

ALLEY SG – November 9 - 10, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Give a Little Bit (Widow of Zarephath) • 1 Kings 17:7-16

Today's Key Question: What do you have to give?

Today's Bottom Line: You always have something to give.

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

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: dry erase board and marker, "Envelope Trivia" cards in envelopes (one set per group with the envelopes placed in a large baggie)

What You Do:

- Divide kids into two teams.
- Have each team pick a spokesperson.
- Set out the prepared envelopes from the "envelope trivia" baggie.
- Explain that you are going to play a game of trivia. Teams will take turns choosing an envelope, give it to the volunteer to read, listening to the question inside, and then letting their spokesperson share the group's response.
 - If correct, teams receive the points listed on the card
 - If incorrect, the other team will have a chance to answer and earn the points, if they get it correct.
- Choose a team to go first and select any envelope.
- Read the question inside and give that team time to quietly discuss it.
- Invite the team's spokesperson to say the team's answer out loud.
- If correct, keep score on the dry erase board. If incorrect, direct the question to the other team.
- Continue playing until all questions in the envelopes been answered.
- Celebrate the team with the most points as the winners.
- Ask the following questions for discussion:
 - How do you think the widow felt about giving the last of her flour and oil?
 - What would you do if you were her?
 - Why do you think God wants us to consider what we have to give?

2. Encouragement Notes

Application Activity

What You Need: notecards and envelopes (one per kid), markers and pens

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - "What did the woman in today's story have to give?" (*flour and oil*)
 - Do you think it was a difficult decision for the widow to share what little she had? Why or why not?
 - How did God bless the woman for being generous? (*God continued to provide for Elijah, the woman, and her son; The jar of flour and the jug of oil always stayed full enough to provide food for the next meal.*)
- Say, "One thing we can always give someone is an encouraging word who needs it.
- Say, "Think of someone in your life who can use an encouraging word. It might be a friend or adult who has helped you like a teacher or coach, or maybe it's someone who you know is down about something.

- Give each kid a notecard.
- Set out the markers and pens
- Encourage kids to write an encouraging note for someone on the card.
- Encourage kids to imagine what might be encouraging for someone to read. As they write their notes. For example:
 - “You are loved!”
 - “You are strong!”
 - “You are brave!”
 - “You are special!”
 - “You are smart!”
 - “Smile!”
 - “God loves you!”
 - *Draw a smiley face, heart, or flower.*
- As kids finish, have them put the card into the envelope.
- Tell kids to write the person’s name on the envelope and give it to them when they see them next.
- If time allows, let the kids decorate the outside of the envelope.

3. Discussion Questions

- How has Jesus set an example for how we can give?
- What do you have to give?
- What gets in the way of giving?
- Do you feel like others around you have more to give?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, “Generosity Skits” Cards (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Divide kids into 4 groups.
- Invite kids to sit with their groups and give each group a Bible and a “Generosity Skit” card.
- Explain that kids will work together with their groups to use their Bible to look up the verse on their group’s “Generosity Skit” card.
- Tell the kids to take a few minutes to discuss the verse with their groups.
- Ask each group to create a scenario that illustrates an example of what their verse says.
- Encourage them to use the helpful hints provided.
- After each group has had enough time to practice their skit, give each group a turn to present their skit to the entire group.
 - Ask each group to read their verse first and then act out their skit.
- Explain to kids that generosity is not just something God wants us to read about; God wants us to live it out! When we give, it’s not always something really “big.”
- Explain that a lot of opportunities to give are in the small, ordinary moments of everyday life. (For example: encouraging words, sharing your time, a smile, etc.)
- Remind kids that the Bible can always be a source of wisdom for how we should live.

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 gifts You give us. Thank You for giving me things to give to others, help me to see all the good gifts You’ve given me, And be ready to make someone’s day, by giving something away, 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 and bring it back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to share their Encouragement Note with the grown-ups!