful all those people will be (refer to organizations you discussed).

Jesus *loves* it when God's family gives together. He wants us to decide how much to give and when to give. In fact, in 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul writes this:

***SLIDE: 2 Corinthians 9:7: You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn't give if you don't want to. You shouldn't give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver.***

We give because we LOVE others and want to help them! So this week, talk to the people you live with about how you guys can save some money to give away. And you guys can decide how much you want to give. You're not forced to give, but it's something we can do to help others and cause people to say "thank you" to God!

And remember, even if we all give a *little*, then together we can give a LOT! (Refer to the jar)

### **WORSHIP**

Now let's sing a song to thank Jesus that we can give. When we give, we are acting like Jesus, who provides everything we need and gives to us. So we'll sing another song about acting like Jesus.

***Music Video: I Can Give***

***Song: Grow Up Like Jesus***

### **PRAY**

Ask somebody to come and pray that we'll all find ways to give this week.

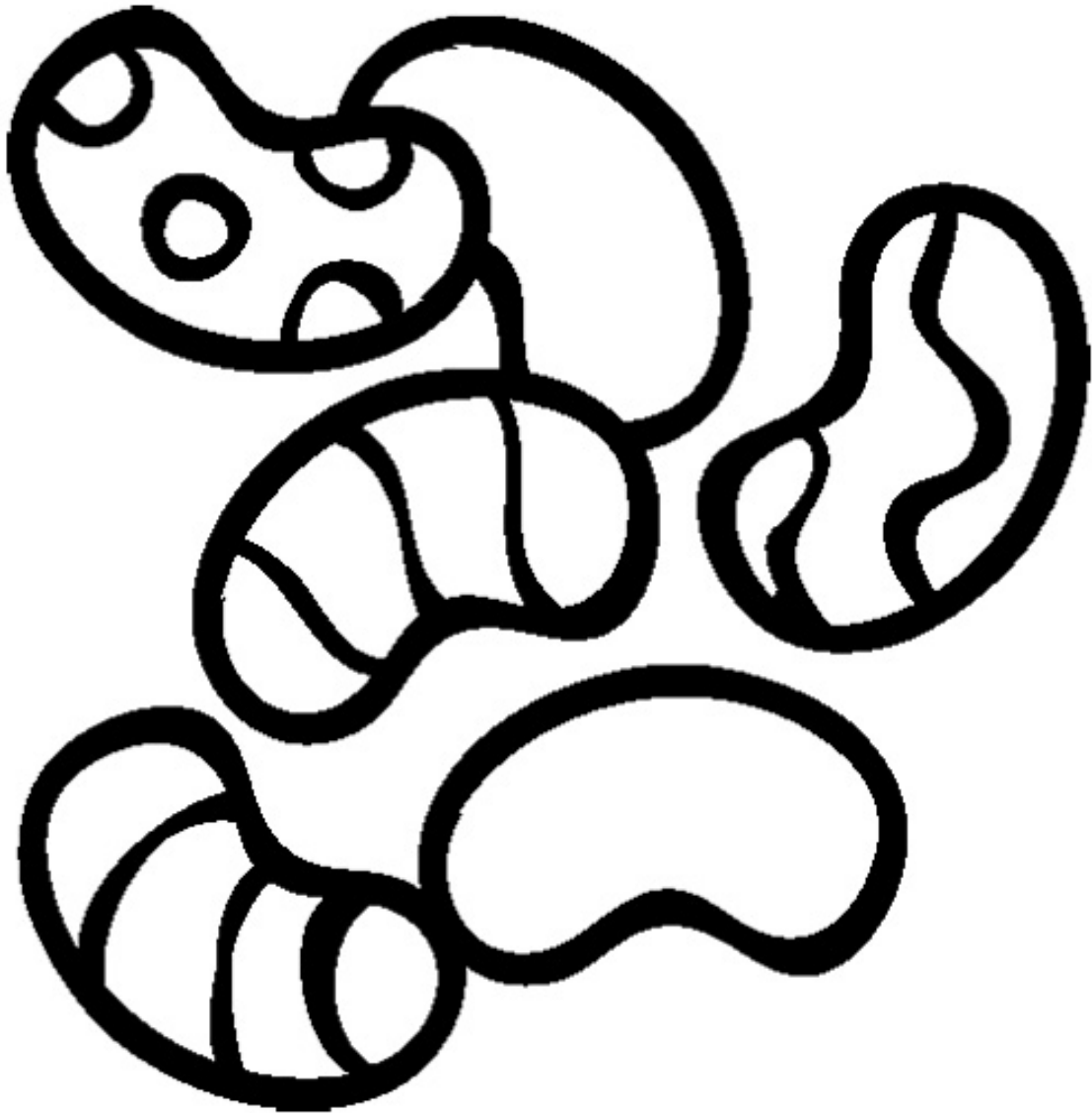




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

- 1 index card per 2 kids
- markers

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## small group supplies

- 1. 1 heart necklace per kid: (OT: IN-48/9153)
- 2. Ziplock of black beans (for kids in group to fill their necklace)
- 3. Ziplock of rice (for kids in group to fill their necklace)
- 4. Markers
- 5. Bible (p. 1285, 1347, 1356)
- 6. 1 post-it note per kid
- 7. Smiley face tattoos: OT IN-39/1371
- 8. Paper towels or Sponge/small bowl to apply tattoo

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## large group supplies

\*A separate sheet of paper with info about the organization for Beans and Rice  
Small container with many fake coins

Jar to fit the fake coins  
1 basket  
Stacks of fake money (can use this or something like it: IN-48/8721)

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## a/v needs

- 1. Image: image 1 (what we spend if we eat Chipotle)
- 2. Image 2: (shows how much we can save)
- 3. Image 3 and 4, side by side: (shows how much we can save as families)
- 4. Video: Beans and Rice Promo
- 5. SLIDE: 2 Corinthians 9:7: You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn't give if you don't want to. You shouldn't give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver.
- 6. Music Video: I Can Give
- 7. Song: Grow Up Like Jesus (with hand motions)

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## connect questions

Tell me about how God's family gave.  
How can we give to others?

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## parent page

Separate handout