

Generous - Family Lesson 3

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

Review the Generous memory verse with your child as needed. 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 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

10-15 coins

Small box or container

[Lesson picture](#) - poor widow

We have heard the story of Zacchaeus and the story of the rich young ruler. Both of these men loved their wealth.

When Zacchaeus met Jesus, his heart was changed. God was generous to forgive Zacchaeus, and Zacchaeus changed from being greedy to wanting to give to the poor and pay back any money he had wrongly taken from people.

The rich young ruler met Jesus, too. The rich young ruler chose to love his wealth more than Jesus. The man did not understand that God is generous and gave him all he had. God is the greatest treasure. We need to trust in him and know that there is no greater treasure to be found anywhere else. We can freely give and share all that we have with others because God gives us all that we need.

Today we will hear another story from God’s word, the Bible. Let’s put on our listening ears as we get ready to hear God’s word. Today’s story is from Mark, chapter 12. (Open your Bible to Mark 12:41-44.)

Jesus is at the temple in Jerusalem. The temple is a place where people meet to worship God, like our church building.

At the temple, Jesus sits down across from some trumpet shaped boxes. These boxes are very special. People put money in them as an offering. The people give their money freely

to honor God for all he has given them. Jesus watches as person after person puts money into the boxes (put coins into the box or small container). Many rich people come to the boxes. They put lots of money into the boxes (put a lot of coins into the box or small container).

Then a poor woman comes to the boxes. The woman's husband has died and she does not have much money. Jesus watches her as she drops in 2 small coins (drop 2 coins into the box or small container), worth only part of a penny. (Show lesson picture.)

Jesus calls his disciples near to him and says, "I am telling you the truth, this poor woman has given more than the others who have put in coins. The other people gave part of their wealth, but she, having very little, gave everything she had to live on."

You see, the poor woman did not have very much at all, but she gave God all that she had. This woman believed that there is nothing better than giving all that she had to God. She trusted that everything she had, God had given to her—even her 2 little coins. God is generous. Whether we have a little or a lot, God gives us everything we need.

Remember God gives us everything we have, even life itself. He is Creator and Rescuer, and He loves us so much. He wants to have a relationship with us forever. Aren't we lucky to have a God who loves us and knows what is best for us? Let's thank him and ask him to help us give our lives fully to him and to share all he has given us with others.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us everything we have, even life itself. Thank you for knowing what is best for me. Help me to see that whether

I have a little or a lot, I can share everything you have given me with others. Amen.

Poor Woman 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 money from the bottom of the page in the jar to represent the woman's gift. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or in the car.

Review Questions

1. Who is generous to us and gives us everything we have? (God!)
2. What did the rich people put into the box? (Large amounts of money.)
3. What did the woman put inside the box? (Only two coins.)
4. Whose offering was greater? (The woman.)
5. Why? (Because she gave all she had.)
6. What are some things you have to offer God?

Optional Additional Activities

Play-Dough Coins

Supplies

Play-Dough

Coins

Help your child make flat circles with Play-Doh. Help them press the coins into the Play-Doh. Ask your child if they like having money to buy things they want. Ask them if they have toys they like to share and if they have any they do not like to share. Ask them if they think it would be easy to give them all away.

