

## CITY LG – November 9 - 10, 2024

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

**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)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

### WORSHIP

Chasing Me

We are Royals

#### SLIDE: Theme

Hi, everyone! So what holiday is coming up in just a few weeks? Right! I love Thanksgiving because it's a time to stop and think about all of the things I am thankful to God for. It's like our verse this month says, “

#### SLIDE: Memory Verse

*Every good and perfect gift is from God. James 1:17a*

Before we get into it, I've got a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **What are some gifts God has given you in your life?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.*

Today we're looking at an amazing example of generosity that comes from the book of 1 Kings. (*Hold up Bible.*) The book of 1 Kings in the Bible picks up at the end of King David's life. Everything was off to a great start with the reign of David's son, King Solomon. But toward the end of Solomon's life, things started to fall apart. After his reign ended, the kingdom split in two.

After that, most of the kings who ruled God's people were NOT good kings. King Ahab was one of the worst. Let's take a look...

#### VIDEO: Bible Story (11:33)

It's pretty amazing to think about the widow in this story, and how generous she was to share what she had with Elijah. She only had enough to feed herself and her son . . . but she gave what she had. And God made it so that the flour and oil never ran out!

Sometimes we might think that we don't have much to give. But the truth is, God has given each of us things that we can share with others. Stand up for today's bottom line...

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**  
**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**You always have something to give.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Sometimes it's hard to think of things that I have to give. I might feel like I don't have as much as others do. But this story of the widow and Elijah is a good reminder that we all have things that we can share. We all have things that we can do for other people. We just need to remember to treat others the way we want to be treated.

Even if you don't have a lot of 'stuff,' you can still be generous, just like the woman in our story. No matter who you are, God has given you things that you can share with others. Maybe you could share your snack. Or a smile! You could draw a picture for someone who's going through a hard time. Or you could give your time to listen to someone who needs to talk or share some encouraging words.

Remember—generosity is about **making someone's day by giving something away.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Let's pray and ask God to help us to be generous.

Dear God, thank You for this amazing story of how You provided everything the widow and her son and Elijah needed. Help us to trust You to meet our needs too. And please show us how we can give generously to others. Help us see the things we have that we can share . . . so we can share Your love with the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.**

## **OFFERING:**

We are collecting money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It provides wheelchairs to people with physical challenges in Africa. But they provide a lot more than just wheelchairs. Check out this video.

**VIDEO: Michael's Story 2**

Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

**SLIDE: Theme**