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KIDS' WISDOM

Generosity

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about generosity. Generosity is all about being a giver, not a taker. If you're generous, then you're willing to give some of your money, a favorite toy or even your lunch to help someone in need. Perhaps you've been on the receiving end of a generous person. Think about your parents. They spend their hard earned money to feed you, buy you clothes and take you on vacation. That's pretty generous! But, there is an even better example of a generous person we all know. It's Jesus! Jesus didn't just give money or spend time with people, he gave his life for the whole world! He knew that in order to save us from our sins, he would have to die to pay for our mistakes. Isn't that amazing? So kids, even though you don't have a lot of money or stuff, find ways to be generous with your friends and family. Be willing to give your snack to a friend or let your younger sibling have one of your favorite toys. Be like Jesus.

Big Idea

When we're generous, we're like Jesus

Key Question

How has Jesus shown us generosity?

Memory Verse

Psalm 37:21 "The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Name some generous people in your life. How have they been generous and how did their generosity affect you?** (Tip: Maybe it's your parents, grandparents or a fun aunt or uncle. Generous people love to give us nice things. Jesus is the most generous in that he gave up his life for us!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He gave up his life to save us.** (This is the greatest act of love of all time. Jesus chose to suffer and die to pay for OUR sins, not his. He did it to save us and to give us new life. Not only that, he has a plan for our lives and helps us to accomplish it, and he is listening to and answering our prayers every day. Now, that's generous!))
 - **Bonus Questions:** What did Jesus do for us? What are some other generous things that Jesus does for us?
4-5th: How can you be more generous toward your friends and family?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Proverbs 11:24-25. Why are stingy people not happy in the end? Why do generous people feel refreshed?** (Answer: Our money and our stuff will never make us happy. Stingy people think that their stuff is more important than people so they want hang onto it rather than share it. So, they miss out on the joy of giving. When we understand all that Jesus has done for us, we should be glad to help others because we understand how much God has blessed us.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: BE GENEROUS TRUE OR FALSE GAME

Instructions:

- Pick two kids to come up for a face off. Give each kid a bell or ringer.
- Read a statement from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. Then have two more kids come up. Make sure kids keep track of their points. Kid with the most points at the end, wins.

Statements:

1. Jesus is the most generous of all. (T)
2. Our memory verse is from the book of Proverbs. (F)

3. Generous means selfish. (F)
4. We should be stingy. (F)
5. The Bible is full of God's truth. (T)
6. You have to be rich to be generous. (F)
7. Jesus died for us on the cross. (T)
8. Being generous is sacrificial. (T)

- If you have time, read the story of the widow from [Luke 21:1-4](#). Remind the kids that being generous is not about being rich, it's about being sacrificial with what you have to help someone else. Jesus is the best example of generosity as he gave his life for us!

Supplies needed: Bells or ringers

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Have the kids get into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Memory verse words (page 5-6).
- Have them spread them out on the floor. When you say, "Go!", have them race to get the words in the correct order to say the memory verse. First to do it, wins.

Supplies needed: Memory Verse words (pg. 5-6, pre cut, 1 set per group),

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Memory Verse

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.**Generosity Means _____ Something Away Even When it Hurts**

Have you ever done that? Have you ever had something that you really loved, but you gave it up anyways? That is what generosity is all about.

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.

This verse tells us that if we want to be good people and honor God, then we should be generous. We should be willing to give up the things we love if that thing would help someone else.

You _____ Have to Be _____ to Be Generous

You might think that in order to give a lot, you have to have a lot. But that's not true. There's even a story in the Bible about it! One day Jesus was at the temple and he saw some rich people putting A LOT of money in the offering box. Then a widow who didn't have a lot of money came by and gave just two small coins. That doesn't seem like a lot of money, but to her that was everything. That was all the money she had. Jesus told all of the people there, that even though she gave a lot less money, she was way more generous because she gave all that she had. You probably don't have a lot, but you can still choose to be generous with the things you do have!

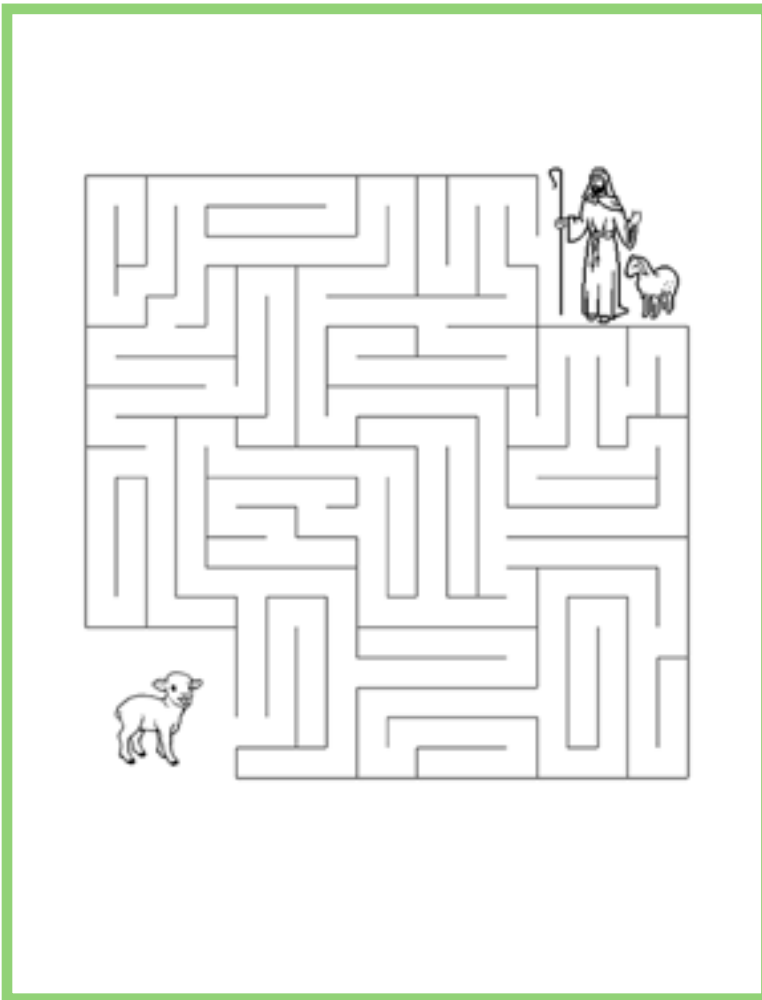
When We're Generous, We're Like _____!

Think about how generous he was. He gave up his life for us! Jesus gave up his life on the cross just so that we could one day live in Heaven with him. It really hurt when he did that for us, and that is the definition of generosity. He did all of that just because he loves us.

Answers: giving, don't, rich, Jesus **Parent Signature:** _____**Questions:**

1. Name some generous people in your life. How were they generous and how did their generosity affect you?
2. Share a time you feel like you were generous to someone. How do you know that you were generous?
3. Why did Jesus praise the widow and not the rich people?
4. Read *Proverbs 11:24-25*. Why are stingy people not happy in the end? Why do generous people feel refreshed?
5. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Solve the puzzles.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

Psalm 37:___ "The _____ borrow and never _____, but the _____ are generous givers."

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