

City LG - December 2 & 3, 2017

Bible Story: Any Given Son . . . Day (God gave us Jesus) • 1 John 4:9-11

Bottom Line: Because God gave, I can give.

Memory Verse: “Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share.” 1 Timothy 6:18, NlrV

Worship: Won’t Let Go and Feelin’ Like Christmas

“I love this time of year. Christmas is when we can celebrate Jesus coming to Earth to be our best friend. When we know that, we know that He will never let us go! Let’s have some fun singing together today. I know you know this one. Sing it loud!

“Christmas is exciting. It brings hope and happiness to everyone. Christmas is just the best! That’s what this new song is about. Let’s have some fun singing this new song!”

LARGE GROUP WELCOME:

“Hey, everybody! My name is [your name], and I’m so glad you’re hanging out with us today in The City. Now, I know you guys have already heard that Christmas is coming. Is there anyone in here excited about that? Does anyone know what the best part about Christmas is? Anyone remember what it is? (*Hold hand to ear.*) Yes, getting toys and presents is super awesome, but it’s not the best part. God wants us to be generous on Christmas like He was when He gave us Jesus. That’s what this whole month will be about. Generosity. Let’s read the definition together.”

CG: Generosity Slide

KIDS: “Generosity is making someone’s day by giving something away.”

“Let’s practice generosity right now by giving your neighbors a quick fist bump and telling them you’re happy to see them. (*Pause.*) There you go. Generosity can be a lot of fun!

“Before we get into our story today, I want to share a few Bible verses with you today—about generosity.

CG: 1 John 4:9-11

“Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another (1 John 4:9-11 NlrV).”

When you read this passage, you might wonder what it has to do with generosity.

“Well, these verses from the book of 1 John started out as a letter from John, one of Jesus’ first disciples, to people who were starting the first churches ever. John wanted them to remember a few things about God’s love for us and how we can show that love to others. And that love has EVERYTHING to do with generosity. Let’s find out why together, in this week’s episode...”

CG: Lesson 1 Video (Runtime 6:41)

“I don’t know about you, but sometimes I can’t believe how much God loves us. He loves us so much—loved us before He even knew us—and He loves us even when we mess up. And because of His great and generous love for us, we can love other people, too. It’s like our Bottom Line for today:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Because God gave, we can give. Let’s say it together.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Because God gave, we can give.”

“We can be generous to others because God has been so generous to us. When we show others generosity, we show them love. This isn’t always easy. How about we pray and ask God to help us all be generous?”

Pray: “God, You proved your generosity and love for us when You sent us Your Son, Jesus. You loved us before we even knew You. And You continue to love us, even when we mess up. God, help us to be like You. Help us to love others no matter what. Help us to be generous to them and to give without expecting anything in return. Help us give to others because You gave to us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

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