

Generosity

*Making someone's day
by giving something away*

WEEK 4
K-5TH GRADE

READ JOHN 3:16

DAY 1

Have you read or heard today's verse before? Did you know that the WHOLE Bible can be summed up in this one verse? It's true. Because God LOVED He GAVE. That's what Christmas is about—the greatest gift given to everyone.

God loves you. He made you and He created you to have a relationship with Him. But there's something that gets in the way. The Bible calls it sin. Sin is anything you do that's wrong. When you take something that's not yours, when you tell a lie, when you smack your brother, when you refuse to be generous, when you think a mean thought, that's sin. No matter how hard you try, you just won't be able to fix that sin problem on your own. God generously gave HIS only Son, Jesus, so that you could be forgiven. God gave Jesus to fix a problem you couldn't fix on your own.

The next time your family is together—maybe at your next meal—ask if you can read this verse aloud. Then ask the following questions.

What did God give?

Why did God send Jesus/ why did Jesus need to come?

What does this verse mean to you?

THANK God for sending Jesus to pay for your sin—talk about generosity!

READ ROMANS 5:18

DAY 2

Have you ever read about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Remember, God gave them ONE rule. But did they follow it? Nope! Back in Genesis 3, we read about how Adam and Eve ate from the tree, the ONE tree, that God told them not to. And with that one act, sin entered the world. Seems crazy doesn't it? But from then on, our relationship with God was broken and we couldn't fix it on our own.

So God sent Jesus to the world. Jesus left the beauty and perfection of heaven, came to earth as a baby, grew up just like you and then gave His life on the cross to take the punishment for ALL sin. God fixed our sin problem by GIVING. Because He was generous to us, we can be forgiven.

Grab a piece of paper. Draw a large outline of a number one in the center of the page. Write out the words of today's verse inside the number one. Circle every word "one" and underline every word "right" in the verse.

ASK God to help you see how one act of disobedience was fixed with one right act of salvation.



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Sometimes we don't want to be generous because we're afraid we'll be left with nothing. But what does this verse promise us? That God, who has already proven His generosity by sending Jesus, will freely give us everything else we need. And what does everything include? Well, EVERYTHING!

Your job is to make someone's day by giving something away. You can ask God to help you be generous first, without worrying about what will happen next. God has promised to give you everything you need. And God always keeps His promises.

Ask an adult in your home to tell you about a time when they were generous even when they didn't have much to give. What happened?

LOOK for opportunities to give generously and trust God to take care of what happens next.

READ ISAIAH 9:6

DAY 4

The Bible is divided into two parts: the Old and the New Testament. Here's what's REALLY important to know about each section.

The Old Testament: Jesus is coming! | The New Testament: Jesus is here!

All of the people who lived in Old Testament times were waiting for Jesus! Isaiah, a prophet who spoke for God, told the people that God would send a savior. And that promise came true years and years later. You can read all about it in Luke 2! God sent Jesus to us in the BIGGEST act of generosity ever so that we could be forgiven. Those who lived before Jesus came to earth, only had the promise of His coming. But we know the rest of the story. Jesus did come. He did die for us and He was raised again so that we could have a relationship with God, forever. God gave us Jesus.

Find some chalk, masking tape and a piece of construction paper. Place one long piece of tape down the center of the page vertically. Then use a second piece to create the top of the cross horizontally. Next, place the chalk on it's side and rub it all over the exposed parts of the page. Once the page is covered, remove the tape to reveal the cross. Hang your chalk cross in a place at home where everyone can see it to remind you that God gave us Jesus.

KNOW that God showed His generosity when He gave us Jesus.

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us Jesus.

