



3rd – 5th

October 31 – November 1, 2015

DATE

Malachi 3:10, Matt. 19:16-30, Matt. 25:31-36,
Mark 12:41-44 and 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matt. 6:33

WHERE TO FIND IT

Generosity

LESSON TITLE

God calls his family to be generous.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 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 (10 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 we're talking about generosity. While we'll talk about money a little, the main point is to share whatever we have. Encourage kids that if they give their time or share what they already have, that's generosity!

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to show their parents the heart puzzle piece of paper they have. You can show them the group's puzzle too!

large group heads up

God says a lot about generosity. To prepare, read some passages and ask him to show you his heart toward money and giving. Here are some stories to start with: Malachi 3:10, Matthew 6:21, Matthew 19:16-30, Matthew 25:31-36, Mark 12:41-44 and 2 Corinthians 9:7.



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.*

GIVE A GIFT

**Split kids into small groups (even if one adult has to lead multiple groups).*

- Give each group a **gift bag**, **10 pieces of paper** and **markers**
- Their job is to make a really cool gift to give away (they can draw it on paper, create it out of paper, whatever they choose).
- Choose one person to bring the gift to small group (they'll have to tell the large group what they made and why it's cool).

CONNECT

- If you had to give away one real thing you have to one person (could be time, skill, object, etc.), what would it be and who would you give it to?
- When is it hard to give? When is it easy?

Before you go to Large Group, you can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand what it means to be generous, (2) recognize why we are called to be generous and (3) identify one way to be generous

Why? Generosity looks different for each person. Encourage kids to seek God and look for ways to be generous like he was.

Tip: Make the puzzle piece activity a really fun way to interact and share ideas for how generosity can look (and you can play along too)!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What does it mean to be generous? (to give willingly, more than what's expected)
2. How was Jesus generous? (he gave up his life to save us)
3. Why does God want us to be generous? (answers may vary, but include that he wants us to be like Jesus)
4. Why can it be hard to be generous? (Consider the rich young ruler.)
5. What does generosity show Jesus, even if we don't have much to give? (That we love him more than anything money can buy. Consider the poor woman.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Part 1:
 - Give each kid **a puzzle piece** (each group has one team puzzle). On it, have them write/draw (1) What's the thing you're really going to give this week and (2) who will you give it to?
 - **Put the puzzle together** and **share** ways you're planning to be generous.
 - ***Pray** together, asking God to make us brave enough to be generous this week.
- Part 2:
 - Then give each **a piece of paper with a heart puzzle**
 - **Have them write their idea in the heart pieces.**
 - Then remind them that being generous isn't something we do once – it's something we keep on doing every time we see a need. **See if they can come up with 4 other ways to share what they have** and write them in the other puzzle pieces in each of the 4 corners. (If not, they can just color it in.)

Extra Time? Play the game on the following page.

GOING ON A PICNIC

- Choose a leader. Do one sample round (with an adult leader).
- Your rule can be: items that begin with “S.”
- He/she is *going* to say, “I’m going on a picnic and I’m going to bring _____ (something that begins with S for the sample round).”
- Here’s the basics for rules:
 - Kids can say anything they want but **there must be a RULE for it.**
 - Examples of rules are: items that begin with the letter B, round items, items that have two syllables, items that end in vowels, items that begin with the same letter as the player’s first name, and anything else you can think of
- Once there’s a rule, say, “I’m going on a picnic and I’m going to bring _____ (something that fits the rule).”
- Then go around the circle and kids will ask, “Can I bring a _____ to the picnic?”
- The leader will answer “yes” or “no.”
- The goal is to figure out the rule.
- Then play as many times as you can! (If it’s helpful, have kids share their rule with you before you begin playing.)

LARGE group

special notes

Each small group will have a gift to present (from Connect Time). If you want, you can check in with groups during Connect Time so you have an idea of what they are thinking ahead of time.

presenter tips

There are infinite ways to be generous and God guides each of us differently, so there are many opportunities for kids to come up with their own ideas of how generosity can look in their life. Make time to allow them to interact with you!

script

***Click to play intro music.**

WELCOME AND INTRO (about 10 min.)

Hi everybody, welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here. You may have already guessed, we're going to talk about giving today. Let's start by seeing the cool gifts you guys made. Can I have one person from each small group up here? Unwrap your gift for us and tell us what's inside and why it's special. (Let each group present their gift. Then collect groups and have kids sit.)

Wow, very cool. How many of you would like to receive those gifts? (Let kids respond.) It feels good to get gifts, doesn't it? Well, now let's talk about giving – if you had to give away one thing you have to one person, what would it be and why? (Let 3-5 kids share.)

Those are great ideas! And it sounds like you all gave to somebody you care about and somebody who you want to be happy. I think if I had to give one thing to one person, I would give _____ (*share your response to that question; mention how much you care about the person to whom you'd give the gift*).

