

Generous - Family Lesson 2

Divine Attribute: God is Generous

Heart Response: Give freely

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:8 “God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Everything belongs to God.
2. God gives us everything we have.
3. God wants us to give our lives fully to him.
4. God wants us to give freely and share with others.

Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify Playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 9:8. Show your child that this is where we find today's verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

[Lesson picture](#) - rich young ruler

We have been learning that wealth is anything that we have: things like our clothes, toys, food, and money. Everything we have belongs to God, and he is generous to provide all that we need.

Let's listen today as we hear a lesson from God's Word about a rich young ruler. Today's lesson is found in the book of Matthew, chapter 19. (Open your Bible to Matthew 19:16-30.) **When Jesus was starting to travel to Jerusalem, a man came up to him. The man bowed down and asked, “Good Teacher, what do I need to do to receive eternal life?”** (Show lesson picture.)

Jesus asked the man, “Why do you call me good? Only God is truly good. You know the ten commandments, right?” The rich young ruler said, “Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young boy.”

Jesus looked at the man and felt love for him (cross your arms over your heart to show “love”). **Then, Jesus said, “There is still one thing you have not done. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor. When you do this, you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me.”**

When Jesus told the man to sell all of the things he owned, the man became sad and walked away from Jesus. Can you make a sad face?

You see, the man was very rich. He had many, many things. The man loved the things he had very much and did not want to give them up. He did not understand that Jesus is the greatest gift and that he is generous. Jesus would give the man all that he needed and more.

Jesus then began to teach his disciples, saying, “I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you,

it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this, they were surprised and asked. “Who then can be saved?” Then Jesus responded, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Peter, one of the disciples, said, “We left everything to follow you! What then will be for us?”

And Jesus responded, “Anyone who sacrifices for my sake will get it all back a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life.

Jesus was teaching his disciples and the rich young man that nothing can be more important than loving him. He is the greatest treasure. God wants us to love him more than money, toys, or anything else. When we give our things to others freely, it shows that we believe that God is generous to us and that he has given us everything we have.

Jesus is more important than anything. There is nothing better than Him. He is so generous that he gave his life for us so we can spend forever with him. We can have eternal life with him by fully giving our lives to him no matter the cost.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to love you more than anything we have. Help us see that you love us so much and give us everything we have. Help us to put you first and share everything you have given to us with others. Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

Have your child color the picture. They can cut and paste the items and glue them under the cross. While your child is coloring, consider asking them

the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

1. **What did Jesus tell the rich young man to do to receive eternal life?** (Go and sell everything he owned, give his money to the poor, and then follow him.)
2. **Why was the rich man sad?** (He didn't want to give up everything he had.)
3. **Can we have eternal life with Jesus by following rules like the Ten Commandments and/or by being a “good person”?** (No, it is impossible; we all sin. But we can have eternal life by asking Jesus to forgive us and by fully giving our lives to him.)
4. **Would it be hard for you to give up your favorite toy to follow Jesus?**
5. **Do you understand that there is no greater gift than Jesus and that he freely gives himself to us?**

Optional Additional Activities

Eye of the Needle

Supplies

Paper towel tube

Set of objects too large to go through tube

Have your child try putting large objects through the paper towel tube. Explain to them that it is impossible. Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Just like in the opening activity, if we try to hold on to our things, we are not free to love Jesus fully. Jesus asked the rich young ruler to give up his possessions to follow him. God doesn't say we have to give away everything we have in order to follow him or that we cannot have toys, food, or money. But God does say we need to give our whole heart to him and make him our greatest treasure. There is no greater treasure than Jesus. Everything we have is worth giving up to follow him and to have a relationship with him. Ask your child if they were asked to give away one of their toys, which one would be the hardest for them to give away.

