



3PK

October 31 – November 1, 2015

DATE

I'm In: Generosity

LESSON TITLE

Malachi 3:10, Matt. 19:16-30, Matt. 25:31-36,

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants us to give.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Have a kid who doesn't want to come into a room? Use play dough to entice them in! It's a fun activity that everyone can do, and will distract them while their grown ups leave.

check-in/out

Ask kids what they did to share with others today!

large group heads up

Today's lesson is about generosity! Preschoolers may not have money to give, but there are lots of other way to be generous that are just as important. Today they'll see how Jesus led a generous life, and we can too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line kids up.
- Tell them you're going to play a special version of I Spy! You will tell them what to look for, and when they "spy" it, ask them if they can share that particular object with others.
- For example, say, "*I spy with my little eye...something yellow!*" Once kids guess the yellow object you are thinking of (i.e. a yellow toy truck) ask them, "*Can you share a yellow truck with your friends?*" and let kids answer, "Yes!"
- Try to spy objects that kids could potentially "share" so that they're ready to learn about generosity in Large Group!

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand what it means to be generous and (2) identify how they can be generous like Jesus was

Why? Generosity is a vital part of following Jesus. We want kids to understand what generosity looks like, and how they can do it in their own lives!

Tip: Ask small group questions while kids are eating their snack! They're sitting down and more likely to focus. Ask the group all at once, or go to kids individually, if you have time.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who shared everything he had and gave his life to rescue us? (Jesus)
2. Does Jesus want us to share and give to others too? (Yes)
3. Why should we be generous and share what we have with others? (Because Jesus wants us to, and it shows how much we love him)
4. What things do we have that we could share, or give away to someone who needs it? (Help kids come up with things like toys, food, money, or any things in their lives that they like)
5. Should we love God more, or should we love all the stuff we have? (We should love God more)

PASS AND SHARE

**Have the CD player turned on and ready to play for this activity.*

- Have kids sit in a circle on the floor or stay seated at a table.
- Get a toy from your room that's easy to pass, and give it to one kid. Tell everyone that when you start the music, they should pass the toy around the circle. When the music stops, whoever has the toy should go share it with someone who's not close to them, than sit back down.
- After a few rounds, add another toy and have kids pass them around at the same time. When the music stops, both kids with toys should get up and share it with someone else, than sit back down.
- If you want, keep adding toys so that kids are passing around multiple things at once, and when the music stops, multiple kids are getting up and sharing!
- Pray for kids, asking God to help us be generous and give to others.

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Extra time? Have kids do a coloring sheet. After that, play some more I Spy, like they did in Connect Time.

special notes

Helping preschoolers understand generosity requires using language they'll understand. Sharing toys and showing love to others is much more applicable to their lives than something like giving away money.

presenter tips

As you introduce the concept of being "generous," attach a short description of the term every time you say the word. It will help kids remember what it means. For instance, "Jesus was generous; he shared and gave things away to people."

script

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS: Put your listening ears on! (Fall theme)

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: GENEROSITY

When Jesus came to rescue us, he showed us how we should live. He shared his things with others, and gave things away. When you share with others, and give things away to people, that means you're generous! That's kind of a big word isn't it? Everyone say "Generous!" (Let kids respond.) Good job! Let's do it one more time, but this time, make this motion with your hands while you say it! (**Demonstrate this motion: with palms facing upward, move your hands in a flat, circular motion in front of you.**) Good job, now let's say "Generous" one



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more time! (Repeat “Generous” with kids, doing the hand motion.) Great job! Since Jesus was generous, and shared what he had with others. That means WE can be generous and share what we have with others too! If you think you can share and give things away, give me a thumbs up! (Let kids respond.)

We’re going to watch a video about how we can be generous and give things just like Jesus did! As you watch, try to figure out why God wants us to give!

Video: God’s Story / Generosity

Wow! In that video, God wants us to be generous, and give, so that we can be like him! If you want to be like Jesus, say, “Yes!” (Let kids respond.) Me too.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE

Remember how God created the whole world, and everything in it? That means that God owns everything. He owns the oceans; can you pretend like you’re swimming in an ocean? (Let kids respond.) He owns the trees; can you pretend to be a tree? (Let kids respond.) He owns everything we have, like our food, and toys and our house! Since God gave us all these things, he wants us to share them with others. Just like Jesus shared what he had with others.

Let’s think of some things that we could share or give away to people! If you could share your favorite book someone, than stand up! (Let kids respond.) Okay, sit down. If you could share your favorite toy with someone, stand up! (Let kids respond.) Okay, sit down. Now, what if you had a friend who didn’t have any toys at all. Could you give your toy away to them? Then stand up! (Let kids respond.) Wow, good job! I’m so glad that you all want to be generous, and share what you have with others.