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GENEROUS (about 5 min.)

We're going to talk about giving things away today, because one of the things Jesus teaches us is to be generous. Does anybody know what it means to be generous? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it means to give things away. But it actually means to give more things away than is necessary. A normal person might share a little money or time. A generous person willingly gives away money or time whenever they see someone who might need it more than they do.

The cool thing is, Jesus taught us to be generous by **BEING** generous. He helped people whenever they needed it. He showed us that we can all give something and that when we give what we have, we're putting following Jesus above what we want to do.



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Jesus said lots of different things about generosity. We're going to watch a video about it. As you watch this video, see if you can figure out WHY Jesus wants us to be generous.

Video: God's Story / Generosity

So why does Jesus want us to be generous? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he wants us to love him more than anything money can buy. And most of all, he wants us to be like him! How was Jesus generous? (Let kids respond.) That's right, he gave up everything for us, even his life!

DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE GENEROUS (about 7 min.)

There are lots of ways to be generous. We can share our money, our time, our things, even our friends. Let's think about that for a second. I'm going to show you a picture of something we can share. I want you to **turn to a friend and tell them ONE way you could be generous** with it. Ready? *(Click through the following pictures, stopping on each one to ask, "How can we share this?" Let kids share with a friend and then ask for a couple examples. An example is given in case kids are stumped, but try to make this really interactive.)*

- Money – find some money on the ground and give it to a friend who needs it
- Time – help an adult with a chore instead of playing a video game
- Things – share a favorite item you have with a younger sibling
- Friends – invite somebody you don't know very well to come hang out with your friends
- Other – What else can we be generous with? (Let kids come up with ideas.)

REASONS IT'S HARD TO BE GENEROUS (about 3 min.)

We know there are lots of ways to be generous. But sometimes it's hard. **(click to show picture of the rich young ruler from the video)** Think about the guy from the video who went away because he didn't want to give away all his stuff. Why was it hard for him to be generous? (Let kids respond.)

Why can it be hard for us to be generous? (Let kids respond.) Yep, maybe we have a lot of stuff. Or, maybe we don't have much at all and we don't want to lose what we have! (There may be other reasons kids shared too.)

REASONS IT'S EASY TO BE GENEROUS (about 3 min.)

Jesus knows it can be hard for us to be generous. In fact, that's why he asked the rich guy to sell everything he had! It's a really important way for us to show that we follow Jesus. **(Click to show the woman who gave a lot from the video.)** Think about this woman for a second. She gave barely anything, but it was all she had. And Jesus said it was more than anyone else.

Why do you think she was able to give away so much? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it was because she cared about Jesus more than anything money could buy her. And why do you think Jesus said it was more than anyone else? (Let kids respond.) That's right, because he knew that she loved him more than anything money could buy. Nobody else did. They gave money, but they kept plenty to buy stuff with, too.

You know, this woman was doing exactly what our verse for this month says to do: Remember,



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it's from Matthew 6:33.

SLIDE: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God[☪] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

When we seek him first by being generous with him and with others, we can trust that he'll provide what we really need. Let's say that out loud a few times together, so we remember it. (Lead kids in repeating it out loud. To make it more fun, have them whisper it, YELL it, say it while their noses are plugged, or use some other fun voice of your choice!)

RESPOND (about 1 min.)

Think about what you have: money, time, things, friends, anything! Now think about one thing you could give away and one person who needs it. It might be what you thought about during Connect Time, but it may be something new. We're going to take a couple minutes to sit silently and talk to God. As you sit, ask him what you can give away this week to practice generosity. (Give kids a minute of silence. Then wrap up in prayer.)

WORSHIP

Now let's take a minute to worship God. It can be difficult to be generous so let's tell him that we want to be brave and live generously like Jesus. To do that, we'll sing a song called Brave Ones. Then we'll sing a song called More Like You Are. If you want to be like Jesus, sing these songs out loud!

Music Video: Brave Ones

Music Video: More Like You Are

**Dismiss kids to small groups.*



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group

1 gift bag, something like this: <http://goo.gl/1YEMYu>
10 pieces of paper
markers

small group supplies

Per kid

1 heart puzzle piece of paper

1 Bible

Per group

1 puzzle (OT: IN-13610956)
Markers

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: God's Story / Generosity (will be on Vimeo)
3. Image: money
4. Image: time
5. Image: things
6. Image: friends
7. Image: other
8. Image: rich guy (can be completed when video is done)
9. Image: poor woman (can be completed when video is done)
10. SLIDE: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
11. Music Video: Brave Ones (<https://vimeo.com/126214265>)
12. Music Video: More Like You Are (with lyrics; <https://vimeo.com/108496622>)

connect questions

Why does God want us to be generous?
How can we be generous?

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