

Generosity

*Making someone's day
by giving something away*

WEEK 1
2ND - 3RD GRADE

READ 1 JOHN 4:9-11

DAY 1

This month is all about generosity, which we define as making someone's day by giving something away. Maybe when you think about generosity, you think about money. After all, everyone loves a generous giver, right? But generosity isn't JUST the dollar bills and coins in your piggy bank. You can choose to be generous by giving your time, your stuff, or your talents. Take a look at today's verse (which doesn't say a thing about money!), and answer the questions below.

Who did God send? _____

Why did Jesus come? _____

God sent Jesus because He loves us. And because He's been generous to us, we can be generous too. Because God gave, I can give.

THANK God for sending Jesus to show us how to love others and be generous too.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

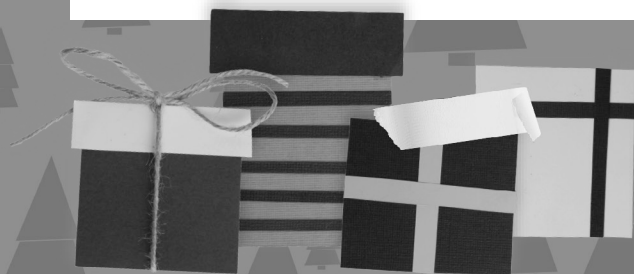
DAY 2

Think about the last time your sibling or friend did something nice for you. Write it down:

Wow, that's a pretty cool sibling or friend you have. Now, because your sibling did something super cool for you, shouldn't it be easier to do the same for someone else? The answer should be "yes!" Because when someone is generous to you, it makes it a WHOLE lot easier to be generous back.

Generosity becomes easier when we remember that because God gave, I can give. When you stop to think about it, everything comes *from* God. He made YOU. And all the good things you enjoy—family, friends, teachers and coaches, the clothes you wear, the food you eat, the bike you ride, even the garage you park them in—it ALL comes from God. The next time you find yourself tightening your grip around something you don't want to give up, remember that God is generous with you so you can be generous too.

ASK God to show you a specific way to be generous tomorrow.



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DAY 3

Everything comes from God. He promises to multiply the gifts we give to make a greater impact. How? Well, let's say you decide to give your little brother the last cookie from the cookie jar. Now, that seems like a pretty small thing, right? But maybe tomorrow, your little brother will be sitting next to a friend who forgot to bring his snack. Maybe your small act the day before will encourage your little brother to share too.

Write down the names of four people you see on a regular basis on separate scraps of paper. Fold the scraps in half and pick one out. Place the remaining three scraps in a safe place to be used later on. Are you looking at the scrap of paper with the name you wrote? Your challenge is to give something away and make this person's day by this time tomorrow. Remember, it doesn't have to be money and it doesn't have to be something BIG. Think about what you could give that would make this person's day and then get busy giving.

LOOK for opportunities to be generous and make someone's day.

READ MATTHEW 14:19-20

DAY 4

Take a look at your lunch the next time you sit down to eat it. Maybe your mom packed a sandwich and some fruit. Or maybe you're staring at a lunch tray with pizza and a carton of milk. Can you imagine your small lunch feeding over 5,000 people? Well, guess what? With God's help, the small choice you make to give something away can multiply into something BIGGER than you could ever imagine.

Think about it like a row of dominos. When you share or give someone your time, it's like knocking down that first domino. One simple act of generosity spreads to the person you've helped, and from him to someone else and so on and so on. Before you know it, your small act of generosity has affected a whole large group of people.

As you sit down to eat your lunch tomorrow, bow your head and pray that God would give you an opportunity to be generous—even if it seems like a simple or small act. And then ask God to multiply your generosity to others like a row of dominoes.

KNOW that you can be generous because God gave first.

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