Who do you think is the most generous person in the world? (Let kids guess, “Jesus!”) That’s right, it’s Jesus! He came to earth and actually gave his life to rescue us. He gave away his life. That’s how much Jesus loves us.

PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)

Dear God. We love you. Please help us share with others. A-men!

WORSHIP

We have to be very brave to give things away and share with others. Let’s a watch a video that shows how we can do that! Then we’ll sing more to show how much we love God.

Music Video: Be Strong

Music Video: Come With Me

Song: Deep and Wide (extra song if you have time left over)

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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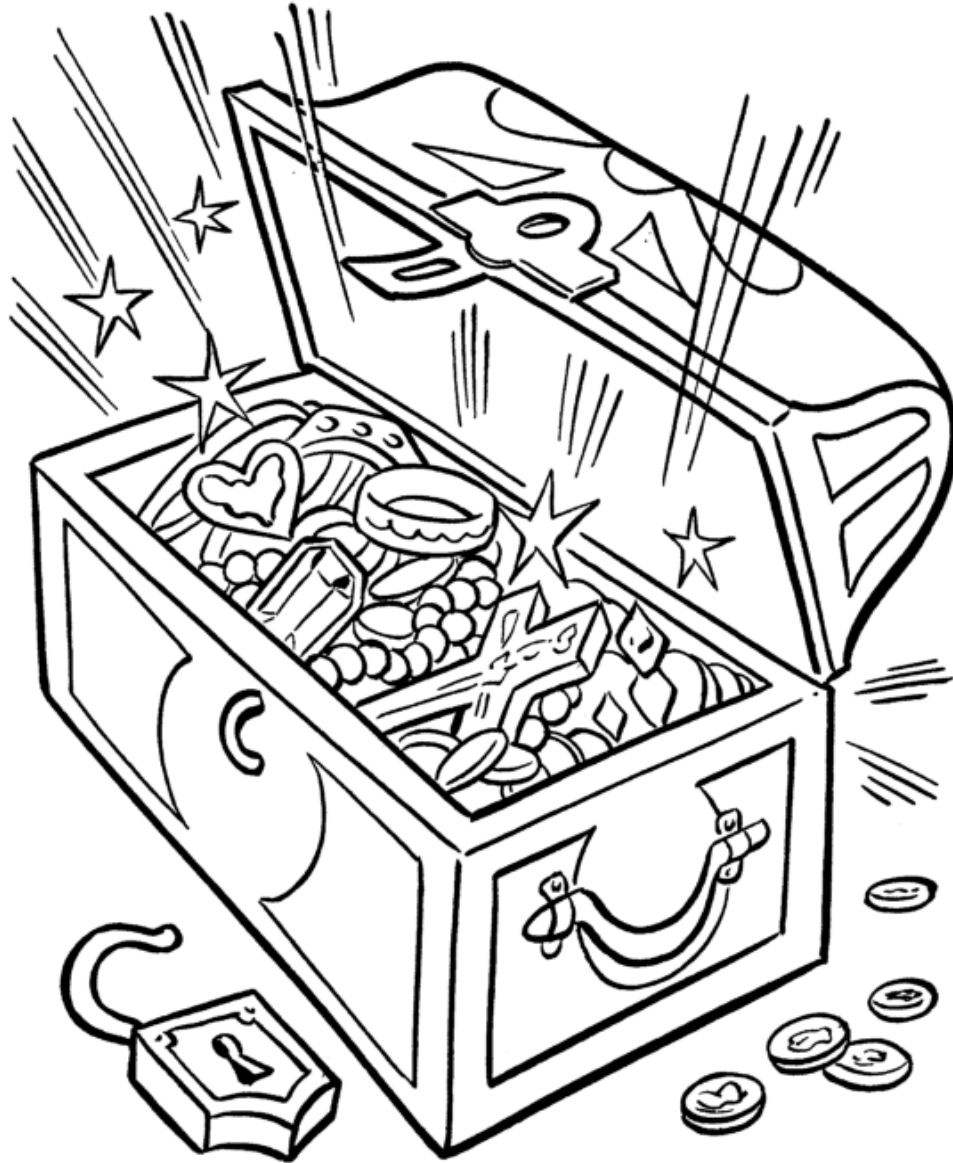
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PREP needs



connect time supplies

"I Spy" game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: coloring page

Per group: Bible, markers

large group supplies

Per Group: 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: HOPS Put your listening ears on! (Fall theme) (<https://vimeo.com/99633582>)
3. Video: God's Story / Generosity (connect with creative team once this is available)
4. Music Video: Be Strong
5. Music Video: Come With Me (with hand motions) (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
6. Song: Deep and Wide

connect questions

How did Jesus share with others?
How can we share?

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