

ALLEY SG – November 16 - 17, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Willingly (God Loves a Cheerful Giver) • 2 Corinthians 9:7

Today's Key Question: How do you feel when you give?

Today's Bottom Line: Give with a good attitude.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God.* James 1:17a (NIV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible (marked at 2 Corinthians 9:7), "Letter Conversations" Cards (one set of 3 per service in envelopes)

What You Do:

- Seat the kids in a circle or around a table.
- Ask the following questions to review the story:
 - Who wrote letters to the believers in the church at Corinth? (*Paul*)
 - Why did Paul write this letter? (*Paul wanted the Corinthian believers to be ready to give with the right attitude. Paul wanted to teach the believers how to use their money.*)
- Ask for a kid who would like to read out loud to the group.
- Give that kid the marked Bible to turn to 2 Corinthians 9:7 and read it out loud for the group.
- Divide kids into three groups by assigning them a 1, 2 or 3
- Give each group one envelope
- Each group can sit together or go to another part of the room to open their envelope together
- Tell each group to have one kid open the letter and read it out loud.
- Encourage the groups to spend time discussing the question together.
- After some time, ask each group to put their letters back in the envelopes, and rotate them to another group. They will repeat the process, discussing the question in the next letter.
 - Repeat the process one more time, so that each group has an opportunity to respond to all three letters.
- If time allows, bring the group back together to review some of their responses to each question.

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Sticky notes (10-15 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle or at the table.
- Ask the following question and invite discussion:
 - How can our attitudes make a difference in how we give?
- Share that one way we can continue to maintain a cheerful attitude is by asking God to help us.
- Hand each kid 10-15 sticky notes and a pen.
- Explain that they can take a few minutes to write positive messages and reminders to pray.

- Instruct kids to take them home and stick them around their bedrooms, inside their school binders, or any other place they might see them.
- Whenever they see a sticky note, it can be a reminder to ask God to help them be cheerful when they give.
- Ask:
 - How would you explain what generosity is?
 - How does it make you feel when you make someone's day?
- Remind kids that Jesus set an example of how to be generous in the way He lived. God can help us become more and more like Jesus.

3. Discussion Questions

- What is hardest for you to give away?
- Have you ever grumbled or complained when you gave something away?
- How do you feel when you give?
- How has God been generous with you?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Box Boogie" Activity Page (one per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Hand each child a Bible, a "Box Boogie" Activity Page, and a pen or pencil.
- You can look up each verse and discuss together as a group – OR
Have a kid/pair of kids look up each verse then discuss their answers together.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...
"Dear God, thank You for all the good things You give us. Please help us to see all those good things—big and small. Help us to share them with others, and with a good attitude! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to share one way they are going to be generous this week.